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CDP Convention Endorses Angelides

By a wide margin, the California Democratic Party convention, which met last week in Sacramento, gave its official endorsement for the upcoming gubernatorial race to State Treasurer Phil Angelides.

Angelides, buoyed by the votes of longtime Democratic grassroots activists, soundly defeated state Controller Steve Westly by a percentage of 67.2% to 28.1%. A candidate must receive 60% for the party's official endorsement.

Angelides called the endorsement a victory of true Democratic values.

Westly, defending his poor showing, stated that the endorsement of 2,000 party activists means very little where the primary is concerned. A recent LA Times poll showed Westly leading Angelides by 13%.

Westly also pointed to polls that show he is the stronger candidate to beat Governor Schwarzenegger in November.

While the Angelides camp questioned those poll results, members of the

campaign team admitted the contest was far from over. With the primary election just over a month away, money will be a key issue for both candidates in the coming weeks.

Westly's surge leading up to the convention was due, in large part, to a large contribution of \$22.5 million from his own personal accounts to his campaign fund. Many of those funds were used to bankroll a television blitz throughout the state.

The party also endorsed Debra Bowen for Secretary of State, over Deborah Ortiz, Bill Lockyer for Treasurer, Jack O'Connell for Superintendent of Public Instruction and Cruz Bustamante for Insurance Commissioner. There were no endorsements for Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, or Controller.



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California Clean Money Campaign at T&C on May 10th

Now that the candidates have been vetted and endorsed, Town & Country turns its attention to the question of how to adequately and fairly fund their campaigns. The best answer to that question comes from the folks at California's Clean Money Campaign.

Join Town & Country on Wednesday, May 10th at 7:00pm for an in-depth look at the way candidates fund their campaigns now and how they should be. The club will host the experts behind the movement to put the public's money in the hands of candidates - the only people to whom the candidate should be beholden in the first place.

The meeting will be held at the

clubhouse in Deterding Park (see page - 6 for details).

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CTA Endorses McPherson

The California Teachers Association stunned political observers last week by endorsing Republican Secretary of State Bruce McPherson. McPherson was appointed by Gov. Schwarzenegger to replace Kevin Shelley after he was driven from office over allegations of financial improprieties, charges later rebutted and rejected.

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From the President...

The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States . . .

-- The Constitution of the United States, Article I, Section 2

After thirty-two years as an Air Force fighter pilot, my father retired, joined the ACLU and spent the next seventeen years of his life lecturing anybody who would listen (including his kids, who had no choice) about our responsibilities as U.S. citizens. I still hear his voice echoing in my head as he used Lincoln's words in the Gettysburg Address to describe our government of the people, by the people and for the people. He would usually follow up with, "those who don't vote have no right to complain about their government."

I often wonder what he would say today if he could witness our current government's assault on the Constitution and Bill of Rights he fought three wars to defend. At the same time, while it's easy to point fingers at the opposition party for their sins against our nation, what can Democrats say about leaders in our own party who turn a deaf ear to the will of the people?

During his campaign to become Chair of the Democratic National Committee, Howard Dean proclaimed a commitment to winning elections at every level in every region of the country with his 50-state strategy. Dean, whose own run for the presidency was based on grassroots support, understands the role of the people in the election process. But the following examples would indicate that Dean's county and state counterparts and other Democratic Party leaders just don't get it:

On Sunday, April 2, delegates to the California Democratic Party (CDP) for Region 1 attended the Endorsement Conference held in Oroville. Charles Brown, one of three Democratic candidates for the

4th Congressional District received 85% of the vote. On Monday, April 17, five members of the two Central Committees located in the 4th Congressional District who had not voted for Brown filed a letter of objection and requested removal of Brown's endorsement from the convention consent calendar, a move allowed by the CDP Bylaws that requires no cause or reason for the objection. A special caucus will be called at April's California Democratic Party Convention in Sacramento to allow for a re-vote on the party's endorsement for this congressional seat.

Paul Hackett, an Iraq war veteran, staged a surprisingly strong Congressional run in an overwhelmingly Republican district in Ohio's special election last year. Due to Hackett's national prominence for his scathing criticism of the Bush administration's handling of the Iraq War, he was encouraged to enter the Senate race against Ohio's Republican incumbent Senator Mike DeWine. Hackett dropped out of the race in February of this year. According to Hackett, Senators Chuck Schumer and Harry Reid, the same party leaders who persuaded him last August to enter the Senate race, pushed him to step aside so that Representative Sherrod Brown, a longtime member of Congress, could take on the Republican incumbent.

