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## DISAPPOINTING 3RD Qtr MEETING Unexpected Problems Hit Planned Big Oct. 20 CC Banquet

by Marv Rudin

Planned and billed as a big multi-speaker LPSCC Central Committee Meeting to end all such meetings - one that might attract media coverage and so assigned to the Publicity Chair - the October 20th meeting at Original Joes encountered multiple disappointments and disintegrated into a small two table noisy restaurant dinner discussion.

Ostensibly, the biggest disappointment was losing the use of the private banquet room. Nearly on the eve of the event, organizer Zander Collier learned that his reservation for the San Jose Original Joe's banquet room had not been honored. As soon as he learned this shocking news he reported it to the Excom, saying:



Furman, Collier, Srong, and Umphress  
dine at nearby Original Joe's booth



Hiram Pierce (partly hidden) and Gary Molle  
(with cap) chat with 4 newcomers and Rako,  
Inks, Rotunno, Alissa Strong (5 not in view)

"I called Original Joe's to confirm everything and set out the agenda. I've got good news and bad news. Bad News first. Apparently there was a mix-up at Original Joe's. October 20th. While we thought it was confirmed, it went to another dinner party. I don't know how or why, but we lost it. A mix-up in communication."

He then said we also would have been derelict in getting in guests' dinner selections, had we been booked, and went on to describe the good news by suggesting the best fix he was able to come up with under the circumstances:

"We have the room, and the same agenda, for Sunday, October 21. I

will have to sit outside of Original Joe's on the 20th with a sign and tell people who are arriving for the meeting on Saturday that there was a mix-up and the meeting is on the next night, Sunday."

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## MEASURE E PASSES

by Marv Rudin

Another disappointment was encountered this month when Libertarian arguments against - the Orchard School District Bonds - fell on blind eyes as voters passed it overwhelmingly. On Nov. 7th the San Jose Mercury News reported:

"With all precincts reporting, a bond that would allow the North San Jose school district to purchase land and build classrooms for new students was approved by better than a 2-1 ratio.

At the same time, voters embraced two school board candidates running on a reformist slate — technical support manager Ken Riley and customer support representative Terri L. Weeman — while returning incumbent Alan Fong, a businessman, to one of the three open Orchard seats."

This result occurred even though the Mercury News, which usually comes down on the side of bond initiatives, recommended a NO vote on Measure E

This defeat exemplifies the mountain Libertarians and other anti-tax organizations have to climb to even slow government spending. Substantial money was spent to persuade voters to pass Measure E, while none was spent against it. The same article in the SJMN reported:

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# NINE CANDIDATES QUALIFY FOR 2002 BALLOT

## Four From LPSCC And Nine Total Will Run For Partisan Offices In 2002 SCC Elections

by Marv Rudin

The most LPSCC activity by far in October was devoted to final recruiting of candidates for partisan offices and funding, designing, preparing and mailing petition signature request mailers to help the candidates qualify for the ballot without the huge task of personally visiting registered Libertarians to request their signatures.

The recruiting resulted in LPSCC candidates (shown shown underlined in blue on table at right) lined up for 3 offices out of 5 available for districts having most of their voters in Santa Clara County, and 1 candidate - Elizabeth Brierly - running for board of equalization district 1, which is huge, covering the California coast from San Luis Obispo north, including the full Bay Area, and containing 8+ million people - 1/4 of California's population.

The signed petitions response to the mailer for some districts of our county was a disappointment, falling substantially short of what was needed and expected based on previous petition mailer results here and in the San Diego and San Mateo regions.

office	candidate	# mail sigs	other sigs	other county	# req	% in scc	\$ needed
BE 1	<u>ELIZABETH BRIERLY</u>	86	29	47	150	*	None
SD 10	ERVAN DARNELL	15	155		150	*	None
CD 11	Craig White	0	0	0	148	9%	131
CD 14	ANDREW CARVER	89		86	150	*	None
CD 15	<u>JEFF LANDAUER</u>	95	11		150	100%	<u>459</u>
CD 16	<u>DENNIS UMPHRESS</u>	45	60		150	100%	<u>410</u>
AD 20	KEITH LYON	8	151		94	*	None
AD 21	RAYMOND BELL	48	27	69	117	*	None
AD 22	<u>KENNITA WATSON</u>	82	11		117	100%	<u>296</u>
AD 24	<u>ZANDER COLLIER</u>	0	10		117	100%	<u>658</u>
AD 27	GORDON SACTJEN	8	150		117	*	None

