

WEEKLY FLASH

Muscular Austrian to Speak at Outlook Conference

The Economy – Global Warming – China – The War in Iraq ... Willie Brown! The nation's experts speak at the Bay Area Council's Outlook Conference on April 16th in Alameda aboard the USS Hornet (This historic aircraft carrier will not set sail, but will be safely docked during the course of the event, for those of you with weak sea legs). Governor Schwarzenegger will partake in a spirited, unscripted conversation with attendees. We anticipate another great show and believe this event is ideal for hosting business colleagues, associates and public officials. Your support will provide the resources to strengthen the global competitiveness and vitality of the Bay Area Region. For more information on sponsorship opportunities and to register, visit BayAreaCouncil.org/Outlook.



China Relationship Next Step: Helping Venture Capital Thrive

In May, the Bay Area Council and Yangtze Council are jointly hosting a two-day venture capital summit in Shanghai where successful Chinese and US venture capitalists, entrepreneurs, as well as leaders from government and universities, will come together to uncover new business opportunities and explore strategies for increasing cross-pacific partnerships and collaboration. The first day of the Summit will explore the roles of government, the private sector, and universities in encouraging innovation in China. The second day will focus on specific industries and deal opportunities, with the areas of focus including cleantech, biotech, and computer animation. There will be ample opportunity to meet leading Chinese government officials, venture capitalists and entrepreneurs, in addition to the valuable panels and discussions set to take place. Mark your calendar for May 22nd and 23rd and visit BayAreaCouncil.org/MayVC for more details.



Blogs, Flash, Video, oh my! Council Unveils New Website

The Bay Area Council has launched a new website that better reflects our new identity and our overall global competitiveness strategy. Added features, like our new blog, will provide a source for members to keep track of the Council's most current policy initiatives, activities and relevant news, plus spur grassroots activity. Visit BayAreaCouncil.org.



Article of the Week

A Bay Area Governor? [This story](#) profiles four Silicon Valley tech moguls that could be candidates for governor. [This one](#) covers SF Mayor Newsom's chances.

Quote of the Week

"Think of it as a classic good cop/bad cop scenario." The [San Francisco Chronicle](#) cautiously praising the dual approach of Senator Feinstein and Speaker Pelosi regarding China and Tibet.

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