In 2004, Christine Cegelis took on Henry Hyde, a 30-year incumbent and one of the most entrenched members of the GOP power elite, in Illinois' 6th Congressional District. Cegelis received 44% of the vote against Hyde and, in the process, built up a substantial grassroots following. Once again, Cegelis is running for the 6th Congressional seat, but instead of welcoming the hard-working and dedicated Cegelis as a neighbor, and offering assistance to help her close the very-attainable 7% gap between her and the Republicans, Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee

(DCCC) boss Rahm Emanuel went on what many describe as an "irrational and destructive rampage" against her, doing all he could to make her withdraw and to derail her campaign. He eventually recruited someone from outside the district - Tammy Duckworth, an Iraq war vet - to run against Cegelis, throwing big Washington names and plenty of machine money behind her.

Democrats Carol McClean and David Lutrin both filed to run for Congress in Florida's 16th District, opposing the Republican incumbent, Mark Foley. Although both had grassroots support, the DCCC told the Democratic candidates they had to raise \$500,000 to \$1 million on their own before the DCCC would get involved. Subsequently, the DCCC and Florida State Democratic leaders recruited a wealthy Republican, Tim Mahoney, who they allegedly convinced to re-register as a Democrat and run for the seat. Mahoney immediately put up \$2 million of his own money for his campaign, and now has the full financial support of the DCCC. Due to a lack of funds, David Lutrin has withdrawn from the race.

We all know that politics can get ugly but I have to express my own naiveté in the past and my current feelings of sadness that the ugliness apparently runs rampant within my own party. So I feel the need to add to my father's lecture about citizen responsibilities. Not only should voting be considered our duty as citizens, we are obligated to speak up and speak out against anyone, including those within our own party, who would abrogate the power of "we the people."

There are many ways to make your voice heard, such as writing letters to newspapers, news magazines and/or Party leaders at all levels, calling progressive radio stations, or carrying signs of protest with other like-minded citizens. But, as my father said, if we do nothing, we've no right to complain.

TOWN & COUNTRY



DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Do You Want A Democratic HQ this Fall?

Then help us register voters and make some money for Town &Country!!!



At a recent Steering Committee meeting, T&C member Ralph Cyfers, who has coordinated voter registration efforts on behalf of our party in Sacramento County, announced that the California Democratic Party (CDP) recently increased the bounty, or the amount it pays, for voter registration cards. The CDP is now paying up to \$4 per voter registration card!!! This represents a tremendous opportunity for the club to add to its coffers in an election year!

Ralph has graciously agreed to coordinate the program for the club. Lyn Stueve has offered her home as the meeting place for our efforts. The Steering Committee is asking all members to volunteer at least one Saturday between April 8 and May 20 to register voters and help Town & Country earn money to open the 2006 Northeast Democratic Campaign Headquarters.

Each Saturday, Ralph will need a six hour commitment. We'll meet at Lyn's house between 9:00am and 9:30am. A simple training will follow. We'll be off to our pre-arranged locations (mostly shopping centers and grocery stores) by 10:00am. Equipment, supplies and a partner will be provided to everyone. We'll head back to Lyn's around 3:00pm and by 3:30pm we'll be done.

While the bounty program may be extended, the club only qualifies up until Saturday, May 20. Now is the time for all good men and women to come to the aid of their party!

Ralph will take as many volunteers as he can get. Just contact him at (916) 812-7225 with the date(s) you can volunteer. Help folks register to vote and help the club and our 2006 candidates at the same time!



Meet at Lyn's - 3112 Churchill Rd., Sacramento, CA 95864 (near the corner of Hurley Way & Morse Avenue)

Club News

Godmintz to Receive CDP Award

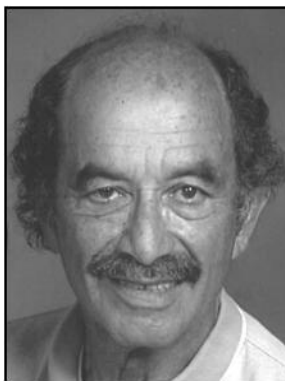
Town & Country's Vice President, Arnie Godmintz, was recently selected as the California Democratic Party's Region 3 Volunteer of the Year. He received the award at the CDP Convention in Sacramento on April 30th.

