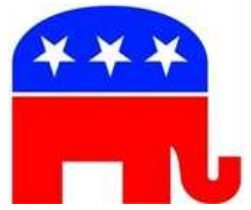


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**DAVE STIRLING COMES TO REPUBLICANS OF RIVER CITY  
COME SOCIALIZE WITH YOUR FRIENDS IN JUNE AT RIVER CITY**

**June 16, 2009 in the Ose Room located at: Channel 6, KVIE**

**2030 West El Camino Drive**

**Sacramento, 95833**

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

## DAVE STIRLING TO SPEAK

by Fred Hildebrand

Dave Stirling returns to the River City podium on Tuesday, June 16. On this occasion he will speak about the current legal and political issues facing our state.

He is the only active political figure who has experience in all three branches of government, judicial, legislative and executive. He maintains his position as Vice President of the Pacific Legal Foundation. Did we mention his stint as

Adjunct Professor at Stanford Law School?

Dave's presentation will cover current political developments with questions welcomed. However, his main focus will be on the serious water issues facing our state. We are privileged to have a good friend like Dave visit us again—questions will be welcomed.

We will convene at 6:30 P.M. on June 16 at KVIE, Channel 6, as usual. Our General Meeting will commence at 7:15 P.M. Do not miss Dave's presentation.

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## SOMETHING NEW AT RIVER CITY

by Robert Evans

Our President, Carl Burton, has made arrangements with the River City Educational Association to sell a block of tickets for an upcoming *River Cats* baseball game.

The plan is to offer tickets to our members and friends at a discount so we can enjoy an evening at the old ball game.

The event is scheduled for August—date to be arranged.

In our July newsletter I'll have more information—specifically the date and time.

Stay tuned.

## DAVE STIRLING TO SPEAK (Cont.)

Dave Stirling is currently Of Counsel with Pacific Legal Foundation <[www.pacificlegal.org](http://www.pacificlegal.org)>, and served as Vice President of the Foundation for ten years.

Prior to joining PLF, Mr. Stirling served eight years as Chief Deputy Attorney General at the California Department of Justice. In the November, 1998 election he was the Republican candidate for Attorney General.

Mr. Stirling's public service includes being a Superior Court Judge in Sacramento County; General Counsel of the California Agricultural Labor Relations Board; three terms as an elected Member of the State Assembly; and a Member of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board - L.A. Region. Prior to public service he practiced law in southern California for several years, most of those with his law firm of Shay, Stirling and Jones. Mr. Stirling helped establish PLF's Endangered Species Act Reform Project as a long term effort to make more people-friendly one of the nation's most onerous laws. In 2006, he was a Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, during the research and early writing of his book on modern environmentalism, and how, through the Endangered Species Act, it destructively impacts people's lives, livelihoods, and property rights. The book, *Green Gone Wild - Elevating Nature Above Human Rights*, was published in May 2008. <[www.greengonewildbook.com](http://www.greengonewildbook.com)>

Dave grew up in Morgan City, Louisiana. He is a graduate of Principia College, and received his law degree from Tulane University School of Law. He and his wife and daughter live in Walnut Grove, CA. He also has two adult sons: Phillip, a deputy district attorney in the L.A. County District Attorney's Office, and Dwight, a JAG officer now serving in Kosovo with the California Army National Guard.



Arnold  
Schwarzenegger

### THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER

#### Governor Schwarzenegger

I'm traveling up and down the state of California to talk about the budget and about our financial crisis that we have. So it is very important that we fix this big problem that we have, which is a \$24 billion budget deficit and we have to do this as quickly as possible. Nearly four months ago the legislators from both parties came together and have solved \$36 billion out of the \$42 billion budget. Part of that budget agreement required us, by law, to go back to the people for approval, which was the \$6 billion, Proposition 1A-1F. But we went to the people right at a time when

the people actually wanted to send Sacramento a very powerful message, which is, do your jobs yourselves, don't come to us with those complex issues, live within your means, get rid of the waste and the inefficiencies and don't raise our taxes.

Now, as I stand before you here today, we are in the midst of the greatest economic decline and recession since the Great Depression. As a matter of fact, in the past 18 months we have seen one-third of the world's wealth literally evaporate. As a matter of fact, today I heard in the news also that there is literally \$1.3 or \$1.4 trillion dollars in America just gone—, \$1.3 to \$1.4 trillion dollars, just gone.

Because of that and because of California's outdated and volatile tax system, our revenues have dropped by 27 percent in this last year alone. And, when adjusted for inflation and population, that means that we now have revenues the same as we had in the late '90s, just to make you understand of how low our revenues are.

Today, just four months after our February budget, we again face another \$24 billion budget deficit. The immediate task before us is to cut spending to the money that we have available. Now, I have already used my executive order and my executive authority to reduce the state's payroll and I have also proposed the necessary cuts to the three largest areas in our budgeting, which is education, health care and prisons.