## Five Libertarians From Adjoining LP Regions Running In Districts with a portion in SCC Makes Total Of Nine Libertarians to be on some or all of SCC Ballots

Assuming they get their petitions signed or in lieu fees in on time, LPSCC members running for office will be Brierly for Board of Equalization, Jeff Landauer (15th District) and Dennis Umphress (16th District) for U.S. Congress, and Kennita Watson (22nd District) for state Assembly. Non LPSCC Libertarians running will be Andrew Carver (14th District) for U.S. Congress, Ervan Darnell (10th District) for state Senate, and Keith Lyon (District 20), Ray Bell (District 21), and Gordon Sachtjen (District 27) for state Assembly

## Petition Signature Request Mailer Takes Big Effort; But Results Are Short Of Expectation

The important prerequisites to the 2002 election campaign - candidate recruiting and petition mailer - were organized and managed by Chair Ray Strong and Vice Chair Joe Dehn with major help from several people - Fund Raising Chair Frank Groffie, who created the solicitation letter and organized bulk mail prep (a daunting task), ex Newsletter Chair Jascha Lee, who printed them (another big task), Secretary Dennis Umphress, who designed and got approval for a one page petition (unfortunately too late for this mailer), and Larry Felber, who helped collect and submit candidate petitions. It is not altogether surprising that the Chair and his lieutenant, the Vice Chair would take this on, not only because it's an important function of a political party, but because



The petition mailer gang, with dynamic duo Travis Jones and Zander Collier seated in foreground



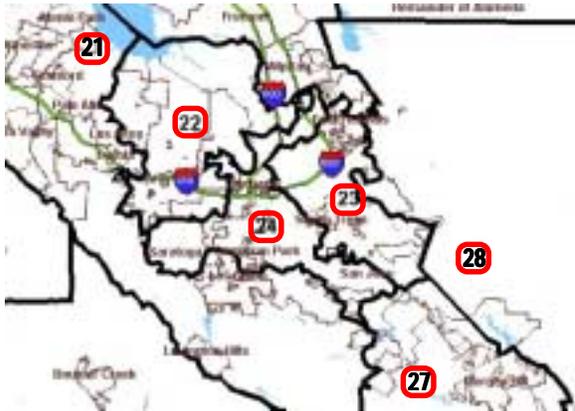
Petition mailer gang, with Tom Parks (back to camera), Theron Pogue, Kennita Watson, Jeff Landauer in foreground

Chair Ray Strong, who as campaign Chair for the past 3 years became very conversant with the latest election requirements (excepting the wild card posed by the recent redistricting by the state). But surprisingly the current Campaign Chair, to whom this function would normally fall, did little if anything to help, let alone lead the effort.

The preparation of the mailer was a huge task requiring many volunteers, not only to fold and insert the letter into envelopes, but also to segregate each



**U.S. Congressional Districts**  
all or partially in SCC  
(SCC outlined in red)



**CA Assembly Districts all or partially in SCC -**  
district numbers encircled in red



**CA Senate Districts all or partially**  
in SCC. Elections are for 4 years  
with half each 2 years; just one  
SCC district, 10, is up this year.

candidate's petitions to correspond to the applicable district for his candidacy. Half of the October Excom meeting time was truncated to allow time for prepping the petition mailers. Performing the task were the following candidates, Excom members, or volunteers: Ray Strong, Joe Dehn, Dennis Umphress, Jon Hugdahl, Zander Collier, Frank Groffie, John Webster, Mark Hinkle, Travis Jones, Larry Felber, Jeff Landauer, Jascha Lee (who delivered the letters, which he printed), Tom Parks, Kennita Watson, Elizabeth Brierly, Theron Pogue and Gordon Sachtjen.

