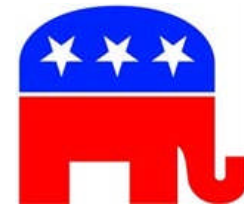


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**DAVE STIRLING COMES TO REPUBLICANS OF RIVER CITY
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The social hour starts at 6:30 PM and the general meeting starts at 7:15 PM.

DAVE STIRLING TO SPEAK

by Fred Hildebrand

Dave Stirling returns to the River City podium on Tuesday, July 15th. He will appear in a new role, this time as author. He is the only active political figure who has experience in all three branches of government, judicial, legislative and executive. He has been with us numerous times in the past and now comes to us in yet another role. Of course, 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 his just- completed book entitled: "Green Gone Wild – Elevating Nature Above Human Rights." Stirling says he wrote his book to educate and inform the general public about the modern environmentalist movement and its harsh treatment of people. We are privileged to hear from the author himself. Again, questions will be welcomed.

We will convene at 6:30 P.M. on August 15 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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LAST MONTH AT RIVER CITY

by Robert Evans

Senator William Campbell visited River City on June 17th. He gave a great talk to the members, using humor and anecdote to illustrate his speech.

During the course of his speech, Senator Campbell spoke eloquently about the foundation of this county and of the founding fathers.

He then related that to the present day and all the problems facing our nation.

Most of the people attending the meeting were enraptured by the eloquence of the speech and the Senator was greeted by long and loud applause.

It was a very uplifting meeting.

DAVE STIRLING

(Cont.)

Dave Stirling has been Vice President of Pacific Legal Foundation since 1999.

Prior to coming to 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.

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.

At PLF, Mr. Stirling helped establish the Foundation'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 a book on modern environmentalism, and how, through the Endangered Species Act, it destroys people's lives, livelihoods, and property rights. The book, *Green Gone Wild - Elevating Nature Above Human Rights*, was published in May 2008.

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.

Green Gone Wild - Elevating Nature Above Human Rights

Pacific Legal Foundation is pleased to announce an important new book written by PLF Vice President M. David Stirling: *Green Gone Wild - Elevating Nature Above Human Rights*. The most comprehensive book yet written on the subject, *Green Gone Wild* tells the real story behind the politicized birth, the oppressive tactics, and the harsh impact of modern environmentalism. It chronicles numerous real-life cases of how enforcement of the Endangered Species Act by overreaching federal regulatory bureaucrats and powerful environmentalist groups has led to human deaths, destroyed thousands of livelihoods and businesses, and confiscated untold acres of private property, trampling the constitutional rights of property owners.

Stirling says he wrote *Green Gone Wild* to educate and inform the general public about the modern environmentalist movement and its harsh treatment of people. While its audience is general, the book is being lauded by legal scholars and political commentators as a long-overdue effort that exposes the motivations behind and devastating consequences of federal regulatory actions related to species protection.

"Dave Stirling's book ... shines a spotlight on this most burdensome of federal environmental statutes, and the extreme green movement that propels it," said Hugh Hewitt, Professor of Constitutional Law, and nationally syndicated radio talk show host.

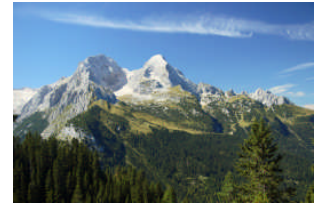
"The green movement's extreme agenda for preserving plant and wildlife species has not only cost Americans billions of dollars every year, while saving only a handful of species, but continues to enable the deaths of millions of the world's poor people," said Michael Reagan, nationally syndicated talk show host. "Finally, a book that does not cater to political correctness."

According to Stirling, the book came about due to his long-held concern over government's increasing regulatory power and, in particular, the fact that so many cases involving the ESA dealt with situations where there was a complete disregard for people and their need for homes, jobs, transportation, and the like.

"It became clear to me that one federal law in particular – the Endangered Species Act – most represents the harsh and overreaching government that I find offensive," said Stirling. "The real life stories that gave rise to this book are among the most troubling examples of heavy-handed government. The

life-altering impacts that enforcement of the ESA has wrought on people and our constitutional freedoms have been profound. The time has come for reform and a balanced approach to environmentalism that protects the rights of human beings, while actually preserving struggling species."

The 250-page book covers three main topic areas: "From Conservation to Exclusion, from DDT to ESA"; "The Endangered Species Act of 1973"; and "The ESA's Human Misery Index." In addition, Stirling includes a final section summarizing his conclusions and offering practical and realistic recommendations on how to fix a broken ESA.



HERE ARE SOME STATISTICS THAT YOU MAY NOT HAVE SEEN

By Robert Evans

As we gasp and wheeze due to the smoke from the fires, here is a list of the five most damaging wildfires in California history:

1. Cedar Fire, San Diego County, October 2003. 15 killed, 110,000 hectares burnt, 4,787 structures destroyed.
2. Tunnel Fire, Alameda County, October 1991, 25 killed, 640 hectares burnt, 2,900 structures destroyed.
3. Old Fire, San Bernardino County, October 2003, 6 killed, 36,000 hectares burnt, 1,003 structures destroyed.
4. Jones Fire, Shasta County, October 1999, 1 killed, 10,000 hectares burnt, 954 structures destroyed.
5. Paint Fire, Santa Barbara County, June 1990, 1 killed, 1,960 hectares burnt, 641 structures destroyed.

