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ARQUIMEDES REGISTERS LIBERTARIAN! SC County Now Has A Libertarian Talk Show Host!

by Marv Rudin

In what at first glance appears to be an amazing turnaround for a man who's called himself a "new Democrat" since Bill Clinton took office and consistently supported the policies of Clinton and the Democratic Party, 27 months after inviting your reporter to hold a monthly

Libertarian Night on his show and 10 months after tossing the LPSCC's Publicity Chair off his show and demanding an apology from its Chair for a retaliating comment I made at the end of that



Arquimedes signing registration on the air

show, before he would ever invite an LPSCC official on his show again, Arquimedes Garcia controversial host of local and internet talk radio show Naked Radio saw the Libertarian light, had a change of heart, and invited me to come to his show and register him as a Libertarian (while on the air - see photo).

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Peripateia Starts With An Epiphany

How did this dramatic turnaround start? Well in the middle of May, Arquimedes called me to say "Last night I had an epiphany and this morning I decided I would leave the Democratic Party and become a Libertarian." The word "epiphany" means to "see a divine being or deity." So maybe in this case its meaning has to be extended to "seeing a divine revelation" and Libertarianism to being the divine spirit of freedom in people.

Not Really Amazing Says He

Although it may seem so to others, Arquimedes thinks his change of party is not amazing at all. On the air and on his web site www.nakedradio.net he said "I know that

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"LIBERTARIAN ALTERNATIVE" NOW SHOWING ON COMMUNITY CABLE!

LPSCC publicity has added still another arrow to its quiver. In May, Joe Dehn managed to break the ice and get 3 episodes of "Libertarian Alternative" the West L.A. Libertarian cable show hosted by Mark Selzer, playing on Palo Alto community cable. This success will be extended soon when member Glenda Stephens submits Libertarian Alternative tapes to the Los Gatos community cable station, KCAT, which she said has agreed to run them, and Libertarian Mayor John Mehafeff of Saratoga submits tapes to Saratoga's cable system, and member Elizabeth Brierly submits tapes to the ATT Broadband cable system in San Jose.



Joe Dehn

Dehn Took The Initiative

The program started in February when Vice Chair Dehn took the initiative and persuaded the LPSCC Excom to buy four of Selzer's tapes to test whether members living in the various Santa Clara Communities could get them shown on their community's public access cable channel. After receiving them, he submitted a tape to the Palo Alto cable office and it worked, so he began asking other members to solicit their cable companies, and thus far has found three stalwarts to help spread the Libertarian word.

Now It's Your Turn

Now it's your turn. It's pretty easy to do and an efficient way to spread our message of social and economic freedom. Just look up and call your cable operator and inquire. If they say they have time slots open for these half-hour tapes, contact Joe Dehn (see contact information on Pg. 8). Communities still to be covered are Mt. View, Los Altos, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Cupertino, Campbell, Milpitas, Morgan Hill, and Gilroy. If you live in any of these, let Joe know that you'll help, so he can coordinate between yourself and any other member who may join you in your community.

Joe Gives Web Show Previews

Some members may want to select which tape to submit, or may not feel comfortable submitting tapes they haven't seen, so Joe will soon put video excerpts of the tapes up on the web. You'll be able to see them when he gets them up by clicking on <http://www.dehnbase.org/lpc/library/libalt>.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR --- STATE OF THE PARTY

The Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County is alive and well. We have a cushion in our treasury that allows us to provide seed funding to projects before we raise the necessary funding from voluntary contributions. The only way we can undertake major projects and maintain this cushion is to keep all our projects roughly self-funding. Your contributions and pledges will help us to significantly raise our level of activity this year.



