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## ANTI-RDA LEADER THANKS ZANDER

### Mannion's 1st IFF Meeting Is A Big Hit; Sunnyvale Council Winner Hamilton There!

Reported by Marv Rudin

Saying "I owe a lot to Zander", gesturing toward Libertarian Party activist and Activities Chair Zander Collier, in the room to her right, Loraine Wallace-Rowe, speaker and head of CRR (Coalition for RDA Reform) opened her talk at the inaugural meeting of organizer Joel Mannion's Inspiring Freedom Forum series. "When Zander saw me wanting to stop San Jose from implementing their downtown redevelopment plan in the St. James Park area (where she said her Victorian home is and many friends live), he encouraged me to 'get to the streets'. I said 'I'm a personal injury attorney. I've never done anything political like this and wouldn't know how.' But shortly thereafter, there I was with a bull horn and 200 people protesting in front of city hall."



Joel Mannion - 1st IFF meeting was a success

The Libertarians attending were entranced by Wallace-Rowe's fascinating and lucid style in presenting a subject of great interest to local libertarians - a threat by government to force local people from their very homes, hit home with those present, which included recent Sunnyvale City Council winner, Melinda Hamilton, who gained fame as founder and leader of the "Friends of Sunnyvale" organization that had fought the RDA plan for downtown Sunnyvale and achieving significant concessions by the city.

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Wallace-Rowe told of the great publicity her group of St. James property owners gained when they posted signs on their property saying "NOT FOR SALE BY OWNER. CALL RDA TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY TO TAKE," and how the illegal act by a city bureaucrat directing city employees to remove the signs became an embarrassment to the city as it was clear grounds for a harassment suit. She said a tenant on one of the properties was a witness that city employees took signs off private property. When the RDA asked the city to have the signs restored, the San Jose Mercury News got pictures of the city putting back the signs that got national



CRR head Loraine Wallace-Rowe was a big hit

media coverage, and the SJMN came out with an editorial in favor of the St. James property owners and against the RDA taking their property by eminent domain. She said the city then decided they wouldn't take the property. This all happened between March and August 28th 2001, when the vote was taken.



Sunnyvale council winner Hamilton

Summarizing her first foray into local politics, Wallace-Rowe said "We won the battle, but not the war." "What we had encountered was part of a much larger RDA program, in which the Tropicana campaign

was going on." She described the struggle of Dennis Fong and the other owners of the Tropicana Shopping Center to hold on to their property, which the RDA had made part of a "Developers Disposition Agreement" - DDA - which granted Blake Hunt, a Walnut Creek developer, the sole right to develop the property and promised a \$50 Million subsidy to 'redevelop the property.' The owners and merchants were not willing to give up their properties and asked the former sites people to join with them in

### ANNOUNCING OUR NEXT INSPIRING FREEDOM MEETING...

**On February 12, 2004, (Lincoln's birthday), the Inspiring Freedom Forum is proud to announce that "Americans for Safe Access" will provide a representative who will talk about that group's action-oriented, grass roots campaign to change the unjust laws that prevent patients from accessing medical marijuana. This event will be in conjunction with the ASA's "Medical Marijuana Awareness Week" which starts on February 15, 2004.**

**The IFF will meet at Coco's Restaurant in Sunnyvale, at the intersection of Oakmead Parkway and Lawrence expressway. Dinner is at 7 PM, and the talk will start at 8 PM.**

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# LP ELECTION CANDIDATES - SIX MAKE BALLOT

## Despite Campaign Chair Umphress' Big Petitioning Mailer Effort To Save Filing Fees Five Candidates Didn't Manage To Make Ballot

Reported by Marv Rudin

Campaign Chair Dennis Umphress reported that 6 of the initial list of 11 candidate applicants with at least some of their districts in Santa Clara County made it all the way through the process of petitioning, paying filing fees, or both - to appear on the 2004 primary ballots. Of these six, two - John Webster and Mike Laursen - are running for the same office, SD13, and are scheduled for a runoff on Libertarian primary ballots in March.