Source, The Earth Times
October 22, 2007

IN MY OPINION:

by Chris Angle

Our Judicial Masters

It has been an interesting couple of months for the judicial system around the country, and troubling for those who believe that judges should follow the Constitution and precedents as opposed to passing laws from the bench. First, the California Supreme Court managed to find a right to same-sex marriage in the California Constitution; something that nobody suspected existed for the prior 150 years. Then, the U.S. Supreme Court admitted that it was effectively amending the Constitution unilaterally by granting constitutional rights to non-citizen detainees. Finally, the Court usurped a state's authority to decide what constitutes a capital crime within its borders by striking down a Louisiana law making child-rape a death penalty offence. These decisions, and others like them, call into question the role of the judiciary in our government. Specifically, has the judiciary become too powerful, and are we truly still the democratic republic that the Founders intended?

At the founding of the Republic, the judiciary was set up to be insulated as much as possible from public pressure in order to protect its independence. In Federalist Paper #78, Hamilton argued that the liberty of the people could never be endangered by the Supreme Court because it did not have the power of the 'sword' (President) or the 'purse' (Congress). Hamilton was responding to critics who argued that a completely independent judiciary would pose a danger to liberty and the Constitution. Although a strong and independent judiciary is an important pillar on which the Republic rests, the last 50 years have shown that Hamilton may have erred

in discounting its dangers. Although there is nothing inherently wrong with allowing the courts the last word, the Left in this country has used the court system to grant "interpretations" more suitable to advancing its agenda. The acquiescence of the other two branches of the federal government (as well as their counterparts in state government) to judicial power grabs has been that judicial rulings and the rule of law have become synonymous in the mind of the public.

Clearly, Hamilton never expected that the other two branches of government would simply roll over and surrender their power to the judiciary as they have done. Hamilton's argument also indicates that he did not believe that the other branches of government were required to simply obey whatever the Supreme Court dictated, if it contravened the Constitution. Even Abraham Lincoln stated in his first inaugural address that if "the policy

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.

He took her to the police station

of the Government upon vital questions affecting the whole people is to be irrevocably fixed by decisions of the Supreme Court..... the people will have ceased to be their own rulers, having to that extent practically resigned their Government into the hands of that eminent tribunal". These recent decisions, and others like them (i.e. Kelo), indicate that many judges believe that the Constitution (and law) is whatever they decide it to be. The judges can be forgiven for thinking this way, since they have been making activist decisions for nearly two generations without paying a price. Even decisions such as 'Kelo' or the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance, both of which were roundly condemned by lawmakers on both the left and the right, did not result in a single judge being censured or removed from the bench. Until we the people (or our elected representatives) come up with a way to fight back against a judiciary that is overreaching, we will not truly be our own masters.

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."



Tahoe to Receive \$4.73 million for Senior Housing

Grant will provide affordable lodging for seniors over 62

In addressing the shortage of affordable housing in the Tahoe Basin, officials from the California Housing Finance Agency approved a commitment of \$4.73 million to fund the Tahoe Senior Plaza II, Senator Dave Cox today announced.

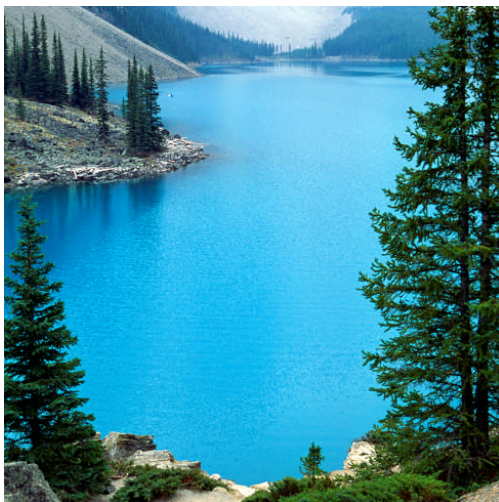
“The lack of affordable housing in Tahoe is considerable especially for seniors who are on fixed incomes,” said Senator Cox who represents Lake Tahoe in the State Legislature. “This funding should help bring more reasonably priced housing to the Basin.”

Intended to serve seniors age 62 and older whose income must be at 50% of the area median income, this proposed two-story elevator apartment structure contains 33 units, a multi-purpose room and a computer learning center. It would also include a small kitchenette for activities, meetings or outside education programs.

The proposed site is an undeveloped lot on the corner of Herbert Avenue and Pioneer Trail Road in South Lake Tahoe.

This planned project also received nearly \$346,000 in federal tax credits from the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, an organization committed to help create and preserve affordable housing.

“Everyone who is working on this project should be commended for their efforts to bring more affordable



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residential to the people of Tahoe,” Cox concluded.