Godmintz was selected by Dan Weitzman, Director of Region 3 for the CDP. In his remarks, Weitzman stated that Godmintz was "...a tireless fighter for working people and a strong voice for all progressive causes. Arnie should make us all proud to be Democrats in this region."

Arnie has won several awards

for his efforts on behalf of the Democratic Party. In addition to being recognized by the Sacramento County

Democratic Central Committee, Town & Country also presented him with its "Great Grassroots Award" at last year's Annual Awards Luncheon.



Town & Country Voter Registration Drive Update

Thanks to the efforts of some terrific Town & Country Democratic Club members, through April 24th the club has registered 185 new Democrats in our efforts to register voters between now and May 22. This translates to \$772 the club has earned so far and we still have three weekends available to continue working.

The state party is paying a bounty of up to \$4.00 per registration. That money is being earmarked by the Steering Committee to help fund the Northeast Democratic Campaign Headquarters for the fall 2006 election.

Ralph Cyfers, who has been heading up the club's registration drive, says the volunteer teams are seeing some eye-opening trends in the registration numbers. In fact, nearly 10% of the voters registered by Town & Country volunteers so far have changed their registration from other parties to Democrat. Fourteen of those changed their party affiliation to Democrat from Republican.

"We're talking to a lot of people and there's a lot disenchantment out there among Republicans," according to Ralph.

Five teams have been hard at work for the past few weekends but Ralph says he could easily double that with the locations he has secured for this effort. The club could also use help at new citizen swearing in ceremonies and special events.

Voter registration is happening every Saturday from now through May 20th. For more information, please see the flyer on page - 2 and get involved!!!

Club Mourns the Loss of Longtime Member & Activist Kathy Carlson

Town and Country members mourned the recent loss of longtime grassroots activist and club member Kathy Carlson. Her husband Glenn notified several members that Kathy died at Mercy General hospital on her birthday, March 31st.

Kathy was a constant fixture at Town & Country meetings up until her illness two years ago. Kathy

was a tireless volunteer for Town & Country, the 5th Assembly District and the Democratic Party.

The club honored Kathy and Glenn with its annual recognition award in 1998 for their support of Democratic values and their hard work on behalf of candidates.

The club voted at the last meeting to provide a donation in Kathy's name to charity. She will be missed.

Quoting

"I don't know if Jesus Christ is a Republican or a Democrat. The bible doesn't say. I do know that he was a carpenter and a teacher. I have never met a teacher who was a republican and I have never met a carpenter who was a republican. And I am very sure that Mary didn't ride into Bethlehem on the back of an elephant."

**-Former Senator Max Cleland
(D-GA)**

Meeting Minutes from April 12, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Tiffany Craig Brown at 7:12pm. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. All officers were present.

The President welcomed both old and new members and visitors. A motion was asked for, seconded, and passed to accept last month's minutes (MSMP).

Officer reports: Vice-president Arnie Godmintz reported that the Central Committee discussed the endorsement process. There was little opposition in the primary except for the Sacramento City Council, where Bruce Pomer was challenging Steve Cohn. Pomer got the endorsement by a slim margin.

Treasurer Jim Nakata reported \$7,707.71 was in the treasury.

The Communication committee's chair, Lyn Stueve, was not present. Tiffany offered kudos for the great work on the flyers, posters, & radio ads for the Candidates Forum. Approximately 140 people attended.

Arnie Godmintz, chair of the Fundraising Committee, announced the keynote speaker for the Annual Luncheon will be Attorney General and candidate for State Treasurer Bill Lockyer. The date for the luncheon must be a weekday evening. Venues are still being

investigated. Due to higher costs, the rate will have to rise to \$50. The target date is July. Volunteers and money are needed.

Membership chair, Andy Alderman, was not in attendance. Laure noted that no April meeting had been set but at the last meeting in March the committee discussed placing ads in the Sac State Hornet paper and holding membership drives at Festival de la Familia and/or the Pacific Rim Festival. Also discussed was asking for members to volunteer to pick up non-driving members for monthly meetings.