The six candidates who will be on the ballot are:

- U.S. Congressional District 14: Brian Holtz
- U.S. Congressional District 16: Markus Welch
- CA Senate District 11: Allen Rice
- CA Senate District 13: John Webster & Mike Laursen
- CA Assembly District 24: Zander Collier

The candidates dropping out were:

CD 15 Steve Taylor, AD 22 Jason L. Buberel, AD 23 Gary Molle, AD 27 Shane Hill, and AD 28 Ward Valentine.

Taylor, Molle, and Valentine were lost because they didn't get the mandatory 40 nominating signatures. Valentine of Salinas said he started too late and got just 6 petition signatures, Taylor collected 39, and Molle, 23..

With funding of up to \$5500 authorized by vote of the LPSCC Excom, Umphress offered all aspiring candidates who applied, petitioning solicitation mailer support and filing fee subsidies if signed in lieu petitions from the mailer or direct petitioning by candidates were insufficient to cover the fees. The mailer to all registered Libertarians mailer asked them to download petitions from a web site and sign and mail them to the party. The mailer, which was sent out in September cost the LPSCC \$1945.60 5335 cards to all registered Libertarians cost an average \$0.35 per card and yielded 211 signed petitions. Whether there was any net

saving versus using the \$1945 to subsidize filing fees is not apparent because nearly half the candidates did not complete the filing process, rendering their petitions signed useless as far as saving filing fees is concerned.

The final cost for subsidizing filing fees only was summarized by Umphress as follows:

"CD16 \$422.85

AD24 \$356.40

CD16 & AD24 numbers represent that we are liable for the entire filing fee. CD16 has told me he will only ask for half, and pay the other half himself. Total filing fee support is \$845.69 Total LPSCC liability for filing fees has dropped from \$2,099.37 to \$779.25."

Summary of total cost (from LPSCC general funds):

"filing fees:	\$779.25
petitions solicitation mailing:	\$1,945.60
dedicated (to petition campaign) donations:	-\$260.00
Total from general funds:	\$2,464.85" ■



John Webster



Mike Laursen



Dennis Umphress



Brian Holtz



Markus Welch



Zander Collier



Allen Rice

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fighting this unjust taking. "During the fight, we all attended many meetings where we found that they treated the Tropicana property as if it was already owned by them. During that time, we also learned that other cities such as Long Beach and many cities in the Bay Area used the same consultants and architectural firms to help take over properties from their owners." When the Tropicana owners resisted, the RDA went to court in November 2003. Judge Gregory Ward bifurcated the trial, ruling first on the owners' defense that the Resolution of Necessity was a "gross abuse of discretion" and that the taking of the PAD building was "arbitrary and capricious", this left other issues for the city to prove. But, she said "The city had lost on the issue it most likely to win," and so although Mayor Gonzales said they'd appeal, the next day it- the city - dropped the case after forcing the owners to spend over \$1.3 million in legal fees to retain their properties.

Wallace-Rowe told of other San Jose abuses like a family that had owned and operated a business on a property since 1859 that was displaced. And she explained the process of financing that fuels RDA's — "Tax Increment Financing," which allocates to the RDA project any additional taxes above pre-project taxes that the new development area yields. This entices politicians to want bigger and newer structures on a property that would yield higher taxes. She said the RDA can always find an area "blighted" and gave as an example the "Golden Triangle Campus" area in San Jose, which previously had been pear orchards, saying they needed only to show that "some pear trees had blight." "A property in the Golden Triangle selling for \$7.3 million per acre is blighted," she said to point out how unreasonable the process can be and pointed out that "the S.J. RDA started in '56, and has never closed a project," to emphasize that it has become a continuous inexorable process and will continue to be if it's not stopped. "Using California's RDA law cities can issue bonds with out a vote of the people. They don't need a reason. To exist they must be in debt to get the tax money" ( apparently after all its projects are paid off, an RDA would be dissolved). She said the state RDA money and policies are controlled by a lobby group, the California RDA Association.

