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### **CAMPAIGN 2011: A LARGE FIELD OF CANDIDATES WANT TO REPLACE S.F. INTERIM MAYOR ED LEE.**

Editor's note: Despite his wishes, a committee of San Francisco voters want interim Mayor Ed Lee to reconsider and run to replace former S.F. Mayor Gavin Newsom, who is now Calif.'s Lt. Governor. This is our first report. Here's our analysis & commentary...

...This Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> should be a real barn burner. Ten candidates in the running and polling is almost impossible because of San Francisco's rank choice system of voting. People vote for their top three choices and then through a convoluted system, election officials finally determine a winner. It was tried in Oakland last year and the favorite, former State Sen. Don Perata, won the initial first vote, but by the time all the number crunching was completed, Oakland Councilwoman Jean Quan won...

...Back to interim Mayor Ed Lee. The forces behind the drive to change Lee's mind is called, "Run, Ed, Run." Political consultant Enrique Pearce of Left Coast Communications is in charge. He's gotten an OK from the City's Ethics Commission to set everything up. Lee seems very adamant that he won't run and he has said this numerous times. His supporters don't want to listen. Oh well...

...San Francisco has a big problem with pensions just like other Calif. cities. Lee is trying to work out a deal, but labor has not been helpful. The city's total budget is \$6.6 billion dollars...

...There are 10 candidates for mayor. Most of them have fair-to-good name ID. Of the 10, six are elected officials. All of them are collecting endorsements, which *Calpeek* will run in another issue...

...It is difficult to rank them, but several sources think that State Sen. Leland Yee, S.F. City Atty. Dennis Herrera and Board of Supervisors Chair David Chiu are in the top tier. These three are followed by S.F. Assessor/Recorder Phil Ting, Supervisor Bevan Dufty, former Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier and Supervisor John Avalos. In the final tier are businesswoman Joanna Rees, Harold Miller and former Supervisor Tony Hall..

...*Calpeek* sources who have seen private polling data say all ten are bunched tightly and there is not that much difference between the top tier and the second tier. And our sources say of the top three, all have solid bases of support, but not enough

to win on the first ballot...

...Most of the candidates have already hired campaign consultants. Here are the candidates and their consultants: Herrera – John Whithurst; Yee – Sterns Consulting; Chiu – JPM&M (Josh Pulliam); Dufty – Terris Barnes & Walters; Alioto – Joe Trippi; Ting – Storefront Political Media (Eric Jaye); and Rees – The Merrill Strategy Group. *Calpeek* doesn't know who is working for Avalos, Hall or Miller...

...A few questions. With three Asian candidates in the race, will Yee, Chiu and Ting split the vote? And what about Rees, the businesswoman who is an education advocate? Will former Mayor Gavin Newsom get involved and endorse? He is neutral, but sources say his wife, Jennifer Siebel Newsom, has contributed to the Rees campaign. Stay tuned...

### **CAMPAIGN 2012: PRESIDENTIAL MERRY GO ROUND**

Editor's note: As promised, here are the results of the ABC/Washington Post survey on Presidential match-ups between President Barack Obama and some of his GOP rivals. And we have some updates on Newt Gingrich's meltdown. Here's our analysis and commentary...

◆ *The ABC/Washington Post* survey was conducted June 2-5 among 1,002 adults by Langer Research Associates of NY. Here's how the match ups look:

Obama	46%	Romney	49%
Obama	52%	Gingrich	42%
Obama	50%	Huntsman	40%
Obama	51%	Pawlenty	40%
Obama	56%	Palin	39%
Obama	52%	Bachmann	39%

...The poll also showed that 64% of Americans will definitely NOT vote for Sarah Palin. The survey also noted that Pres. Obama's bump from the Osama bin Laden killing has all but disappeared...