Candidate fees may be needed because of disappointing mailer response. The mailer was for gathering signatures typically worth between \$8 and \$10 each to save candidates the more arduous conventional method of calling and visiting registered Libertarians willing to sign their petitions. The latter process also sometimes got new registrations from housemates and dues paying membership applications. The mailer also attempted to do the latter plus it asked for donations. At press time (mid Nov.) the estimated results of the petition mailer and mailers by other counties plus direct petitioning, and the shortfall that must be made up by payment of a specific amount that differs for different offices, are given by the table on page 2. The right column shows the dollar amounts needed. Four out of the 5 LPSCC candidates (shown underlined in blue) have shortfalls, no doubt because they were relying on the mailer process. Brierly's district is so large that the 150 signatures could be acquired in other counties. Zander Collier is shown in the table as a 5th LPSCC candidate but he will not run because of the \$658 needed. ■



**Bd of Eq**  
**District 1**

# Dont forget: LPSCC Annual Convention

**Date:** Thursday, January 10, 2002

**Time:** 6pm No-host Cocktails; 6:30pm (sharp) Dinner; 7:15pm sharp until 9:15pm – Convention Business

**Location:** Hong Fu Restaurant 20588 Stevens Creek Blvd  
Cupertino, CA

**Cost:** Until January 8, 2002 \$20 per person; after January 8, 2002 \$25 per person

We request that you attend the dinner so we make our guaranteed number of diners. If you can not arrive until after 7pm, then we request (but do not require) a \$5 donation to help cover our costs. Menu (subject to minor changes):

Hot and Sour Soup, Egg Roll and Spareribs  
Family style: Vegetable Deluxe, Lemon Chicken, Mongolian Beef, Beef with Oyster Sauce, Sweet and Sour Prawns, Prawns with Snow Peas, Fried Rice, Steamed Rice, Fortune Cookies.

Make your check out to "Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County"  
and mail it to: Libertarian Party c/o Scott Lieberman 3200 Payne Ave, Apt 714 San Jose, CA 95117

## LIBERTARIAN LAUNCHES TAX SAVING INITIATIVE IN MT. VIEW Steve Prestrelski Challenges Increase In Energy Taxes As Part Of LPC's "Operation Energy Tax Revolt"



Steve Prestrelski launches tax revolt in Mt. View

In support of the "Operation Energy tax Revolt" program initiated by LPC Chair Aaron Starr, LPSCC member Steve Prestrelski submitted the following letter to the City Clerk, City of Mountain View in October:

Re: Initiative Measure to be Submitted to Voters

Dear City Clerk:

Please find enclosed an Initiative Measure, Notice of Intent to Circulate, and a check for the \$200 filing fee. Please transmit the initiative measure to the City Attorney for Title and Summary pursuant to Elections Code section 9203.

I am the proponent of the measure and am a registered voter within the City of Mountain View. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Steven J. Prestrelski  
1971 W. Middlefield Rd.  
Mountain View, California  
Notice of Intent to Circulate Petition

Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate the petition within the City of Mountain View for the purpose of lowering Utility User Taxes on Electricity. A statement of the reason of the proposed action as contemplated in the petition is as follows:

The statewide energy crisis has caused an increase in

## TRAVIS JONES IN SURPRISE RESIGNATION!

Perhaps the most active member of the LPSCC this year, Local Organizing Chairman Travis Jones, submitted his resignation at the beginning of October. He wrote to the Executive Committee:

"Dear LPSCC-EC,

I am sorry to be sending you this email. Due to other events in my life I am no longer able to commit time to holding an officer chair in LPSCC. I have really enjoyed the time as an officer and positive impact we have had on the community. I have thought about remaining on until the end of the term, but I feel that I would only be an OINO (officer in name only) unable to handle the commitments needed. Instead of letting things fall on the floor until January, I feel it is better to start looking for someone to replace me. I will assist in the search for a replacement and will try to honor my responsibilities until such a replacement is found.

Good Luck and God Bless, Travis Jones, Local Organizing Committee Chair "

energy costs to ratepayers. Because the City of Mountain View levies a tax on ratepayers equal to a percentage of these costs, escalating energy costs have resulted in excess energy tax revenue to the City of Mountain View. The Windfall Energy Tax Rebate Initiative seeks to return this windfall tax to ratepayers and to reduce and cap these taxes to pre-energy crisis levels."