Returning to the specifics of San Jose's big RDA's program, Wallace-Rowe described the process they had initiated to displace home owners - SNI, "the "Strong Neighborhoods Initiative." To sell it they featured adding trees, fixing potholes, and establishing

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## EXCOM VOTES \$1500 MORE FOR CANDIDATE FILING FEES IF NEEDED

### Dues Forwarding From National LP Still In Arrears; New Excom Meeting Site; Hacker New Website Manager As Dehn Phases Out

By Marv Rudin based on minutes by Mike Laursen

On November 1st, the LPSCC Excom met for the last time for some time to come at the Rosegarden Library, San Jose for its regular monthly meeting. A significantly larger financial commitment was made to the candidate petitioning support program to cover filing fees that may be needed for a shortfall in signed petitions for some candidates, while LPSCC payment of its share of dues and donations flowing into the national LP was reported to be in arrears. Local politics concerning Measure D (El Camino Hospital District Bonds) and why the Palo Alto Daily News sides with our position were discussed. The LPSCC and LPC web site management, which has become a problem with Joe Dehn phasing out his long time management of them were discussed. Two teen age visitors wanting help in lobbying to legalize medical marijuana were interviewed.

**Measure D:** Mark Hinkle reported on Measure D, the El Camino Hospital Bond measure: Gary Wesley and Allen Hacker sat for the editorial board of the Palo Alto Daily News. After the interview, Dave Price of the Daily News wrote an editorial endorsing No on D, primarily because El Camino Hospital will not give the Daily News information about their staff salary expenditures. The Daily News is concerned with Freedom of Information and has pursued public agencies which refuse to disclose information. The San Jose Mercury News has contributed several thousand dollars to the Daily News to assist in the Daily News' Freedom of Information pursuits. Several Libertarians have submitted editorials to the Daily News in support of the Daily News' No on D editorial. Gary Wesley will possibly be distributing copies of the Daily News editorial to selected voters' homes. He is considering leaving a copy of the editorial at any home he sees with a lawn sign or other political advertisement of any kind.

**Financial:** Jon Hugdahl reported that the Libertarian Party of California is about 3 months behind on sending the LPSCC its share of membership dues.

**Fund Raising Need From Campaign Commitments:** Dennis Umphress reported that campaign liabilities related to Petition in Lieu of Filing Fees will consume approximately 25% of the current treasury. The current maximum liability, with the current number of collected signatures and if all eligible candidates are reimbursed, is just under \$4000. Ray Strong emphasized the need for fund raising in relation to this program.

**Web Site Management:** Allen Hacker reported that he had not yet completed taking over control of the LPSCC website from Joe Dehn. Ray Strong listed the top 3 urgent tasks for our website: (1) an up-to-date listing of upcoming meeting times and locations, (2) notice of the January LPSCC Convention, (3) posting of Measure A (Oak Grove) ballot arguments. Ray Strong reported that the LPSCC should be billed for the website hosting, but Jon Hugdahl reported that the LPSCC-EC has not yet received a bill or paid any money. Mark Hinkle reported that the Libertarian Party of California will be managing their own website.

**Candidate Petition Signatures Support:** Dennis Umphress reported that 211 signatures have come in through the mail. He MOVED that: The LPSCC-EC authorize an additional \$1500 for campaigns budget specifically to be used for Petitions in Lieu of Filing Fee and related mailings already done. The motion PASSED.

**Future Excom Meeting Site:** Dennis Umphress reported that the December (12/6) and January (1/3) regular monthly Executive Committee meetings will be held at:

School of Choice

3800 Blackford Ave.

Saratoga, CA 95117

(see <http://www.schoolofchoice.com/enrichment/map.shtml>)

**Next JSA Convention in SC County:** Jon Hugdahl reported that the next Junior State of America (JSA) event will be at the Santa Clara Marriott on November 22nd, 2003. Jon will work with Lawrence Samuels to organize LPSCC participation.