Joan Lee reported for the Legislative committee. Meetings will be held at Joan's on the first Monday of the month. She passed out an issues list and asked members to prioritize the issues. She spoke about California Medicare Advocates' focus on pharmacists being hurt by Medicare Part D. She also had a petition that nurses organizations asked her to circulate. Also, members were asked to write postcards to be sent to Dan Lungren in protest of Part D.

Ralph Cyfers reported on Voter Registration efforts.

New business: The ballots for the T&C endorsements were collected and counted. An endorsement list

can be found on page - 6.

There was a call for a vote to support the CDP Progressive Caucus Plan for Withdrawing US Forces from Iraq. MSMP.

Announcements - Member Kathy Carlson recently passed away. The club will make a donation to Mercy General Hospital volunteers in her name.

The Alliance for a Better California will meet at the Central Labor Council at 6:30pm on April 13th and every Thursday from now through Election Day. Their next effort is the election of Larry Carr for Board of Supervisors.

Marilyn Nelson made note of Seymour Hersh's article regarding the subject, "Is Iran next?" Joan recommended sending letters to federal-level Democrats to protest any such policy. A petition on the subject can be signed at www.moveon.org.

Guest Rich Peterson addressed the club on behalf of the Angelides campaign and specifically mentioned the need for grassroots support and organization. Members asked, "what is the difference between Angelides and Westly". He replied that "Angelides

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 E-Mail Address _____
 Strengths/Experience _____

**The Town & Country
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 encourages the
 participation of
 young members.**

Please check one box and circle the correct membership below: NEW RENEWAL

Annual Dues: \$25.00 Individual \$30.00 Family
 \$20.00 Senior Individual \$25.00 Senior Family

Signature _____

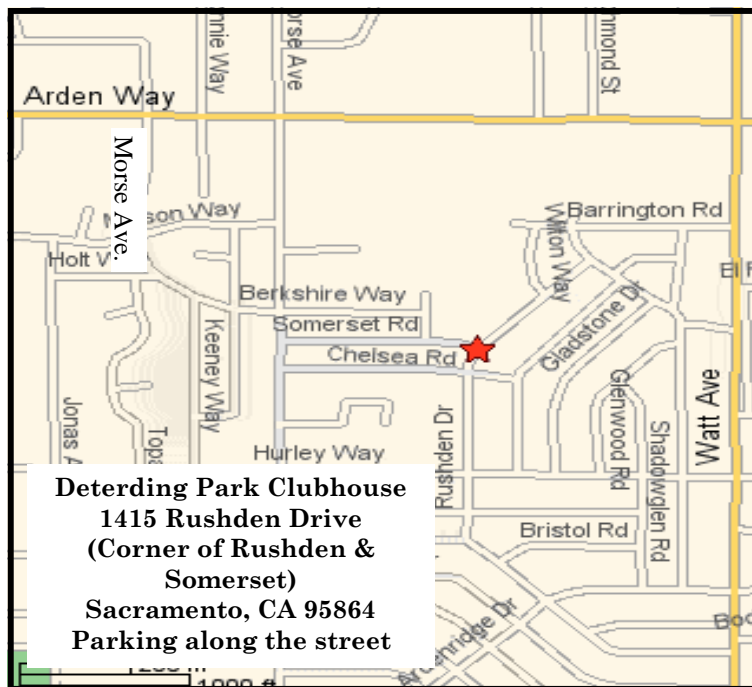
Please mail to: Town & Country Democratic Club
 P.O. Box 1286
 Citrus Heights, CA 95611-1286

Date _____

California's Clean Money Campaign on May 10th con't...

Other topics of discussion will include the club's annual fundraiser, which will be a dinner event held on Wednesday, July 26th. The honorees will be T&C past president Kevin Murphy and current T&C Legislative Chair Joan Lee. The keynote address will be given by California Attorney General and candidate for Insurance Commissioner Bill Lockyer. Volunteers will be needed throughout the next several months to make the fundraiser a success for the club as well as a future Northeast Democratic Campaign Headquarters. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Arnie at (916) 332-5980 or arniegod@lanset.com.

The club will also have discussion about its new role as the lead organizer of this year's State Fair voter registration booth. Anyone who would be interested in leading this effort on behalf of Town & Country is encouraged to contact Tiffany Craig Brown at (916) 419-4064 or tcbwriter@sac.sticare.com. See you on May 10th!