Interviewed at press time, Steve said he'd had to withdraw and will resubmit the petition on Nov. 26th because of a typographical error in the original draft. He said 1000 signatures will be needed, and to be sure they're good that 1500 will need to be collected. He plans to gather a big force of Lpers and collect them all in one day as was done in Bellflower recently by Southern California Lpers led by the LPC Chair and Executive Director.

If it's clear to petition signers that the LP is doing the initiative, it could draw valuable publicity. In fact it already has. Prestrelski says he was interviewed by the Mountain View Voice paper, and the word "Libertarian" appeared 11 times. The article may be seen by clicking on [http://www.autelcorp.com/lpty/sclnews/2001oct/MV\\_energy\\_tax\\_revolt\\_kicks\\_off.htm](http://www.autelcorp.com/lpty/sclnews/2001oct/MV_energy_tax_revolt_kicks_off.htm).

Steve Prestrelski joined the LP in 1994, and became active for the first time with this Energy Tax Revolt Initiative when volunteers were sought for it by the LPC, which is making it easier for residents to do by supplying the legal work. Members to do the same in other cities are also being sought. ■



Travis Jones

While he may not be an officer anymore, he'll no doubt be supporting Libertarian causes and the party whenever he can. Thanks for your deeds to date Travis!

## LIBERTARIANS TO WALK FOR CAPITALISM 12/2

The Global Walk FOR Capitalism will occur in over 90 cities, including San Jose on Sunday December 2. Meet outside the Tech Museum of Innovation, 201 South Market, San Jose, CA 95113, on Sunday, December 2, 2001, at 12:00 noon. Help tell the world that capitalism is the only moral system of human relations. Activities planned are: 1. Short speeches extolling the virtues of capitalism: innovation, profit making and free trade, from an ethical perspective: 2. Presentation of the "John Galt Award" to the person who has offered the best and most emphatic defense of capitalism in public forums. 3. A 2.1 mile walk carrying signs in support of capitalism and American flags from the Tech Museum of Innovation to City Hall at 801 North 1st Street. 4. We will read our grievances aloud and affix them to the front door of City Hall. 5. A post walk party will be held at a local restaurant. Want to help? Local coordinator Logan Darrow, Founder, Silicon Valley Objectivists and Producer, FreeNation TV. Call him at 408-265-8286 or 408-888-3628 mobile phone with any questions or that you plan to attend, and include your e-mail, and phone number.

Kendra Okonski, the regional coordinator for the Walk for Capitalism in Washington, DC, said the event is an opportunity to showcase the strength of capitalism's supporters. "In recent years, a coalition of groups have been fairly successful in provoking an anti-capitalist mentality," she said. "But we believe that just as many people support capitalism and want to make their voices heard. "Supporters of capitalism live all around the world," said Okonski. "Even in non-capitalist societies, many people realize the capitalism is the only just economic system. LPSCC Chair Ray Strong says he will be there and asks you to "Please join Libertarian Candidates and supporters of liberty and the free market in the Walk for Capitalism on Sunday." For more information, visit [<http://www.walkforcapitalism.org>]. ■

# “AUDACITY” PROJECT WILL TRUMPET LP CANDIDATES AND PRINCIPLES ON LOCAL STREETS

## PUBLICITY

by Marv Rudin

One positive outcome of the October 20th dinner at Original Joe's in lieu of a full central committee meeting (see story page 1) is a new project dubbed Project Audacity by its creator Alan Folmsbee. At the dinner, newcomer Alan told his adjoining diner, Hiram Pierce that he owns a 1000 watt Public Address system that could be mounted and



Alan Folmsbee with mics in both hands demoing his system to reporter

powered on the back of a truck for political outreach. Hiram told him your reporter is highly interested in seeing more LPSCC outreach, and got us together out on the sidewalk after dinner to discuss it. I said his powerful audio system could be used to get attention, but we should have a visual message as well to make a lasting impact on the public. He agreed and the project was born. I agreed to manage the project and Alan volunteered to help.