**Non-Libertarian Guests Introduced:** Allen Ai and John Cantalupi introduced themselves. They are students at Bellarmine Preparatory School. To fulfill an academic requirement, they want to participate in lobbying in favor of medical marijuana. The LPSCC-EC discussed possible ways that they can engage in lobbying and assistance the LPSCC could lend. The Committee discussed the possibility of their helping at the upcoming JSA event and the possibility of their becoming registered lobbyists.

Allen Hacker gave some additional information about his No on Measure D efforts.

# LP AGAIN POPULAR WITH TEENS AT NORCAL JSA FAIRE AT SC MARRIOTT

## Libertarian Presidential Candidate Gary Nolan Holds Q & A Session!

Reported by Marv Rudin



JSA

Umphress, Allen Hacker, Scott Lieberman, Ray Strong,



Gary Nolan with SCL reporter prior to Q&A session

Samuels had arranged 3 contiguous LP tables with handouts and 10 reps to answer questions. The tables and overall Libertarian presence apparently was so popular that LPSCC Vice Chair Allen Hacker reported "The young man who puts the conference together told me that we're the biggest draw at the thing and that next year we can have all the space we want, any style of setup we want. We were mobbed for most of the time, and some spirited debates went on around the edges."

As usual the event yielded inquiries for more information. Zander Collier volunteered to organize, analyze and distribute contact information to the regions from which participants who gave the information came. Collier reported what he called "the most comprehensive report on the data we've collected from JSA," saying about his endeavors:

"Here's a list giving the statistics on test-takers who left contact information:

- 11 tests from Alameda County
- 3 tests from Contra Costa County
- 1 test from Merced County
- 1 test from Placer County

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On November 22nd Organizer LPC Northern Vice-Chair Lawrence Samuels and reps recruiter for the LPSCC, Jon Hugdahl, again put together a successful set of Libertarian indoctrination tables and arranged Libertarian speakers at the Northern California Junior States of America Fall State Conference which attracts over 1000 politically interested teens from all over Northern California, Nevada, and Utah.

Billed by Hugdahl as "the most fun you will ever have as a Libertarian, guaranteed" in soliciting volunteers, 10 party reps were present to answer questions and hand out literature provide by perennial organizer, Samuels of Monterey. Travis Griffiths from Pacific Grove who is 2nd vice chair of the LP of Monterey County came with Samuels and brought the handout materials and OPH setup; and eight repped from the LP of Santa Clara County: Roger Ver, Zander Collier, Mark Hinkle, Dennis and Hugdahl, all but two of which being LPSCC Excom members. Ver appeared with members of other political parties on a forum about the issue of abortion. And, learning from the JSA headquarters staff that the theme of this year's JSA was "The Presidency," Samuels managed to arrange for LP U.S. presidential nomination hopeful Gary Nolan to appear. Nolan, with assistance from his Campaign Manager, former national LP Chair and Executive Director held a Q & A session in a meeting room adjoining the large exhibits room where



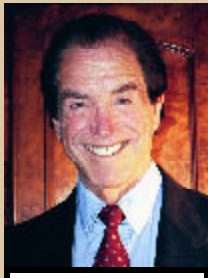
Jon Hugdahl recruits needed LPSCC reps



Ray Strong shows teens where they are on OPH quiz



Full room of JSA teens hear Dasbach add to Nolan's comments on tough question



Marv Rudin  
Publicity Chair

# STATUS OF PUBLICITY PROJECTS

by Marv Rudin, Publicity Chair

Unfortunately, my LP activities time constraint still makes me the prime bottleneck in moving these projects along. But I'll keep plugging and hopefully some of you will have mercy and offer some help :-)) See October 2003 SCL, pg. 4 for fuller descriptions of these most time and cost effective party publicizing vehicles I could come up with, aside from the Libertarian Alternative cable access tapes being handled for us by Mark Selzer.

