



Mark Your Calendar!

- ♦ March 13—Field trip to Lawrence Livermore labs. Deadline to sign up is Feb. 27! — See page 7 for details

Lance Izumi is a dynamic speaker. You won't want to miss this!!

**SVARW MONTHLY MEETINGS**

**La Rinconada Country Club**

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM  
14595 Clearview Drive  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

Cost: \$12 for Continental Breakfast

For more information, contact:  
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## NEXT SVARW MEETING—FEB. 21ST

### FAILING OUR FUTURE:

### *THE HOLES IN CALIFORNIA'S SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM AND HOW TO FIX*

**New study finds more than \$1 billion in public funds to improve schools yielded little academic improvement**

*Study also explores failures of CA's API system to adequately measure academic improvement and achievement*

Approximately \$1.25 billion in state public education funding provided to schools to help improve student academic performance has yielded little if any academic improvement, even though these schools met the state Academic Performance Index (API) requirements to exit the improvement program as successful.

This analysis comes just as the state is set to carry out the agreed upon terms of last year's SB 1133 (Torlakson) and pour nearly \$3 billion more into a similar program.

This finding is included in a new study released January 16, 2007 by the Pacific Research Institute (PRI), a free-market think tank based in California. Failing our Future: The Holes in California's School Accountability System and How to Fix Them exposes the flaws in California's school accountability system, the API, and makes recommendations to improve it.

The study, co-authored by James S. Lanich, Ph.D., president of California Business for Education Excellence and **Lance T. Izumi, director of Education Studies** at PRI, can be downloaded free of charge at [www.pacificresearch.org](http://www.pacificresearch.org) and at [www.cbee.org](http://www.cbee.org).

### About Our Guest Speaker



**Lance Izumi**

Co-Authored Study

Lance T. Izumi is Senior Fellow in California Studies and Director of Education Studies at the Pacific Research Institute for Public Policy (PRI), California's premier free-market public-policy think tank based in San Francisco.

In 2006, Mr. Izumi was elected vice president of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. He was appointed to the Board in 2004 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and was confirmed in 2005 by a unanimous 34-0 vote of the California State Senate. Mr. Izumi has served as the chair of the Board's economic development and vocational education committee and as the Board's representative to the California Postsecondary Education Commission.



## NEWS

### SVARW OFFICERS FOR 2007

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#### **SVARW Dues are Due!**

ARW dues are now due! Regular membership is \$20 and with supporting member, it is \$25 for the year. Please make your checks payable to **SVARW**. Keep your membership up to date by mailing your check today to:

Lisa Marshik  
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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members:

The goals of SVARW are to:

- ♦ Elect Republicans to office
- ♦ Educate and motivate our members

### **Electing Republicans to Office**

In March 2006, we held a fundraiser for Pete Constant and many of us participated in phone banks and walked precincts on his behalf. Pete Constant was elected in the primary winning 64% of the vote in a district with less than 27% Republican registration.

In October, we held another "fun raiser" featuring former Doobie Brother, Danny Hull that raised money for local candidates.



**Pete Constant sworn in as  
San Jose City Councilman**

Because we are an independent organization, our members can vote to endorse a candidate in a primary election and...or, even endorse a Democrat. For the November 2006 mayoral election in San Jose, we endorsed Chuck Reed...a conservative Democrat.

Pete Constant and Chuck Reed are a great team but they need more votes to turn the city around, that's why they both have endorsed Hon Lien to fill the unexpired seat left vacant in San Jose City Council District 4 when Reed became mayor.

**Please see page 6** to find out how you can help elect Hon Lien. By focusing county-wide efforts on this one special election on March 6th...we can make history and have 2 Republicans on the San Jose City Council.

Even if you don't leave in San Jose....this is important. San Jose is the 10th largest city in the nation. Members of the San Jose City Council go on to higher office. Keep in mind that former Secretary of Transportation, Norman Mineta, started off as a member of the San Jose City Council

### **Educating Our Members**

If you only get to one meeting this year, don't miss our February 21st meeting! Lance Izumi will provide you with the information you need to be able to talk to your liberal friends about education in California. Lance is bringing copies of his report.

See you on February 21st.

Regards,

**Jan Soule**  
President

## Hon Lien Fundraiser a Big Success!

Thanks to all who helped put on the January 28th fundraiser for San Jose City Council Candidate Hon Lien and especially to those that attended and made a donation to Hon's campaign. All together over **\$2,600** was raised and we had a great time!! Special thanks go to:

- ◆ Former Doobie Brother, Danny Hull and Kurt Andersen, "The Singing Architect". Danny and Kurt put on a great performance. Danny a former liberal turned Republican is simply a terrific entertainer who puts his heart and soul into the event.
- ◆ Newly elected San Jose City Councilman, Pete Constant, who stressed the importance of getting Hon elected so that he and Mayor Chuck Reed would have another necessary vote.
- ◆ Keen Butcher, Santa Clara County GOP Chairman, who let us know how hard the local county Re-



**Pete Constant with Hon Lien**

publican party is working to elect Hon.