As I have said last week to the legislators during my address to the Joint Session, there is absolutely no time to waste. We

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**IN MY OPINION:**

by Chris Angle

**CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT  
DEFENDS DEMOCRACY-AND  
THE RULE OF LAW**

Last month, despite coming under enormous pressure from the Democrats, the Governor, the media, and other assorted interest groups, the California Supreme Court resisted inflicting a major wound on democracy and affirmed that the people of California have the right to amend their Constitution as they see fit. By voting to uphold Proposition 8, the Court delivered a stinging rebuke to members of the political class who had revealed their contempt for democracy and the democratic process by urging the Court to overturn a voter-approved constitutional amendment. While there is certainly a case to be made that California's voter initiative/constitutional amendment process has been abused by special interests to insert favorable amendments into the Constitution (resulting in the 3<sup>rd</sup> longest Constitution in the world by some estimates), the process is still legal in this state. The willingness of many in the political class to advocate the invalidation of a decision reached by legal and democratic means, for no other reason than that they disagreed with that decision, bespeaks an arrogance and disdain for the views of their fellow Californians that could possibly eventually prove problematic for California's long-term future as a democratic republic.

At the same time that the Court was upholding Proposition 8, it was also validating roughly 18,000

same-sex marriages that were performed in the state while such marriages were legal. While the original Court decision legalizing same-sex marriage was a classic case of judges usurping authority and reading their personal preferences into the Constitution, attempting to invalidate these marriages would have struck a blow against an important legal pillar upholding a stable society. It is a generally accepted legal principle that a contract that is legal at its inception should not be retroactively invalidated. By dissolving these marriages, the Court would have violated this principle and thereby injected an element of legal uncertainty into every transaction in California, as one could then never truly feel secure that a future legislature or court might not just invalidate retroactively another type of currently legal contract. A free and stable democratic society requires

**HAVE A LAUGH**

A man was being tailgated by a stressed out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up.

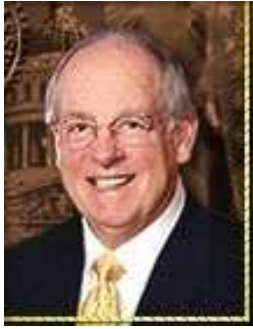
security that currently valid contracts are going to be enforceable going forward in order to function smoothly. While the Court was never constitutionally justified in legalizing same-sex marriage in the first place, invalidating these marriages would likely have been a case of the cure being worse than the disease.

Now that the Court has reaffirmed that California is actually a democracy, the battle over same-sex marriage will be continued at the ballot-box where it belongs. A political class and a media that have apparently their lost reverence for democratic and legal processes cannot be counted on to defend the people's right to govern themselves. Fortunately, California still has a Supreme Court that is willing to guarantee that right. For that, all Californians can be grateful.

He took her to the police station where she was searched, finger printed, photographed, and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk.

Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car."



**THE SENATE CORNER**

Senator Dave Cox

**Budget Update**

Here we go again.

This was the universal refrain after the voters of California rejected Propositions 1A through 1E on the May 19th special election ballot.

By rejecting the proposed spending cap contained in Proposition 1A (which was tied to \$16 billion in extended sales and income tax increases), and the \$5 billion in borrowing from the State Lottery (Proposition 1C), California now faces a new budget deficit estimated between \$21 and \$25 billion.

It took the two houses of the Legislature and the Governor three months to reach the compromise that was rejected by the voters.

This time we do not have that much time to put together a revised budget for the 2009-2010

fiscal year. With revenues continuing to decline and the need for the state to borrow for usual cash flow purposes, a solution needs to be reached soon to assure bond holders that California will remain fiscally solvent during this very difficult time.

The Governor has stated his intent to propose more reductions in spending. The message he got from the voters was a rejection of tax increases to resolve this problem. I agree. You will recall that prior to the February compromise, I suggested that all 40 Senators be named to the Budget Committee. We needed then, and we certainly need now, to live within our means, prioritize spending, and change the way the Legislature does its business.

In addition, I felt the Legislature needed to do something to show job creators in our state that we wanted them to stay in California and expand locally. We have done nothing since then to give businesses the assurance that we want them to invest in our economy. Significant reform of the meal and rest period laws, and flexible overtime rules would have been a major step in that direction. Republican proposals to do that, however, were defeated by Democrats.

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**THE GOVERNOR’S CORNER**  
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must solve this deficit now or we will run out of cash.

Now, the controller has already said that the deadline is June 15th. In fact, this week I sat down with the controller and also with the treasurer. We all agreed that after June 15th every day of inaction jeopardizes our state’s solvency and our ability to pay schools and teachers and to keep hospitals and ERs open.

I’m calling on the legislature to send me a budget immediately that closes the entire \$24 billion deficit. We cannot have a piecemeal approach here—we have done that in the past—or do it by steps or phases while praying that maybe our revenues come back and that our economy comes back. It won’t happen. Such a miracle doesn’t exist. The treasurer, the controller, the legislative analyst, the Department of Finance and also every economist, is saying that our revenues will continue to fall and our economy has not yet bottomed out. George Skelton from the Los Angeles Times put it best yesterday when he said, “There is no miracle cure; just cut deep and soon.” That’s exactly right.