## Vehicle Signs

Using UV-tolerant inks to print and offer signs to you members, including your own sign ideas, hasn't begun yet because it requires injection into empty ink jet cartridges, and I haven't yet had time to develop a capability to do it. Hopefully in January...

## \$Bill Ad Messages

Mike Laursen has printed and passed out 50 bills, and I've done 19 as of this writing. Only 2 hits have occurred to date, both shortly after Mike's first 7 bills were put into circulation. Whether hits are produced or not it's an extremely cost effective way to advertise the party. I haven't had time yet to get my printer program and ink-jet printer bill-holder set up again before printing more with varying messages. Should be in production in January. Just three members have volunteered thus far to distribute the bills. Any others out there? It's just a simple matter of buying bills from me or Mike - dollar for dollar - and spending them normally..

## Radio Ads

Still haven't found time yet to shop small local radio stations for their lowest rates during off-prime time, nor to shop voice-over people to do a final polished version. The reader can check out the draft wording at <http://www.lpty.org/radioad1.txt>, and maybe suggest improvements. Will take time to record and polish. May have in April unless volunteer help can speed it up.

## LIFE Cards

If you, the reader is willing to pass them, I still have several thousand cards that the party printed for use during the Mt. View Energy Tax Initiative drive last year.

## Op Ed Articles

Current plan is still to push a yet to be final-composed version of the "Political Landscape Chart" (see online at <http://www.lpty.org/nolan.html>) as an op ed article that can be submitted by one of you Libertarians living in one of the small weekly community newspaper districts. But I still haven't found time to do it - hopefully in January 2004.

## Freedom Van

Hiram Pierce has graciously volunteered his RV as a test vehicle to try sign ideas where he travels around the county pursuing his artistic endeavors.. Details haven't yet been worked out for a proposal to the LPSCC Excom to fund the project, but hopeful this will occur by the end of January 2004. ■

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- 11 tests from Sacramento County
- 5 tests from Santa Clara County
- 8 tests from San Mateo County
- 4 tests from Solano County
- 2 tests from Sonoma County

3 tests didn't have enough contact information to send off to another county's LP. Just a name and an email address. That's a total of 49 contacts that I submitted to the National LP for follow-up contact. 87 were left blank by JSA attendees who took the test. 49 plus 87 is a total of 136 tests administered. 49 of 136 is 36% of test takers left some kind of contact information.

Each test that had enough contact information for county identification (all but three) has been sorted for sending to the various county LPs for them to contact. For those NorCal counties which do not have a local LP, I think we should send the info to Lawrence Samuels for follow-up, if any. For all others I'll place the forms in an envelope with a copy of this report and another small note about the JSA

and what we NorCal LP attendees do there and mail to the test-takers' regions. And I'll bring the 5 Santa Clara contacts to the next ExCom meeting."

### LP PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE GARY NOLAN APPEARS

Accompanied by his campaign manager, former national LP Chair and Executive Director Steve Dasbach, talk show host Gary Nolan, an aspirant for the 2004 LP presidential nomination, held a Q and A session with a lecture room full of young people attending the Fall Northern California JSA Convention at the Marriott Hotel in Santa Clara Saturday, November 13th.

The politically savvy teenagers raised a number of difficult issues for a Libertarian candidate, from campaign reform, IRV, and open borders to World War II, corporations exporting jobs, to unions. In the main Nolan handled most of them well, but where he was uncomfortable or faltered a bit, Dasbach, with far more experience representing Libertarian principles, picked him up nicely for an excellent team effort. Here are some of their questions and the answers given:

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# NEWS BRIEFS ON TOPICS OF LOCAL LP INTEREST

Reported By Marv Rudin

## ■ GOODRICH OFFERS LPSCC MEMBERS BARGAIN PRICE ON CLASSIC LP BOOK BY HOSPERS

LPSCC member Gil Goodrich reports he is working on acquiring some number, probably a few dozen, copies of John Hospers' book from 1972, "Libertarianism, A Political Philosophy for the Future". He said "It has been out of print for years, and is fairly hard to come by on used book websites; usually costing \$30 and up. Would there be any demand for some of these on the part of members of the Libertarian Party of Santa Clara? I think I could make them available at about \$15. Most people under 40 have probably never seen it."

