

## Nunes hosts hearing on illicit drug production in forests



Rep. Devin Nunes hosted a Congressional hearing on the problem of drug production on public lands.

The hearing in October featured the chairmen of two House subcommittees: House Government Reform Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs

chaired by Rep. Doug Ose (R-Sacramento) and the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources chaired by Rep. Mark Souder (R-Indiana).

The hearing focused on problems with pot, opium and meth on public lands. Along these lines Chairman Doug Ose has introduced

legislation this year called the CLEAN UP Meth Act (CLEAN UP stands for Clean, Learn, Educate, Abolish, Neutralize, and Undermine Production). The bill is a comprehensive approach to combating meth, including provisions to help alleviate:

- the environmental problems caused by meth production
- the human problems caused by meth use, abuse and addiction, and
- the challenges faced by our law enforcement community.

Both Chairman Souder and Rep. Nunes have co-sponsored the bill, as have dozens of other lawmakers.

As part of the hearing, the congressman's staff toured a newly discovered pot plantation in the forest with an elaborate irrigation system.

## Nunes seeks Olympic visit for past athletes

In honor of America's famous Olympic athletes from years past, Rep. Devin Nunes wrote to President George Bush recently asking him to send a delegation of former American Olympic Champions as Bush's personal representatives to Athens, Greece. Some of the American heroes suggested to be included in the group would represent a cross section of the nation:

Bob Mathias - Decathlon champion - 1948 (London) and 1952 (Helsinki);

Dr. Sammy Lee - Diving - 1948 (London) and 1952 (Helsinki);

Billy Mills - 10,000 me-

ter champion - 1964 (Tokyo);

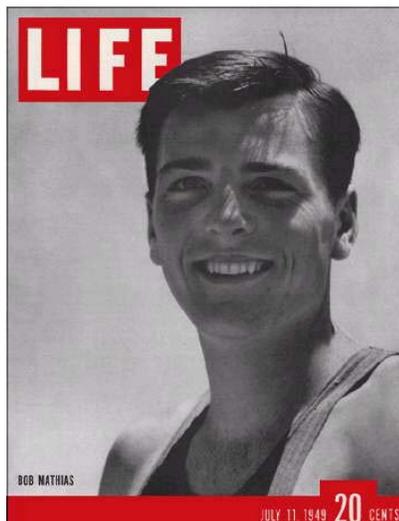
Patricia McCormick - Diving - 1952 (Helsinki) and 1956 (Melbourne);

Rafer Johnson - Decathlon - 1960 (Rome);

Pablo Morales - Swimming - 1984 (Los Angeles) and 1992 (Barcelona).

One of the most celebrated heroes of the Olympics is gold medalist Bob Mathias.

Mathias was later elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, representing Tulare County and elsewhere.



**Local Olympic hero and former Congressman Bob Mathias on the cover of Life magazine**