

## Rep. Nunes honors late President Reagan

In honor of Former President Ronald Reagan, Rep. Nunes became an original co-sponsor of legislation honoring Mr. Reagan's life.

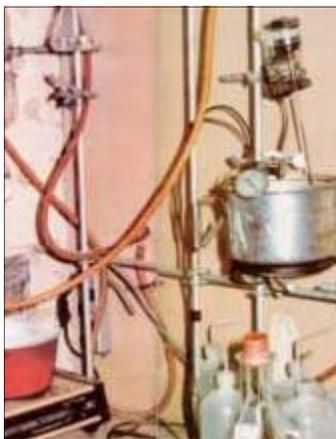
*Mr. Reagan was a visionary leader who guided our great country through difficult and dangerous times. He faced adversity with a smile and quick wit. He solved problems with sober determination. He gave us hope for the future of freedom and prosperity. He reminded us what it meant to be proud Americans. We mourn his loss but remember that he left us with a rich heritage of memories, ideals, and a trail of lives changed at home and abroad because of his efforts. For that, we will be eternally grateful.*



## Nunes continues fight against Valley meth

Rep. Devin Nunes has stepped up the fight against methamphetamine in the Central Valley by seeking increased funding for existing programs and new strategies to combat the demand.

Last year, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and state and local law enforcement officials seized 9,873 meth labs. These numbers are growing at an alarming rate in many states. Even more disturbing is the fact that more than two-thirds of these labs are found in "average" residences in ru-



Meth lab

ral areas and a startling 12% of America's youth have used methamphetamine.

In addition to requesting that the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, a that coordinates anti-meth efforts, program receive an additional \$20 million in its annual budget, Rep. Nunes asked that the Central Valley HIDTA get an additional \$1.5 million on top of their normal budget. In the recent past, the Central Valley HIDTA task force has made tremendous gains when it received a temporary increase of \$500,000.

Lastly, the congressman

requested funds to combat the demand for meth. The vast majority of funds have been used to combat the supply of the illicit drug.

"Little has been done to effectively cut demand for methamphetamine, and as long as consumer demand remains unaddressed, the use of this dangerous illegal drug will continue spreading across the United States," said Rep. Nunes, who is a member of the Caucus to Fight and Control Methamphetamine. "The Methamphetamine Demand Reduction Program will reduce consumer demand for this drug through a media-based education campaign targeting consumers - teenagers, young adults and influencers. This research-based effort will build on the effective models, experience and success of the Partnership."