## ■ LAURSEN REPORTS SUNNYVALE REDEVELOPMENT CONTINUING WITHOUT OWNER AGREEMENT

"Sunnyvale city officials are moving forward with redevelopment plans for the downtown area even though major property owners at the now-closed Sunnyvale Town Center have yet to agree to the plans."

## COMING EVENTS...

**Central Committee Meetings:** Next on January 8th (Annual Convention - see pg. 3)

**Executive Committee Meetings:** Normally 1st Saturday of month, 10:00am  
Next ones at School of Choice, Dec. 6th & Jan. 3rd  
Located at 3800 Blackford Ave., San Jose, CA. 95117

**Speakers Meetings:** 2nd Thursday in months without central committee meeting  
Meeting Room, Cocos Restaurant, Sunnyvale (Oakmead Parkway & Lawrence Expressway)  
Next is IFF meeting: *Thursday 12 Feb.* 7pm for dinner, meeting at 8pm (see announcement pg. 1)

## WORK FOR THE GOVERNMENT. EARN \$\$\$ FOR THE LPSCC

Santa Clara County is always looking for poll workers. You get a front row seat at the elections and \$85 to \$115 per day, which you can choose to have paid to the Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County. The county also pays for the use of garages and other spaces as polling places.

Call 408-299-POLL or see page 14 of your October 7th Sample Ballot, or click on <http://www.sccvote.org/site/0,4760,sid=12973,00.html> to read SC County Registrar of Voters' "Poll Workers Needed" information page on the web.

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What do you think of IRV (Instant Runoff Voting)? Nolan said it would be a boon to Libertarian candidates like himself because people could vote their real preference first and their lesser of two evils choice second, thereby allowing the true preference of many voters for Libertarianism to be known

What's Your Position On Campaign Reform? Nolan explained that because the LP doesn't have large numbers registered and is perceived as not able to win yet, it's difficult to get large numbers of small donors. So the so called campaign reforms that are supposed to help challengers actually inure to the benefit of incumbents, who are known by more people and can therefore attract a large number of small donors. The campaign reform law prevents a few large donors from sponsoring a third party candidate like himself to allow them to become better known so they might attract broader support.

Why Did You Decide To Run? "I didn't like the direction I've seen the country heading and I wanted to do something to change it. Running for president as a Libertarian would give me the opportunity to take advantage of my ability as

a talk show host to reach a national audience with a message the country needs to hear - the Libertarian message."

What Do You think About Antitrust Laws? "I think a distinction should be made between an 'earned monopoly' such as was achieved by Bill Gates and one from acquiring competitors such as Rockefeller did. But even Rockefeller wasn't able drive prices way up. In fact oil dropped in price during his time."

Should America Have Entered World War II? "Yes, because there was concern that the Nazis would take England, then its colony, Canada. Dasbach then jumped in on this questionable response to point out that the U.S.'s Hawaiian Islands were attacked, so it had no choice but to go to war, and the Japanese and Germans had a pact to ally with one another.

The Libertarians Want Open Borders - Why? "Most immigrants come here to work on jobs that most Americans don't want, and not for welfare."

# PUBLICITY IN MEDIA

## HACKER INTERVIEWED BY MTN VIEW VOICE

Reported by Marv Rudin

After the passing of Measure D on Nov. 4th, Allen Hacker, who has become a spokesman for the LPSCC in the minds of the Mountain View Voice editors was interviewed by their reporter, Candace Shih, for the opposition's reaction to losing.



Allen Hacker

He reports "I told her that we were just a bit too-little too-late on the Measure D campaign, that our biggest mistake was mine in that I did not make a contingency plan to get someone to the League of Women Voters discussion at the hospital last month, where it was supposed to be me but I had no one on standby when it turned out I couldn't make it. My position was that we had let the measure appear to be substantially unopposed until too late in the game."