- ◆ Susan Silver who lined up the venue for the event and pulled it all together...with just a couple of weeks notice.
- ◆ Len Duncan who generously let us use his Almaden Valley home and provided the wine and beverages. Plus, Len invited many friends.
- ◆ Johnny Khamis who brought friends and donations from the Republican Arab American Congress and the Ramallah Club of San Jose.
- ◆ Maria Fisher, Lisa Marshik and Jan Soule who took care of getting the food for the event.



**Danny Hull singing to Hon Lien**



**Hon Lien**

Republican Candidate  
San Jose City Council  
March 6th Special Election

**We have endorsed Hon Lien and now it is time to get out and help her get elected!**

- ◆ Hon is the only Republican running for San Jose City Council District 4.
- ◆ Hon is endorsed by Chuck Reed and Pete Constant.
- ◆ Hon is running for Council from San Jose District 4 which is 70% Asian. Han's father is Chinese and her mother is Vietnamese. Her ethnicity appeals to her Asian groups in her District.
- ◆ 8 of the 9 Vietnamese media outlets. One of the other candidates has a show on the radio station that is not backing her.







#### Phone Numbers

##### Local Assemblyman

Ira Ruskin  
(650) 691-2121

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## LEGISLATION UPDATE

BY CLAUDETTE AVERILL

### NATION

**HR 3 Embryonic Stem Cell Research** provides for research on humane embryos. Last year President Bush vetoed a bill to pour taxpayer dollars into destroying human embryos for research. Congress did not have enough votes to override the veto. On January 11 the new leadership in Congress brought the bill up again. The November elections potentially changed the number of override votes. Passed the House 253 – 174 and sent to the Senate. This is not enough votes to override a Veto. **ACTION: Pray.**

**S.1 Lobbying Transparency and Accountability Act** This bill contained dangerous “grassroots lobbying” provision (Section 220) for groups like CWA. Section 220 places onerous reporting and disclosure requirements on all grassroots groups who communicate to and mobilize their citizen activists to lobby.

Senator Bennett (R-Utah) introduced an amendment to S.1 to strip the harmful provisions out of the bill. Republican Minority Leader Mitch McConnell joined Senator Bennett as a cosponsor of this amendment.

**The amendment passed 55-43 so we MAY continue to be informed of legislation harmful to our beliefs and our freedoms!**

**HR 254 David Ray Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2007 (S Jackson Lee D-Tex) (known as David's law)** states because of actual or perceived religion, gender, sexual orientation... Rep. Lee was one member who [called for the closure of Guantanamo Bay prison facilities](#) because they were not pleasant enough for terrorists. Any crime against a homosexual, overt or thought, will carry a more severe punishment than a terrorist. HR 254 is in the Committee on the Judiciary phone 202-225-3951.

### STATE

**AB 14 – Sexual Orientation, Nondiscrimination (Laird D-Santa Cruz)** adds “sexual orientation” and, in some cases, medical condition, to the list of nondiscrimination criteria in areas of business and association codes. This removes existing immunities for uncompensated officers of nonprofit corporations if those organizations restrict membership, services or benefits on the basis of “sexual orientation.”

**AB 16 – Schools – HPV Vaccine (Lieber D-Mt View)** requires that all incoming sixth grade girls receive the vaccine for human papillomavirus (a sexually transmitted disease). HPV is a primary cause of cervical and other cancers of the female reproductive system. The problem with AB 16 is it removes control from the parents to the state.

**AB 43 – Gender-Neutral Marriage (Leno D-San Francisco)** is Same-sex Marriage again. This changes marriage from a civil contract between a man and a woman to a contract between two persons. AB 43 claims that Prop 22's language only relates to out-of-state marriages.

**Action:** *Pray that the rights of the voters will be upheld. Homosexual activists will be placing extreme pressure on our legislators and the governor. We must stand up for traditional marriage.*

**ACA 2 – Eminent Domain (Walters R-Laguna Niguel)** provides that private property may be taken or damaged under eminent domain only for a state public use. Also provides that redevelopment or other community agencies may not acquire property under eminent domain if ownership will be transferred to a private party other than a public utility.

**SB 11 – Domestic Partnerships (Migden D-San Rafael)** extends California's domestic partnerships, which give full marriage rights to same-sex couples, to any two persons over 18 who are in an “intimate and committed relationship of mutual caring” and share a common residence. SB 11 is in the Judiciary Committee. **ACTION:** Pray for the defeat of this bill and call the committee to oppose SB 11. Judiciary Committee phone number 916 651-4113

# LEGISLATION UPDATE

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**SB 37 – Electoral College-Interstate Compact (Migden)** ratifies the interstate compact to change the Electoral College system so that all presidential electors in the states would be determined by the national popular vote. SB 37 is in the Committee on Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments. **ACTION:** To opposes this bill, the phone number for the Committee E, R, & CA is 916 651-4106.