◆ *New Poll Shows Romney Leading the Field* – The new survey is from USA Today/Gallup. The USA Today/Gallup poll was taken June 8-11 among 851 GOP and GOP-leaning independents:

Romney	24%
Palin	16%
Giuliani(not polled)	-
Cain	9%

Paul	7%
Pawlenty	6%
Santorum	6%
Bachmann	5%
Gingrich	5%

◆ **Palin vs. Bachmann** – Somehow you just knew that these two strong-willed women would eventually get into it. They finally did when Bachmann’s consultant Ed Rollins told a radio talk show host that *Palin is not serious*. Sarah PAC chief of staff Michael Glassner replied: *Beltway political strategist Ed Rollins has a long, long track record of taking high profile jobs and promptly sticking his food in his mouth*. Rollins sorta apologized. FYI: I’ve always enjoyed listening to Rollins. Even read his book. The best quote was about the Michael Huffington vs. Feinstein U.S. Senate race. Rollins said about Huffington: *He’s got an unlimited budget - and it’s not enough..* FYI: Bachmann is **not** Palin-light...

◆ **Karger Takes Aim at Romney** – Calif. GOP presidential candidate Fred Karger has filled a formal complaint with MA Election and Tax officials over former MA Gov. Mitt Romney’s residency issues. Karger contends in his letter that Romney was illegally registered to vote out of the basement apartment in his son’s home in Belmont, MA for 15 months in 2009 and 2010. The complaint questions whether this was the Romney “primary residence.” Romney sold his family home in Belmont in May of 2009, but still has homes in Calif. and NH. In a news release, Karger asks, “Who could possibly believe that he and his wife were living in their son’s basement apartment?” FYI: this story got good coverage on MSNBC’s Rachel Maddow show on June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14th...

◆ **The Gingrich Meltdown** – The pundits for months had been saying former House Speaker Newt Gingrich was *too undisciplined and unfocused to win*. That’s from a *Politico* story titled “Told-you-so moment for Newt critics” by Jonathan Martin and Alexander Burns. And what happened the day after he and his wife returned from a two week cruise to Greece? His entire campaign staff of 16 members QUIT. The disagreement which caused the split centered on Gingrich wanting to stress technology and the debates to win over voters. His team said he needed to meld all of Gingrich’s ideas with traditional, grassroots techniques. Problem is that Gingrich doesn’t like shaking hands and mingling with the rank and file GOP voter. FYI: Gingrich was in L.A. on June 12<sup>th</sup> addressing the Jewish Republican Coalition. Stay tuned...

**CAMPAIGN 2012: DISTRICT MAPS ARE OUT, BUT UNTIL FINAL MAPS ARE DONE, REMAPPING IN FLUX.**

Editor’s note: A number of our sources have never supported this experiment in redistricting House and Legislative seats. *Calpeek* still doesn’t like it – and apparently neither does Arturo Vargas of the Nat’l Assn. of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials – but for different reasons. Here’s our commentary and analysis. *Calpeek* will update as things change, and they will...

...For all of the incumbents who got shafted by this remapping document written by the 14-member Calif. Citizens Redistricting Commission, there’s good news. This was only the **first**

**draft**, a work in progress...

...But as it stands now, an analysis by L.A. Times staff writers Evan Halper and Richard Simon says that Calif. Democrats could pick up 5 more seats in the U.S. House and enough seats in the State Legislature to have a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority. The S.F. Chron’s analysis by Joe Garofoli and Carla Maninucci suggests the Demos will pick up at least 3 more U.S. House seats...

...As noted above, Vargas doesn’t like the plan and thinks the commissioners screwed Latinos. He said the new redistricting gives the fastest growing ethnic populations even less political power than it has now...

...And officials from the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund were also pissed. Their position is that the commissioners decided to keep cities and counties together as opposed to following more closely the U.S. Voting Rights Act. *Calpeek* will let the legal eagles figure it out...

...It’s easier to explain the redistricting in terms of which lawmakers (House or Legislature) were satisfied or really POed...

...**Really P.O.ed** U.S. Rep. Mike Thompson(D-St. Helena); probably U.S. Reps. Howard Berman(D-Valley Village) and Brad Sherman of Sherman Oaks – thrown into the same CD; and U.S. Reps. David Dreier(R-San Dimas) and Gary Miller of Diamond Bar – thrown into the same CD. In these districts where two incumbents have been thrown together, it is going to take some serious horse trading to work things out...