## LP SHOWS WILL BEGIN SHOWING ON KMVT ON JAN 1!

Selzer's "Libertarian Alternative" Will Show On KMVT Every Thursday; Need Sponsors in S.J. & P.A.

Reported by Marv Rudin, Editor & Publicity Chair

Starting last September LP cable TV show producer and host Mark Selzer has thus far been arranging for his "Libertarian Alternative" shows to be on San Jose (Comcast cable TV, Channel 15), Mountain View's KMVT, and Palo Alto cable access. But to actually get them on regularly in San Jose and Palo Alto he needs help from you LP residents.

**SAN JOSE:** A tape of LP gubernatorial candidate Ned Roscoe showed twice in San Jose - October 4 (Friday) at 5:30 PM and October 5th (Saturday) at 9:30 PM - says Selzer. Did any of you readers happen to see one of them? Selzer



Mark Selzer

### Santa Clara Libertarian Schedule of Publication

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(2) All 1998 to 2003 monthly issues are online at <http://www.lpty.org/scnews/>

said he sent Comcast S.J. 2 new tapes in November, this time of the non-campaign variety and he encountered a problem. Those tapes are on a waiting list because November 2003 was not considered political election campaign time by Comcast. Obviously exactly what is campaign time is hard to define today when old party candidates seem to be campaigning constantly. Selzer said, "I told Comcast that the old parties are already campaigning, so now is an election campaign period."

**MOUNTAIN VIEW:** Mountain View's KMVT cable TV channel has 4 tapes of Libertarian Alternative shows scheduled to start in January. They will be on Thursdays at 5:30 pm. If you live in Mt. View and watch them, please email or call me with your opinion of the shows - how well do you think they promote libertarianism and the LP? Selzer said he intends to eventually have 10 of his tapes at KMVT.

**PALO ALTO:** Selzer's been working on getting shows on Palo Alto's cable access channel, which along with those of several surrounding cities is controlled by The Midpeninsula Community Media Center. Selzer said Palo Alto hasn't received any tapes yet, but he's about to send 2 to them. He said they require a Palo Alto resident to sponsor their showing

**THE PROGRAM:** Overall Selzer has done 150 shows of which, he says, 80 are good enough and current enough for future use across the state. He said he does 2 to 6 new shows per month with co-host Dusti Taylor, or sometimes another of several other attractive women he has on tap to help him host the shows. As the 2004 campaigns start to heat up Selzer said he plans to do Libertarian Alternative sessions with all the LP presidential hopefuls, who he said currently are Nolan, Russo, Badnarik, and Cleveland.



## "LIBERTARIAN" OMITTED FROM TROPICANA SUCCESS STORY SAYS OPITZ

On this story in SJMN: "Tropicana merchants, landowners stood tall by Rodney Foo. Never had the powerful agency been dealt such a stunning defeat. The debacle will cost the agency millions in damages and fees. But more than the money, the city's surrender sends another lesson, said Dana Berliner of the Institute for Justice, a non-profit public-interest law firm. "This should tell other property owners facing eminent domain that you can fight and win," she said."

About which Johann Opitz opined: "Apparently the libertarian Institute for Justice was involved in defending private property from big government theft but the San Jose Murky Snooze couldn't find "libertarian" in their acceptable political words list.

## SAN MATEO WISELY WAITED FOR VOTER-VERIFIABLE VOTING SYSTEMS

Agreeing with LPSCC members Hugdahl, Hacker, Collier, and Carling about the dangers of electronic voting machines, C. Schmidt of LP-San Mateo said: "Knowing that a voter-verified paper trail would be desirable—and possibly required by law in the near future—our county put off buying electronic machines until vendors developed them. If your county ignored these considerations, and rushed into a purchase prematurely, that's bad management on their part. Hacker said he wants our party to sponsor a boycott of electronic voting by simply advising everyone to use absentee ballots.