The adjoining pictures show Alan with parts of his system at his Sunnyvale apartment, and a conceptual graphic of a rental moving van with Libertarian signs attached. The exact type of sign and the method of attachment need to be determined before we can make a trial run, hopefully during the Christmas shopping period someplace in the county where sidewalks are full. If the reader has suggestions please email or call me (rudin@lpty.org, 408-736-5626). We plan to have a driver and a speaker - either a candidate or party spokesman - with a mic in the right front seat, probably with recorded background music to use while the speaker is resting. Probably the truck

will be motoring around mostly. But it also may be parked in an open area at a field or lot where a crowd happens to be gathered, such as at a park, and the speaker can do stand up speaking and interaction with the audience from the back of the van. One-day rental of moving vans is inexpensive - Ryder asks just \$19.95 plus gas. Folmsbee has a gas powered generator to power the system, a 1000W audio amplifier, preamps and control console, and speakers capable of handling close to the 1000W power available. We hope to mount the mid-range and tweeter speakers atop the truck. Any advice on how to do this easily and quickly for one-day use would be appreciated.

Alan Folmsbee, is an engineer at Sun Microsystems. He has the audio system because he is a part time musician (drummer). He once led a band called "Keeper" in Connecticut, and lived in Hawaii and Germany before coming to Silicon Valley. He first registered Libertarian in 1992. ■

## LTE SUNDAY LIGHTLY ATTENDED; BECAME PUBLICITY COMMITTEE MEETING

by Marv Rudin

Just two people showed up at the monthly LTE Sunday session - its creator, Publicity Chair Zander Collier, and this reporter to take pictures and interview attendees. So seeing as how I'm a member of the Publicity Committee responsible for cost/time effective publicity programs, we took the opportunity to meet and discuss the approaches I've been researching and developing: car carding, magnetic license plate and bumper sticker sized car signs printable by users on an ink jet printer (user can print his own message ideas), rubber stamps that members can use to can print LP messages for public exposure wherever legal opportunities are encountered, radio test ads, electronic broadcast faxing to the media, and bulk email at cost less than \$50 per million names. ■

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But after consideration by Chair Ray Strong and Vice Chair Joe Dehn, that the change wouldn't work for the speakers or attendees on such short notice it was decided that those who had booked for the banquet room would be refunded, and old fashioned dinner in the main restaurant would be held on the originally scheduled evening, followed by a perfunctory sidewalk meeting to satisfy the bylaw requirement of 3 months maximum time between central committee meetings.

Perhaps it's a good thing that the banquet room was inadvertently lost, because the advance booking by guests for the meeting was also a major disappointment. Less than 10 members and guests had reserved for a room requiring commitment to a minimum number of dinners at \$27.50 per. So had the room not been lost, it would have been half empty, and the party would have had to fund a substantial shortfall.

With the announcement going to nearly 5000 registered Libertarians, just 3 newcomers came to the dinner, and 15 others, mostly Excom members. Maybe Libertarians are telling us something about their zeal to attend non-outreach meetings, as far more showed up for tax day without an invitation to the whole registration list. ■

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“Trying to ensure passage, the district retained the high-profile Tramutola consultants, who were paid by Browning Ferris. The bond consultants expected to spend up to tens of thousands more, blanketing the district with letters to voters in English, Chinese and Vietnamese urging passage.”

Apparently Browning Ferris has an interest in the property which it has agreed to lease for nearly \$1M per year for the next three years - one more example of a small amount of special interest money controlling a large amount of government spending.

As far as spending against it is concerned, Mark Hinkle, who along with Travis Jones, spearheaded writing the ballot arguments and rebuttals against the bond, attempted to organize a NO on E committee to get funding and wage a campaign. But he couldn't get the two residents of the Orchard School District - who'd signed the arguments with Libertarians Hinkle, Jones, and Ray Strong, to participate. They said they were sure Measure E would be defeated without any effort, and besides they were too busy. In a letter to Hinkle, one of them, Michelle Riley said:

“Yesterday, Ted Gardener, resigned as Director of District Affairs from Orchard School and admitted that he sent Dan Noyes of ABC News 35 x-rated e-mails. Mr. Gardener indicated he would never work in education again (thank goodness)

THEREFORE, this leads me to believe that Terry Jones will soon quit as Superintendent of Orchard or he will get fired when the new Board is elected the first week of November.