**SCA 1 – Eminent Domain (McClintock R-Thousand Oaks)** is in both the Judiciary and the E, R, & CA committees. **ACTION:** Call the two committees and tell them you support SCA 1. (This senate version of Eminent Domain also allows the owner to reacquire the property for its fair market value with 10 years if the property ceases to be used for the stated public purpose.

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## "The North American Union"

from the New American October, 2006

by Claudette Averill

The United States is a member of the SPP which stands for Security and Prosperity Partnership. We are in this organization with Mexico and Canada. The objective of this organization is to erase the national borders with in North America and form the North American Union.

The plan is to build super highways from Mexico to Alaska across the United States. This would help bring about the creation of a North American Union similar to the European Union. The highways are proposed by (NAFI) the North American Forum on Integration - a group of wealthy industrialists, academics, and politicians.

This article claims that the North American Union would devastate the American middle class, but would facilitate free trade and bring prosperity to the three countries. They also claim that it will give greater cohesion to our overall border security program.

The plan also includes the legalization of all current illegal immigrants and facilitate the legal migration of any willing persons across the three countries' borders.

NAFI's vision is being enacted right now. Eighty separate, but interconnected, "high priority corridors" are being initiated in the U.S. To find a complete list of the 80 intended Super Highway projects, go to [aaroards.com/high-priority/table.html](http://aaroards.com/high-priority/table.html).

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## **How we can Help Elect Hon Lien**

These are the ways that you can get involved with the City Team's and make sure we have help for Chuck and Pete.

### **Phone Banks** at HQ;

- February 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, March 1 ...2 to 7pm
- February 17 ...10:00 to 4:00
- March 5 ...1 to 7pm

### **Super Saturday Team Walks** from Hon Lien for Council HQ @1458 Bellemeade St., SJ ;

- February 24 ...10:00 to 4:00
- March 3 ...10:00 to 4:00

\* for additional opportunities to walk with Hon, call 408 529-3299

If you are able, please, help us plan our events by calling Carol at HQ, 408 246-6600, and scheduling your participation.

Please, join us in turning around our County while we still can!  
They will never know what hit them and Pete and Chuck will not be alone in their fight to reform San Jose City Government.



SVARW

# Trip to Lawrence Livermore Labs

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Replaces regular March monthly meeting.

Leave at 7:30 am, get back about 4:30 pm

- Tour the Lab & Discovery Center
- Enjoy Lunch at Pleasanton Hotel
- Shop in Historic Downtown Pleasanton

**Cost: \$60 — Includes bus and lunch**

**Limit 30 People**

Meet us on TUESDAY (March 13th) at the Los Gatos Park & Ride at 7:00 am; the bus leaves at 7:30 am sharp. Travel on a luxury bus, winding through vine-covered hills to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, which conducts some of the most innovative science and technology research in the nation—whether it's ensuring the performance of the nation's nuclear stockpile, developing capabilities to strengthen homeland security, cleaning up the environment, battling cancer, or deciphering the human genome.

Public tours of the Laboratory offer visitors a view into some of their exciting state-of-the-art research programs and facilities. Tour stops may include:

- National Ignition Facility: the world's largest and most energetic laser.
- National Atmospheric Release Advisory Center
- Center for Accelerator Mass Spectrometry: renowned for its carbon dating capabilities.

The Laboratory's Discovery Center provides visitors with a window into state-of-the-art research programs, computational capabilities and experimental tools. Here you'll experience a broad-based display of science and technology, as well as highlights of the Laboratory's history. Experience hands-on science exhibits from the San Francisco Exploratorium. Tours last 2 ½ hours.

Tour participants must be at least 18 years old, US citizens and need to register two weeks in advance. Non-US citizens must register 60 days in advance. Tours by foreign nationals are subject to approval of the U.S. Department of Energy. No camera or cell phones with cameras are allowed.

After the tour, it's time for lunch in the Fireside Room of the Pleasanton Hotel.

**Return with your \$60 check to SVARW**

Mail to: Lisa Marshik --319 Blossom Valley Drive--Los Gatos, CA 95032

Deadline: February 27, 2007

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Lunch Choice: \_\_\_\_chicken \_\_\_\_salmon

**Required for Security Clearance:**

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ State of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

CA Drivers License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete separate form for each attendee]



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## Reminder

### Monthly Meeting Begins 1/2 hour Earlier

La Rinconada Country Club has requested that we conclude our meeting and leave the dining room by 11:00 AM to allow them to set up for luncheon events. Check-in for our meeting will begin at 9:00 AM with coffee and continental breakfast. The meeting will be called to order at 9:30 AM.

Our February 21st meeting features a very interesting and dynamic speaker. It will be a great meeting to bring a friend to enjoy.

### Membership Dues

If you have not yet paid your 2007 dues, please bring your checkbook to the next meeting or mail them to:

Kyra Hubis

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Dues: \$20 for member, add \$5 for your spouse.