## LIFE CARDS TRIGGERED FAMILY DISCUSSION ON LIBERTARIANISM

Marv, I was rereading some of your writing from the first half of 1999, the period when the free LIFE cards went out to all newsletter recipients. During the 1999 Memorial Day weekend, I saw three of my adult relatives at a family reunion. I pursued their taking the LIFE card (Nolan) quiz, and the associated discussion took two hours.

Frederick Levins

## UMPHRESS PRAISES CANDIDATES WHO PERSONALLY GOT QUOTA OF PETITION SIGNATURES

Congratulations to our candidates who have enough signatures to avoid paying any filing fee: CD14 Brian Holtz, SD11 Allen Rice, and SD13 John Webster. An extra pat on the back goes to John Webster for his collecting over 100 signatures for his fellow candidates. 150 signatures are needed by each candidate for them to avoid any filing fee. Any number short of 150 must be made up for with dollars. Each signature saves between \$6.60 and \$20.00 for the candidate, depending on the office sought.

## HACKER ENVISIONS PERSUASIVE FUTURE BOND ARGUMENT

In response to Allen Hacker's clever tactic for arguing against future bond measures your editor said:

"Damn good anti bond fund raising message argument you propose, Allen: 'Near the top of our priorities should be the development of fundraising arguments, such as, Pay \$50 one-time now to help beat this thing, or pay \$50 a year for 40 years if it loses! (Spend \$50 to save \$2000!)' Now all that's needed is a way to get as many as 20,000 people to put up the \$50 average amount = \$1,000,000 (to net \$500,000) to match the special interest El Camino Hospital Group's ad money. Full bore anti-bond campaigns can be glamorous and absorb every willing LP volunteer. But will they grow LP registrations significantly? I don't think so. But that doesn't mean we should stop writing anti bond/tax arguments, which is an extremely time/cost effective means of getting known, while doing good politically."

To which Hacker responded: "Marv, of course you are right. We aren't really going to grow the party significantly on the back of any single campaign, and we need to focus on growth first, effectiveness later. And efficiency now. So, in light of Dennis' comment that I would probably not have been allowed to speak at the LWV event, I'll stop beating myself. And as Zander told me, Hey, we got 30% (of the votes) without spending money or a lot of time. So you're right about the ballot arguments, they do a great job for little cost and effort."

## SYMPATHY FOR UMPHRESS ON ENDING UP WITH JUST 6 CANDIDATES FOR 5 OF 14 OFFICES

Umpress reported "We have 14 partisan races that are entirely or partly in Santa Clara County. While I had hoped to recruit candidates for all 14 races, I had candidates for 11 offices at one time. We had several candidates drop out of their races and I was unable to find replacements in time for them to collect the 40 nominating signatures that are required as a minimum.

To which Treasurer Jon Hugdahl said: "Dennis: Look to your LP activists, like the EC. NOT! They would rather spend other people's money than to spend an hour or so themselves. They voted for your budget increase but did not answer your call for help. So don't get too bummed out about the registered LP or LP members. There is plenty of apathy to go around."

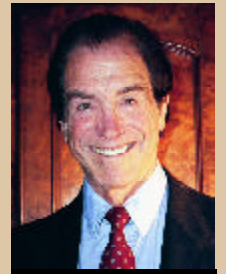
And Vice Chair Allen Hacker said: "Dennis, Perhaps we are expecting more from our members than the other parties do? When I was on the Clark County (Las Vegas Nevada) Central Committee, managing 1/4th of our entire campaign effort, I never saw a group larger than 10 people on any project. With 300 people on the CC and over 50,000 registered Republicans."

## LPC VICE-CHAIR SELZER LIKES SC LIBERTARIAN NEWSLETTER

"Marv, please send me your printed newsletters. If you have an e-mail list for the newsletter when not printed please put me on that as well. By the way looks like you are doing a great job on the newsletters."

# OPINIONS

*Share your thoughts on making our party successful and advancing the individual freedom with responsibility movement*



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