...FYI: 10 years ago, Berman’s brother, Michael, drew lines for the entire state and got it approved by the State Legislature, the governor and the Bush White House (read that as Karl Rove). Insiders have known for a long time that this CD was in transition and that eventually a Latino would win this seat. L.A. Councilman Tony Cardinas(D) has already announced...

...East Bay U.S. Rep. Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) gets a break as his 11<sup>th</sup> CD moves east toward the San Joaquin Valley, a safer seat. U.S. Rep. Dan Lungren(R-3<sup>rd</sup> CD) has a more Demo leaning CD and might be in trouble in 2012. No battle between San Diego U.S. Reps. Susan Davis and Bob Filner, both Demos. Filner is running for mayor San Diego and giving up his seat. State Sen. Juan Vargas(D-San Diego) has already announced...

...In the Calif. Legislature, Demos hold 52 of the 80 seats; and 25 of 40 in the State Senate. Sacto BEE staffer Phillip Reese shows an increase in the number of swing districts in the Assembly from 2 to 5 and in the Senate from 1 to 2...

...FYI: there are two more public hearings by the redistricting commission. June 25 at San Jose City Hall; June 27 at S.F.’s Fort Mason Center. Stay tuned...

**CAMPAIGN 2012: ROMNEY AND BACHMANN SHINE, PAWLENTY STUMBLES AND OTHER FOUR DO FAIR.**

Editor's note: *Calpeek's* Dick Rosengarten watched the 2<sup>nd</sup> GOP debate, but was totally unimpressed. The 2-hour CNN-sponsored forum on the campus of Saint Anselm Univ. in Goffstown, NH, was pretty much a bust, with the usual spitballs and rocks thrown at Pres. Barack Obama. Nothing new, except for one thing. Here's our short commentary and analysis...

...Most of the DC political pundits who were on the air the next day pretty much all agreed with each other: Romney wasn't touched by any of his six rivals and gave a credible performance. If there was a GOP candidate who broke out of the pack it was U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann of MN. Right at the beginning of the debate she announced she had filed her papers to run for president. That upstaged all of the others. I'll bet it was Bachmann's consultant Ed Rollins who dreamed that one up. We'd rate Bachmann a solid second in this debate...

...U.S. Rep. Ron Paul of Texas always has snappy answers and he didn't disappoint his libertarian/GOP base. He wants the U.S. out of Iraq and Afghanistan ASAP. Wasn't impressed with businessman Herman Cain. He was better in the first debate a few weeks ago. He can talk about business, but that's about it. Former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum was his usual conservative self. Nothing new, kind of boring. Former Speaker Newt Gingrich was the one candidate who really chewed up on Pres. Obama. But were voters and the news media paying attention? Doubtful...

...This brings us to former MN Gov. Tim Pawlenty. He blew it, big time! The day before the debate, in a Fox News interview, he took a huge swipe at Romney, describing Mitt's health care law as *Obamneycare*. Great line, but he refused to use it the next day at the CNN forum, even though CNN moderator John King gave him a great build up. Pawlenty just *chickened-out*. In the *Politico* debate story by Jonathan Martin, Alexander Burns and Maggie Haberman, they said, "*Few could recall another example of a candidate unveiling an attack in one high-profile forum, only to then attempt to put the gun back in the holster in another such setting so soon afterwards.*" Don't know who in the Pawlenty campaign dreamed up that line, but it was good. Some consultants *Calpeek* has talked to say opportunities like the one Pawlenty was given don't come around but once...

...Sources still don't know if Sarah Palin will get into the ring, but *Calpeek* doubts it. Former UT Gov. Jon Huntsman is supposed to announce by the end of June and TX Gov. Rick Perry is still looking. Stay tuned...