Chair Ray Strong

We have several goals for increased activism (500 volunteer actions in 2001), membership growth (registrations to grow from 0.75% of registered voters to 0.85%), and increased political influence (filling the partisan ballot for next year, running at least 8 nonpartisan candidates this year, and electing at least 1); but key to the execution of any of our plans is improving our knowledge of the skills our existing membership can offer and improving our ability to communicate with these members. We have just finished a six week phase of telephone polling. We completed 76 polls out of a pool of 568, about 13% of our members. Probably the most important single data item we gathered was the email address. In the past few years we have noted that the mailed newsletter was a relatively ineffective communication tool. The people who read it are the ones we can and do reach regularly by other means. For example, they include the 6% of our members who regularly attend meetings. Our database will contain information about the interests of our members (as they relate to our activities). We expect to develop much more efficient communication, using email to specific members who have expressed interest in the activity or issue.

In terms of the activities underway, we had a very lively presence at post offices all over the County on Tax Day (ably led by Zander Collier). We plan to distribute literature at gun shows, movie theaters, DMV offices, and special occasion gatherings. The plan is for every piece of literature to contain ways (url, telephone, etc.) to contact us. These contact addresses will be specialized to the event so we can measure its effectiveness. Where feasible we will run Operation Politically Homeless, offering people the opportunity to find out where they fit on the diamond chart. Those finding themselves in the libertarian quadrant will be offered registration cards and membership forms on the spot. At a minimum, we will ask them for contact information so we can send them literature, and application forms. We measure the effectiveness of these actions by the number of contacts, voter registrations, and new members per volunteer hour.

On another front, we have a flourishing letters-to-the-editor activity, with publication as the initial measurement of its effectiveness, and a local campaign focus on very local, non-partisan offices. We enjoy the advantage of having the Mayor of Saratoga, John Mehaffey, as a member, and we are working to place several of our members in beginner political positions.

I view partisan races as primarily a vehicle for outreach. We are much more likely to have political effect by fighting new taxes and bond measures than by electing anyone soon to partisan office. I anticipate a statewide coordinated effort to fill partisan ballot positions this year for elections next year. This effort should include a drive to obtain signatures of registered Libertarians on petitions-in-lieu of filing fees that will allow us to fill all available partisan ballot positions without sending lots of money to the State. I hope we can provide acceptable one-sided petitions that can be emailed, faxed, or mailed to registered Libertarians. If we can cut our costs for getting people on the ballot, we'll have more left for outreach advertising. Apparently, each candidate will be allowed to place a statement in the ballot pamphlet next year. The cost will be significant, but this outreach will be well worth it in terms of advertising targeted to voters. We should begin planning these statements and an associated advertising outreach campaign this year.

We have started many more initiatives and activities than we can continue without a much larger regular income than is provided by dues. The current dues income hardly pays for communicating to our own members. We can't even contemplate a saturation tv advertising campaign within the confines of our current budget. I would like to see us grow large enough this year to seriously consider such a campaign for next year. That will require an order of magnitude increase in our projected income. Meanwhile, we'll use other cheaper but probably much less effective means for outreach.

At the beginning of this article, I talked about membership growth in terms of voter registration. Just as we need a good sized volunteer organization to follow up the contacts and convert them into registered Libertarians, we also need a large scale operation to convert a portion of the registered Libertarians into dues paying members and a portion of the dues paying members into activist volunteers (to keep up the cycle of growth). When possible, we will take advantage of economies of scale by depending on California and National Libertarian Party organizations to handle these conversion tasks. However, we cannot ignore the need to convert under our own steam when these other levels of the Party are busy with other tasks. Our new Local Organizing Chair, Travis Jones, has his hands full taking on the bootstrap process of building our local Party. Our new Membership Chair, Tony Stemberger, has his hands full just coordinating our membership knowledge base. We need volunteers to work with these and our other leaders to fill in whatever needs doing. And we need contributors to provide the fuel using monthly pledges that allow us to plan major programs in advance.