Senator Dave Cox 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.

Editor’s Note:

I think this is a wonderful idea. As soon as I find out what the criteria is for getting a place at Lake Tahoe, I’ll let all of our newsletter readers know the facts. Stay tuned to your RRC newsletter for more information on this.

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Arnold Schwarzenegger

Governor Schwarzenegger Highlights Economic Benefits of Proposition 1C and Proposition 46 Housing Bond Funding

At The Railyards in Sacramento, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today highlighted the economic benefits of \$624.6 million in Proposition 1C and Proposition 46 bond funding recently awarded by the Administration's Department of Housing and Community Development.

"These funding will stimulate the economy by creating jobs throughout California while also creating affordable housing opportunities near transit, revitalizing neighborhoods and improving infrastructure" said Governor Schwarzenegger. "This economic stimulus is exactly why we have been working to push billions of dollars out the door as quickly as possible."

These funds were allocated to projects between February 1 and June 30, 2008 and will provide housing opportunities for more than 17,000 Californians. Proposition 1C is the \$2.85 billion housing bond passed by voters in November 2006 as part of the Governor's Strategic Growth Plan. Proposition 46 is the \$2.1 billion housing bond approved by voters in November 2002.

Greater Sacramento/Stockton Region: The Greater Sacramento/Stockton Region will receive over \$123 million to provide housing and incentive units for 324

families and individuals. This includes \$83.1 million in Infill Infrastructure Grant Program funds, \$17 million through the Transit-Oriented Development Housing Program, \$10.1 million creating affordable apartment homes through the Multifamily Housing Program, nearly \$6.7 through the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program, \$1.5 through the through the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program, nearly \$4.3 million in BEGIN program funds, and \$300,000 in CalHome Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance Allocation Program funds. (For more details please visit URL.)

Northern California: Northern California will receive more than \$3 million to provide housing, and incentive units for 103 families and individuals. This includes \$2 million in Infill Infrastructure Grant Program funds, \$1 million through the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program, and \$37,800 through the CalHome Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance Allocation Program.



Assemblyman Niello wins support for Mortgage Debt Relief Legislation

AB 1918 moves out of Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee.

The Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee approved legislation by Assemblyman Roger Niello (R-Fair Oaks), AB 1918, that will provide mortgage debt tax relief to families that have been displaced from their homes because of short sales or foreclosures.

Under current state law, if the value of a home declines and a person enters into a short sale or foreclosure, an individual can be liable for income tax on the portion of debt that is forgiven by the lender.

While Congress approved and the President signed federal legislation late last year to provide for federal tax relief for a period of three years, the Assembly Committee amended AB 1918 to exempt from state income taxes any forgiven qualified principal residence indebtedness for a period of two years, January 1, 2007 – January 1, 2009.

"For now, I'm pleased that the Committee chose to act on this legislation. Eventually, we will have to seek full conformity for the entire three year period of the federal legislation. The mortgage crisis is not over, and likely will not be over in the next six months. But the Committee has recognized that state government should not realize a windfall in revenues or add insult in the form of a huge tax bill to the injury already faced by displaced homeowners," said Assemblyman Niello.

AB 1918 next moves to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

DID YOU KNOW

The new hands free cell telephone use while driving law went into effect on July 1. The law requires any driver to use a hands free telephone except as follows:

The law allows a driver to use a cell telephone to make emergency calls to a law enforcement agency, a medical provider, the fire department, or other emergency services.

The law applies only to the person driving the vehicle.

Operators of an authorized emergency vehicle during the course of employment are exempt, as are those motorists operating a vehicle on private property.

Source: The California Highway Patrol



Carl Burton, President

DRILL FOR OIL NOW

President Richard Nixon proclaimed more than a quarter of a century ago, "that by the end of this decade we will have developed the potential to meet our own energy needs without depending on any foreign sources."

Members of Congress clapped their hands, then preceded to sit on them and failed to meet the challenge.

We do not know exactly how much untapped oil or gas remains buried under the United States or off our coasts.

Democrats tell us even if we drill tomorrow for oil it take anywhere 5 to 10 years to get the oil to gas pumps so why waste the time or energy to drill today. But the longer we wait the longer it will be take to bring oil prices down.

Now President Bush asked Congress to permit drilling for oil in deep water off America's coasts to combat rising oil and gas prices. I agree with President Bush.

If President Bush persuade Congress, more oil rigs would appear off U.S. shores.

"There is no excuse for delay."

I think of my self as environmentally friendly but I also know in the short run the American economy will continue to rely largely on oil, so that

means we need to increase our supply at home.

But Democrats in Congress have consistently blocked this effort.

I support Senator John McCain's Energy Plan that will let individual states decide whether to explore drilling possibilities. Senator Obama and the Democrats in Congress want to spend our gas taxes over the next

10 years and create new national low-carbon fuel standards.

My great grandparents used solar and wind power on their farms in the early part of 1900's and they also used horses and mules. Sometimes I think the Democrats would like to take us back in time. Our national goal should be to make us energy independent - starting today.



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