THEREFORE, do we really want to spend a lot of TIME and EFFORT and MONEY in this law suit when I truly believe that this Measure will not pass, simply on its own.

There has been so much controversy, not to mention a full blown audit, that is being conducted by Delaine Easton, that this measure will not pass. I know Tina and I are both very, very busy women and really do not have a lot of time to put into this. I know you don't want to hear that but it simply is the fact. Tina and I are both mothers, we work and have a home and marriage to take care of. Tina and I have spent MANY, MANY hours invested in Orchard this past year and, quite frankly, we do not have much time to put into this law suit effort. It certainly is not that we do not want it but we have to be realistic about the time and effort to put into it.

Sincerely,

Michelle Riley  
Chairperson  
Orchard School Site Council (2001/2002)  
2000/2001 PTO President and  
Fundraising Coordinator” ■

# OPINIONS

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

## WHAT IS LIBERTARIAN POSITION ON WOT?

by the Editor

The War on Terrorism launched by George Bush in response to the 9/11 attack is perhaps the most difficult application imaginable for using Libertarian principles to decide what is the right thing to do. Because the terrorists are neither individualists nor representatives of a nation, but are an international affiliation of individuals dedicated to a deadly cause for which many of them appear to be willing to suicide to take the lives of innocents, the Libertarian platforms may not contain a plank that effectively provides adequate protection against such a threat. The National LP issued an announcement supporting the WOT in Afghanistan, with the qualification that innocent civilians not be harmed. Harry Browne and others say we should not make war but rather stick to police action and Letters of Marque and Reprisal as provided for in the Constitution. Some heated arguments have developed on party eboards about this currently all consuming issue. LPSCC Chair, Ray Strong wrote his opinion in a speech he prepared but was unable to give at our ill-fated Oct. 20 meeting (see page 1). The full text may be read by clicking on <http://www.lpty.org/scnews/2001oct/StrongSp.html>. He opined prior to the Oct. 20 meeting, "Please plan to attend the October 20 Dinner Meeting at Original Joe's in San Jose. This time of war is a critical time for our party. Our resolve and persistence will be tested. Our ability to work with the emotional reaction to terror will be tested. Most of all, our ability to present a credibly relevant message will be tested. Come to the meeting, listen to the speakers who represent our current efforts, and work with us to craft that message.

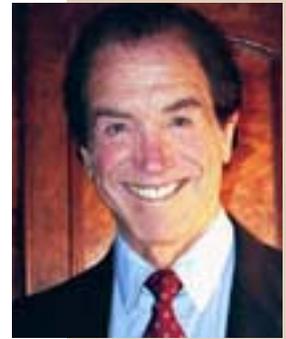
The salient points contained in his speech are:

- a) We must not allow the 9/11 attack to cause us to think unclearly and abandon our Libertarian principles by accepting that screeners will be better by becoming government employees;
- b) The terror attacks would have come regardless of government policies, although the latter aggravate what is really a conflict of cultures - the west's for free markets, tolerance, and life, the Islamic militants' for closed societies, intolerance, and death;
- c) To avoid future hijackings, pilots should be armed, and to avoid terrorism generally all people should be able to be armed;
- d) Don't close borders and adversely affect trade and tourism; instead use technology to identify and track visitors;
- e) Don't raise taxes to pay for the war; instead cut other (unlibertarian) expenditures;
- f) Trading freedom for security is a false myth foisted on us by people who want to control us.

Two opinions epitomizing the dichotomy between Libertarians on this issue of how to deal with the terrorist threat were argued on the LPC eboard in October as follows:

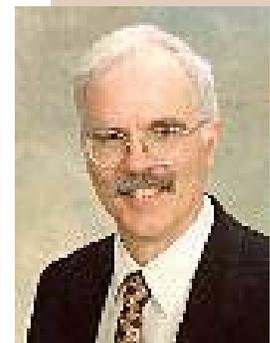
1. The U.S. goal HAS to be to make it clear to enemy nations (nations that harbor and encourage anti-U.S. terrorist camps, training, funding, etc.) that the danger to their existence is too great to continue such policies.
2. "The problem with military policies that "send messages" ("make it clear") is that they just don't work. Did the Blitz convince England to give up in WWII? Did bombing Germany cause that country to give up? Did the war on the American colonies convince the founding fathers to give up? Ditto the war against Vietnamese independence. Ditto our 10 year bombing campaign in Iraq. Massive killing to "send messages" JUST DOESN'T WORK, especially when it comes to "true believers". Did the loss of the World Trade Center make any Americans less resolute in their beliefs?"