Deterding Park Clubhouse
1415 Rushden Drive
(Corner of Rushden & Somerset)
Sacramento, CA 95864
Parking along the street

Town & Country's June '06 Endorsements

California Statewide Races

Phil Angelides, Governor
 Joe Dunn, Controller
 Cruz Bustamante,
 Insurance Commissioner
 Debra Bowen, Secretary of State

Congressional Races

Dianne Feinstein, U.S. Senate
 William E. Durston,
 Congressional District 3
 Charles D. Brown,
 Congressional District 4
 Doris K. Matsui,
 Congressional District 5

California Senate & Assembly

Darrell S. Steinberg,
 State Senate District 6
 Robert Haswell, Assembly District 4
 Brandon Bell, Assembly District 5
 Dave Jones, Assembly District 9
 James Cook, Assembly District 10

Sacramento County Races

Larry Carr, Sacramento County
 Board of Supervisors - District 2

Bruce Pomer, Sacramento City
 Council - District 3
 Gretchen Bender, Sacramento Co.
 Board of Education - Area 2

Sacramento County Central Committee Races

AD4: Beverly Thomas
 Greg Larkins
 AD5: Karen Bernal
 Warren Harding
 Owen Jackman
 Margie Metzler
 John Miche
 Ann Wangburg
 AD9: Sam Catalano
 Don Douglas
 Bill Camp
 Harold Fong
 Virginia Moose
 Linda Tuttle
 AD10: Ralph Cyfers
 Rick Larkey
 Katherine Maestas
 Inez Reyes
 AD15: Cathlyn Daly

Minutes from April 12th con't...

has the plans and the background we need in California."

Also mentioned was an event on April 20th by the 5th Assembly District Democratic Committee honoring Daryl Steinberg with proceeds going to the Northeast headquarters.

Joan mentioned there would be a rally at the capital in support of affordable drugs.

On April 26th, people can see and hear Rabbi Michael Lerner talk on the topic of "taking back religion from the 'religious' right."

It was also announced that the California Teachers Association had endorsed republican Bruce McPherson for California Secretary of State.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm. MSMP.

Respectfully submitted,
 Laure Olson
 Secretary

Editorial: The Doolittles' Rich Deal

From the Washington Post

Imagine that every time members of Congress received a \$1,000 campaign contribution, they could skim \$150 off the top and put it straight into their personal bank accounts. Sound shady? That is, in effect, how Republican Rep. John Doolittle of California and his wife, Julie, operate.

According to our review of campaign finance records, Julie Doolittle has received at least \$215,000 from John Doolittle's various campaign committees since 2001. This doesn't include \$6,800 in payments to another of Julie Doolittle's companies, Events Plus, before she started doing his fundraising work. She's taken in nearly \$100,000 during the 2006 campaign alone.

The arrangement couldn't smell more.

Julie Doolittle's company, Sierra Dominion Financial Solutions, is based in the couple's Oakton, Va., home. It has no phone listing or website. A search of campaign databases does not show it doing fundraising work for campaign committees other than those associated with John Doolittle.

The only other clients it's reported to have done work for are associated with lobbyist Jack Abramoff: Julie Doolittle was hired by Abramoff's former law firm, Greenberg Traurig, to provide "event planning, marketing and related services" for

Abramoff's Capital Athletic Foundation and his Signatures restaurant. Julie Doolittle also provided bookkeeping services for the Korea-U.S. Exchange Council, founded by Edwin Buckham, former chief of staff to Rep. Tom DeLay.

A good chunk of the money she is credited with raising for her husband came from defense contractor Brent Wilkes. You may recall that former representative Randy "Duke" Cunningham admitted taking bribes from Wilkes in exchange for help in obtaining federal contracts. According to the San Diego Union-Tribune, between 2002 and 2005 Wilkes, associates and lobbyists contributed \$118,000 to John Doolittle's political committees; the newspaper said its calculations showed that Julie Doolittle received at least \$14,400 of that money in commissions. John Doolittle helped Wilkes obtain \$37 million in federal contracts.

John Doolittle's office defends the commission arrangement, saying that he wanted to ensure his wife "was not accused of receiving payments without generating results - a charge that has been frequently leveled against members of Congress whose family members receive a salary instead of a commission." If so, John Doolittle created one appearance problem in his effort to solve another.