**ORANGE CO. GOP CENTRAL COMMITTEE GETS TARGETED BECAUSE DAVENPORT WON'T RESIGN.**

Editor's note: Remember a few months back when Marilyn Davenport sent an email to fellow Orange Co. Republicans with a photo depicting Pres. Barack Obama and his parents as chimpanzees? A huge brouhaha, but nothing happened to Davenport. She was criticized, but refused to resign from her elected post as a member of the Orange Co. Republican Central Committee. Now there's a move to get corporate sponsors to pull the plug on

the GOP Central Committee. Here's our analysis and commentary...

...Calif. human rights activists have now begun a campaign on *Change.org* calling on corporate contributors to Orange Co.'s GOP to stop sending funds until Davenport resigns or is booted off the committee. Corporate donors who have been targeted are Disney, GE and Allergen...

...Candy Hall, a Calif. NAACP member who started the campaign said, "It would be different if she weren't in the public eye, but she is. By refusing to step down, Marilyn Davenport is sending a message that she doesn't care..."

...It is not that key Republican leaders haven't tried. They have. Orange Co. GOP Central Cmt. Chair Scott Baugh and CA Republican Party Chair Tom Del Beccaro were totally disgusted by Davenport's email and asked her to resign. She won't. Stay tuned...

**CAMPAIGN NOTES: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.**

Editor's note: Here are some items of interest...

◆ An initiative to ban circumcision in Santa Monica reportedly has been dropped by its sponsor, Jena Troutman. The anti-circumcision initiative in San Francisco has already qualified for that city's November ballot...

◆ Why are Demo House Leader Nancy Pelosi, DNC Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz, House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer and DCCC Chair Steve Israel so relieved? Because disgraced U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner of NY will be resigning today (6/16). He's been a very big distraction for House Demos, taken off message by the NY congressman's sexting problems. He's either in some sort of rehab or will be shortly. Don't know if Weiner's political career is totally over, but all one has to do is look at former Pres. Bill Clinton or former NY Gov. Elliott Spitzer. Weiner didn't do anything illegal, whereas Clinton and Spitzer had much more serious sex-related problems. He was an excellent spin doctor for the Demos, both on the House Floor and on cable tv...

◆ 36<sup>th</sup> CD Republican candidate Craig Huey is standing by his statement calling Planned Parenthood "a murder mill." A Huey campaign spokesman released a statement to the news media saying that the Hahn ad distorts the truth about Huey's statement. The website *Politifact.com* reviewed the ad and confirmed the ad was accurate. And after this a Huey spokesman admitted that Huey did in fact call Planned Parenthood a "murder mill." The statement also said that the candidate is standing by his statement and it's on his website...

...The Feminist Majority has endorsed L.A. Councilwoman Janice Hahn and noted that Huey would vote in "lockstep" with the Tea Party in the U.S. House if elected. Former President Bill Clinton is the latest high profile person to endorse Hahn...

◆ The Orange Co. Taxpayers Assn. has endorsed Todd Spitzer to replace Sup. Bill Campbell in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District. *Calpeek* would have written more, but the entire right hand margin of the news release was missing. Get it fixed!!!

◆ L.A. Co. DA candidate Jackie Lacey is up with a 2+minute video on her web page. It's an introductory spot, because most L.A. Co. voters don't know her. The spot was produced by Lacey's media consultant Bill Carrick...

◆ Demo Candidates are lining up for the 42<sup>nd</sup> AD in the West L.A., West Hollywood area. *Calpeek* mentioned a few weeks ago that West Hollywood Councilman Jeff Prang was running. Others in the race include David Hernandez Jr., Andrew Lachman and Brian Johnson. They have filed papers to run. Lachman is an adjunct faculty member at Woodbury Univ.; Johnson is the executive director of the Larchmont Schools...

◆ Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom and Torie Osborn, one-time advisor of L.A. Mayor Villariagosa, are both running for the 41<sup>st</sup> AD seat of termed out Assemblywoman Julie Brownley (D)...