#2 is an excerpt from C. Schmidt of adjoining San Mateo County's response; his full opinion on the WOT, including how LPer's should represent the party on this issue to outsiders, and that of several other Libertarians may be read by clicking on <http://www.lpty.org/scnews/2001oct/WOTdisc.html> .



Marvin B. Rudin, Editor

Although our SCL priority is on local issues the WOT and especially Homeland Defense aspect of it is both a national/international and a local issue, as terrorists can strike anywhere, and SF and Silicon Valley would probably be a prime target for future attack plans.



Ray Strong, Chair

Voting For City Council Members Is Important - That's Where Many Politicians Start

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In response to another member's request for help voting for Sunnyvale's council election saying she didn't care who got in: "As Local Organizing Chair, I would say you should most definitely care. City Councils are where most big politicians get their start. They have control over Redevelopment Agencies that can take property from anyone they please usually using eminent domain. They control local taxes. They approve many expenditures such as here in Santa Clara where the city has built a Youth Skate park and a Swim Center and almost offered to build the Oakland A's stadium at taxpayer expense. They also allocate which properties get designated as low-income housing effectively reducing the supply available to you and I and subsequently raising our rents. Kennita and anyone else I invite you to visit your city's web page and browse through recent council minutes. For Sunnyvale it's <http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/>

I guarantee you'll find some very unlibertarian items. We need more Libertarians on city councils and advisory committees. We can have a much greater impact here than we can at the state or federal level. Please join the Local Organizing Committee to help get Libertarian voices in local government."

Travis Jones, Local Organizing Committee Chair - Santa Clara County Libertarian Party

First Amendment Void If Attempting To Inform About Right Of Jury Nullification?

Court date set for my "handing out literature near (San Jose) Court House" arrest. The date is Monday November the 26th. The case number is CC113304.

This is an obvious case of "The Bill of Rights being VOID where prohibited by Law". Another words, I have free speech but not if I actually intend to influence someone". I was handing out literature near the Santa Clara County courthouse. The text of the flyer was that the Juror has the right and even the duty to stop a miscarriage of justice by finding the defendant "Not Guilty" even if he/she clearly "broke the Law".

The law that I allegedly violated was penal code 169: "Any person who pickets or parades in or near a building which houses a court of this state with the intent to interfere with, obstruct, or impede the administration of justice or with the intent to influence any judge, juror, witness, or officer of the court in the discharge of his duty is guilty of a misdemeanor."

John Webster

Speak Out Against Below Market Rate Housing Ordinance In Mountain View

Housing tax, like "Below Market Rate" ordinance, Single Resident Occupancy housing (project housing) is an extremely wasteful and burdensome government approach to housing that keep city bureaucrats busy and builds resumes for aspiring politicians; i.e., "We're doing something." Even some housing advocates admit the net benefit to low income folks is nil.

Speak out against wasterful, interventionist government policy. Spread the word. Speak out against housing tax in MV.

John Inks

Local Member Fights Nanny State Law Forbidding Riding In Back Of A Pickup

I was cited for violating CVC 23116, the prohibition against riding in the open bed of a pickup truck. I filed a motion to dismiss, arguing that the law is an unconstitutional violation of the liberty interest in the Fourteenth Amendment, with a basis in recent Supreme Court rulings on the right to refuse unwanted medical treatment.

-Michael Pelletier.

Editor's Note:

Thank you for electing me newsletter chair for 2001. This year, at the end of each issue there will be an opinion section with up to two pages of member notes and letters (including yours - please email so I don't need to type).

Officers:

Table listing officers and their contact information. Columns include role (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, Campaign, Publicity, Fundraising, Activities, Newsletter, Local Organizing, State ExCom Rep, Alt ExCom Rep, Judicial Committee), name, phone number, and email address.

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I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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- o Check payable to: Libertarian Party
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