True, some campaign fundraisers

operate on a commission basis, and 15 percent is a standard fee. But the practice of taking commissions is increasingly disfavored. The Association of Fundraising Professionals' code of ethics prohibits such arrangements.

We've been reluctant to criticize congressional spouses whose related careers - as lobbyists or campaign consultants, for example - predate their marriages. Julie Doolittle does not appear to present such a case.

John Doolittle points to a 2001 Federal Election Commission advisory opinion that permitted the wife of Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., an Illinois Democrat, to be hired as a Jackson campaign consultant. In that case, though, Sandi Jackson had extensive political experience and a written contract with her husband's campaign. Asked if Julie Doolittle has a contract, a representative of her husband's office declined to answer specific questions. Similarly, John Doolittle's office says he's been told by the House ethics committee that his arrangement is permissible, but his office did not provide any documentation.

Putting family members on the campaign payroll is questionable. Letting them - and by extension, the candidate - take a piece of the contribution action ought to be completely out of bounds.

CTA Endorsement con't...

Since assuming the Secretary of State position, McPherson has routinely ignored problems with voting systems and acted in ways that indicate to some he is less than committed to honest elections. Finnish security expert Harri Hursti was scheduled to perform a test on Diebold equipment. After Hursti performed a successful hack in Leon County Florida, McPherson hastily cancelled Hursti.

McPherson also ignored blatant

violations of state procedures. Diebold patched machines all over the state just before a recent primary election. McPherson has yet to look at any evidence or even send a state bureaucrat to investigate the charges. Meanwhile, inadequate voting machines have been recertified.

This action happened at the quarterly meeting of the CTA State Council of Education, which is comprised of nearly 800

democratically elected teacher representatives from across the state and is CTA's highest governing body.

"Bruce McPherson will ensure the integrity of the voting process and the rights of all voters in California," said Barbara E. Kerr, president of the California Teachers Association. "Throughout his career Secretary McPherson has been a strong supporter of public education, schools and students."

Town & Country Democrats in Action!!!



T&C President Tiffany Craig Brown and her husband Tim at the state party's April convention held in Sacramento.



4th CD Candidate Charlie Brown is flanked by the women in his life, wife Jan and daughter Stacey.



Democratic candidates for 2006 gathered for a photo op at T&C Candidates Forum in April. About 140 attended.



Arnie Godmintz, 5th AD candidate Brandon Bell & Peggy Gorman at the state party convention.



Hundreds of protestors, including many T&Cers, gave George Bush a hearty welcome during a recent visit to West Sacramento.



Former Senator and fellow veteran Max Cleland stumps for T&C's Charlie Brown.

The Final Word: Rove's New Mission: Survival

by E.J. Dionne Jr.

Here's the real meaning of the White House shake-up and the redefinition of Karl Rove's role in the Bush presidency: The administration's one and only domestic priority in 2006 is hanging on to control of Congress.

That, in turn, means that all the spin about Rove's power being diminished is simply wrong. Yes, Rove is giving up some policy responsibilities to concentrate on politics, but guess what: The possibility of President Bush's winning enactment of any major new policy initiative this year is zero. Rove is simply moving to where all the action will, of necessity, be.

As one outside adviser to the administration said, the danger of a Democratic takeover of at least one house of Congress looms large and would carry huge penalties for Bush. The administration fears "investigations of everything" by congressional committees, this adviser said, and the "possibility of a forced withdrawal from Iraq" through legislative action.

"I don't think they see much chance of accomplishing anything this year," said this Republican strategist, who preferred not to be quoted by name. "The bulk of their agenda, let's say, has been put on hold."

Rove never stopped being political, even when he had formal responsibility for policy. What's intriguing about the shift in the direction of Rove's energies is that it marks a turn from the high politics of a partisan realignment driven by ideas and policies to the more mundane politics of eking out votes, seat by seat and state by state. Most of Rove's grander dreams have died as the president's poll numbers have come crashing down.

It's forgotten that the president's proposal to privatize part of Social Security was not primarily about creating solvency in the system,

since the creation of private accounts would have aggravated deficits for a significant period. It was part of a larger effort to reorganize government and bring the New Deal era to a definitive close.