We must stand up and deal with the realities, not blindly ignore them or live in denial. For decades Sacramento has kicked that can down the alley and ran away from the tough decisions. I think that time is over. There is absolutely no place left to hide. The days of gimmicks and the days of denial are literally over. California’s day of reckoning is finally here.

Now, in the coming days and in the coming weeks you will see all kinds of forces in Sacramento scrambling and doing the Kabuki and the song and dance up there, desperately trying to avoid reality and to avoid this day of reckoning. There will be television ads and commercials by the interest groups calling for higher taxes. You will see legislators calling for massive borrowing; as a matter of fact, the legislators already have called for that. And you will see huge demonstrations in front of the Capitol and around the Capitol continuing. Accusations will, of course, fly, of whose fault it is, finger pointing will be going on. And there will be accusations even—and I’ve heard accusations—that I’ll try to shut down government, state government. I don’t have to shut down state government, because when they don’t produce a budget on time we will run out of cash and, therefore, our government will shut down by itself.

So in the end the answer is just very simple. We have a \$24 billion gap and we must resolve this gap. This is the only way to do it. We must sit down, work together, Democrats and Republicans. We have no choices other than just confronting this reality.



**THE ASSEMBLY CORNER**

**Assemblyman Niello**

**Assemblyman Niello Recognizes The Messenger Publishing Group As The Small Business Of The Year**

Assemblyman Roger Niello has

recognized the Messenger Publishing Group, and Publisher/Owner Paul Scholl as the 5th Assembly District Small Business of the Year.

The Messenger Publishing Group consists of four local newspapers: the Carmichael Times, the Natomas Messenger, the American River Messenger and The Mercury that provide the only conservative voice in the Capitol region.

Paul Scholl began his publishing career over 25 years ago and has worked in a variety of settings from large corporate newspaper groups to small newspapers and magazines. Mr. Scholl has used all of his experience to produce the best in community newspapers promoting strong principals, strong families, love of country and the willingness to support and care for the community.

His newspapers not only provide a useful informative service to the citizens of the Sacramento area, but he has continued to support many non-profit organizations. The Messenger Publishing Group has assisted organizations such as the American Cancer Society, the ALS Society, the Alzheimer’s Aid Society, Sacramento and the Sacramento Choral Society and Orchestra and many more. Paul Scholl has also supported the local Chamber of Commerce through their annual events and has helped local businesses succeed. Mr. Scholl was honored during a luncheon on Tuesday, May 26th, in Sacramento, organized by the California Small Business Association honoring small businesses from throughout the state.

“The Messenger Publishing Group has provided a voice for individuals, organizations, and businesses in the communities that I serve in the 5th Assembly District and even during these economic difficult times, the Messenger Publishing Group has prospered. Their focus on the community and non-profit organizations has made this a true community service newspaper and Paul Scholl should be commended,” said Assemblyman Roger Niello.





Carl Burton, President

### REPORT ON SACRAMENTO COUNTY FAIR (MAY 21ST - 25TH)

The fair theme this year was "Kick Start Your Summer" and the fair featured rock-n-roll music, recreation, rides and exhibits for both adults and youth. One of the high points was seeing the pride that the 4-H and Future Farmers of America members take in their animals.

At our Republicans of River City booth, our theme—the Party of Freedom—celebrated the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln.

The Republicans of River City booth celebrated the Republican Party - the Party of Freedom - at the Sacramento County Fair; our booth was a great success because of support of our members and friends. The Board of Directors and I want to thank you for your support.

And the efforts of our volunteers resulted in more than 80 individuals volunteering to help the Republican Party next year. We also registered more than 40 new Republican voters. We had teachers come to our booth with their students and conduct history lessons by using our Republican booth exhibits as background materials.

While I was helping staff our booth, some of the students informed us they had written reports on President Lincoln. One of our volunteers asked students if they could tell her about Lincoln and after a short lesson she would ask "Do you know who killed Lincoln?" After a moment she would remind them that a Democrat had shot President Lincoln.

A lot of local Republicans stopped by our booth and told us how happy they were

that we were there. The Democrats decided to not to have a booth so we ended up registering two Democrat voters and five decline to state.

Again, I want to thank you for your support for the Republicans of River City in our effort to present the Republican story to the public and for helping us to register Republican voters.

We plan to have a Republican booth at Rancho Cordova 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival (July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>) but the RRC needs to raise \$1,000 to pay for supplies. So I'm asking

you for a contribution of \$25.00, \$15.00 or \$10.00.

Then our volunteers can register more Republicans and get more volunteers to help the party next year.

If you can make a contribution, please make your check payable to: Republicans of River City (or RRC) and mail your check today to: Republicans of River City, P.O. Box 1776, Carmichael, CA 95609-1776.

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Your membership in Republicans of River City provides you a monthly newsletter, speakers, and an outstanding opportunity to meet your elected officials and California's finest political strategists. River City is also a great way to network and make new friends.

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