◆ San Diego State Sen. Juan Vargas (D) is going to run for U.S. Rep. Bob Filner's 51<sup>st</sup> CD seat. Filner is running for mayor of San Diego. Further north in the 54<sup>th</sup> CD, tech salesman and 1994 Florida candidate John Stahl is going to challenge incumbent GOP Congressman Brian Bilbray, depending on the new lines...

◆ With all the rumors floating around about the new districts, the best one we've heard of is that former Demo Speaker Bob Hertzberg is looking at a new senate district that runs along the coast up to the West San Fernando Valley. Just a rumor...

### **CALPEEK'S LEWD GALLERY. ELECTED OFFICIALS WHO BEHAVE BADLY AND DON'T GET PUNISHED**

Editor's note: In the June 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the L.A. Times the newspaper reported its list of sex-related wrongdoing in the U.S. Congress. They called their list **A Rogues Gallery**. *Calpeek* has expanded that list and we call it *Calpeek's Lewd Gallery*. Here's our commentary...

...It must be that many of these elected officials are very neurotic or really have serious mental problems to think that they can get away with this hanky panky in the age of the internet and social media.. We'll start with this year...

...In 2011, U.S. Rep. Chris Lee (R-NY) was shirtless on Craigslist. No big deal, but the House GOP leadership forced him to resign. U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner (D-NY) won't face an Ethics Committee inquisition for his Facebook and Twitter disclosures because he just resigned. Nothing illegal here either, but you'd think he committed a major felony the way the GOP and Demo House leaders were talking.

...Former U.S. Sen. John Ensign (R-NV) resigned for carrying on a hot and heavy affair with his female staffer. The affair broke up the female staffer's marriage. Some serious Bunga Bunga. U.S. Rep. Mark Souder (R-Ind.) resigned after an affair

with a staffer...

...In 2010, Rep. Eric Massa (D-NY) resigned when an ethics probe found that he groped a male staffer. In 2008, Rep. Vito Fossella (R-NY) didn't run for reelection after it was disclosed he had an affair and fathered a child. I guess Fossella had never heard of protection. Rep. Charles "Chip" Pickering (R-Miss) didn't seek reelection and his wife divorced him for an affair with another woman. Rep. Tim Mahoney (D-Fla) lost his reelection after he put a former mistress on the payroll...

...In 2007, U.S. Sen. David Vitter (R-LA) was caught using a DC escort service. Call girls. He won reelection in 2010. What does that say about voters in Louisiana? What does it say about the U.S. Senate's Ethics Committee? U.S. Sen. Larry Craig (R-Idaho) caught in an airport restroom soliciting an undercover cop. He was admonished by the Ethics Committee and didn't seek reelection...

...In 2006, Rep. Mark Foley (R-Fla) resigned after it was discovered he sent sexual messages to teenage boys who worked as congressional pages. He came out of the closet...

...*Calpeek's Lewd Gallery* includes more than U.S. House members. We start off with President John F. Kennedy, who cheated his way through the White House. Next in line is Pres. Bill Clinton. He almost got impeached for Monica-Gate. Demo presidential candidate Gary Hart got caught with his girlfriend. He dared the news media to catch him: they did, and he dropped out of the 1984 presidential primary. Don't want to repeat the whole sad story of John Edwards. He might still have to stand trial. What an idiot!!!

...There's also former So. Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford (R) and Calif.'s own governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger. Sources don't think the Arnold affair has run it's media course. And let's not forget Elliott Spitzer. He hired call girls and got caught. But what a comeback, getting hired as an anchor on CNN!!! CNN has no class...

### **CALPEEK'S NEW JOBS & PERSONNEL NOTICES**

Editor's note: Here are some items you might want to take note of. We've got a ton of these announcements...

□ Wayne Quint, former president of the Assn. of Orange Co. Deputy Sheriffs, has been appointed Assistant For External Affairs at the CA DOJ...

□ Correction: Larry Kosmont is not the new City Manager of Montebello. Kosmont's firm will work with the city and focus on identifying a financial turnaround plan...

□ Erika Sperbeck has been appointed Deputy Insurance Commissioner of the Administrative and Licensing Services branch...