The president's "ownership society" was a political project designed to increase Americans' reliance on private markets for their retirements and, over the longer run, on their own resources for health coverage. The idea was that broadening the "investor class," a totemic phrase among tax-cutting conservatives, would change the economic basis of politics - and create more Republicans.

The collapse of the Social Security initiative was thus more than a policy failure. It was a decisive political defeat that left Bush and Rove with no fallback ideas around which to organize domestic policy. And just as the growing unpopularity of the war in Vietnam after 1966 forced Lyndon Johnson to abandon his Great Society programs - partly because of large GOP gains in Congress during that year's midterm elections - opposition to the Iraq war is undercutting Bush's effort to create a kind of Great Society-in-reverse.

The Democrats had such large congressional margins in 1966 that they could suffer major losses and still maintain at least nominal control of both houses. But Republican congressional margins are thin, particularly in the House, where a shift of 15 seats would make Democrat Nancy Pelosi the speaker.

And the possibility of a Democratic tide that might sweep in second or third-tier challengers is no longer mere fantasy talk among liberals at cocktail parties. It is a genuine Republican fear. According to figures from state polls published this week by SurveyUSA, Bush has an approval rating above 50 percent in just four states - Utah, Idaho, Wyoming and Nebraska. His disapproval rating is 60 percent

or higher in such key battlegrounds as Virginia, Florida, Minnesota, Missouri, Colorado, New Mexico, Iowa, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The Virginia numbers from a survey earlier this month - 37 percent approval for Bush, 60 percent disapproval - are particularly intriguing. Democrats are beginning to think that Sen. George Allen, who is up for reelection this year and considering a run at the presidency in 2008, may be vulnerable. Democrats already see Republican seats in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Missouri, Montana, Tennessee, Rhode Island and Arizona as reasonable targets. While a Democratic takeover of the Senate is still a long shot, it is no longer a preposterous idea.

Thus Rove's new electoral focus is an urgent administration priority. And given the unfavorable political terrain for the president, Rove's recipe this year, as in 2004, is likely to include a heavy dollop of attacks on the Democrats. Hold on for the new Swift Boaters, coming soon to your swing state. It's not the politics dreams are made of, but it often works.

Contribution Policy

The opinions expressed in editorials or other contributions do not necessarily reflect those of the membership of the Town & Country Democratic Club. Contributions may be edited due to space or content, are due by the 25th of each month for the coming issue, and can be sent to....

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The Calendar



Stonewall Democratic Club

Monday, May 8th, 6:30 pm
Lambda Players Theater
2427 17th Street, Sacramento
Contact: (916) 441-1787
www.sacstonewall.org

Truman Club Annual Awards Dinner

Monday, May 8th, 6:30pm
Radisson Hotel
500 Leisure Lane, Sacramento
Contact: (916) 600-8742

Gray Panthers

Tuesday, May 9th, 1:00pm
Hart Senior Center
27th & I Streets, Sacramento
Contact: Joan Lee
(916) 332-5980
www.graypanthersacramento.org

Sacramento County Democratic Central Committee

Tuesday, May 9th, 6:00pm
State Capitol Room 127
Contact: Rick Wathen, Chairman
(916) 442-0264
www.sacdems.org

Town & Country Democratic Club

Wednesday, May 10th, 7:00pm
Deterding Park Clubhouse
1415 Rushden Drive, Sacramento
Corner of Rushden/Somerset
Contact: Tiffany Craig Brown,
President
(916) 419-4064
www.tandconline.org

29th Annual John Garamendi BBQ & Fundraiser

Saturday, May 13th, 4-9pm
Touch the Earth Ranch, Paloma CA
\$35 per person
RSVP:Christien Lally (916)366-7363

Women Democrats of Sacramento County

Monday, May 15th, 6pm
Sacramento Teachers Association
5300 Elvas Avenue, Sacramento
www.wdsc.net

Town & Country Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 31st, 7:00pm
Location: Home of Arnie Godmintz
5313 Fernwood Way, Sacramento
Contact: Arnie (916) 332-5980
All Members Welcome!
www.tandconline.org

Sacramento For Democracy

Wednesday, June 7, 7:00pm
SEIU Local 250
1911 F St, Sacramento
Contact: (916) 326-5850
www.SacramentoForDemocracy.org

Town & Country Annual Awards Dinner

Wednesday, July 26th



Town & Country Democratic Club

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Wednesday, July
26th!!!**