As we grow, it will be hard to maintain the same ratio of activists to contributors. We were unsuccessful at attracting 10% of our dues paying members to the April 12 business meeting. The more successful we are at reaching the general public (as opposed to the politically knowledgeable), the harder it will be to meet the 5% quorum requirements our local bylaws impose for endorsing candidates and electing officers. Our next annual convention, in January 2002, will be an important test. We will, once again, do everything we can to bring in our members, hoping for 10% so we can modify our bylaws. We plan a real mini-convention, complete with speakers and a banquet. If our increased activism pays off, it will be even harder to gather a 10% quorum; but we will know how to reach many more than we did in March of 2001. Please plan to attend this cliff-hanger convention.

Working for a better society with Libertarian solutions,
Ray Strong, Chair Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County

TRAVIS JONES GETS LETTER PUBLISHED IN SJMN

Continuing his outstanding outreach efforts on many fronts, Travis Jones wrote and succeeded in getting published on May 9th the following letter-to-the-editor in the San Jose Mercury News (text in red was omitted by the editor).

“In response to John Fensterwald’s article on the proposed bill to regulate movie advertising, I would like to voice opposition to this legislation. Even though I was appalled with the advertising during the Olympics last year, **as a libertarian** I believe that we as responsible citizens must pick and choose the shows and advertising we want to see. We must not let a centralized authority in Washington take this responsibility from us. In the age of ratings, millions of parents looking out for their children and turning off the television will benefit us more than politicians that can be bought off.”

Travis Jones

Local Organizing Committee Chair - Santa Clara County Libertarian Party

<http://www.sc.ca.lp.org>

Keep a vigil for liberty locally, attend your City Council meetings ■

REMINDER - LTE SUNDAY June 17th

Nice going Travis! Let’s join in and submit our opinions on issues too. Readers are invited to meet Zander Collier, Travis, and other members at the monthly LTE (Letters-To-Editor) Sunday June 17th, 3 pm - 5pm, at Stoddards in downtown Sunnyvale (Murphy&Evelyn). Zander will bring the latest papers for you to read before penning your opinion and giving your advice to other writers.

JOHN WEBSTER ARRESTED FOR PASSING OUT FLYERS OUTSIDE SAN JOSE COURT HOUSE

On May 21st, LPSCC Activities Chair and activist John Webster was arrested exercising his first amendment rights outside a San Jose court house. John reports “I started handing out the attached flyer near the Court House on Hedding Street around 7:30am, and was arrested around 8:30am and released around 5pm. 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 complained “This is a good example of US Constitution/Bill of Rights being ‘Void where prohibited by law.’ I was on the public sidewalk and not directly in front of the Court House. I was not carrying a sign and I was not “parading”. Also he may have been “fostering” rather than “impeding” the administration of justice which the penal code prohibits. The reader can judge for himself - here is the text of the flyer Webster was circulating:

Information for prospective Jurors

(i.e. — US citizens who are registered to vote)



The Drug War: Controlling what people put in their own bodies. These laws are about things that the “Public” doesn’t even own therefore has no right to enforce on the individual. Only if the drug user/seller was initiating violence or was on public property while “drunk and disorderly”, or operating a vehicle while under the influence, does the public have the jurisdiction to enforce these laws. Even then the punishment must be consistent with the crime — say, comparable to that for the misuse of alcohol.

Because the punishment for possessing or transporting a “Controlled Substance” on public property is so completely out of proportion to what at most should only be a “ticketed infraction”, the Juror may choose to find the defendant “Not Guilty”.

The Witch-Hunt: Catching the Child Molester. Yes, people that commit Sexual Assault/Rape against a child should be put away forever. However some people charged with molesting a child are really only guilty of “Inappropriate Affection”. This is particularly the case if the instigator is someone close to the child such as a parent, sibling, uncle, or teacher. The “Harm” supposedly done is in introducing that child to the pleasures of sexual contact at too early an age; this could result in the child becoming sexually active in their teenage years, having many sexual partners, and not fitting into our monogamous Christian culture.

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Travis Jones

TRAVIS JONES' REPORT AND PLAN FOR LOCAL UNITS

Elected in April to head a new activity dubbed "Local Organizing Committee", Chair Travis Jones has lost no time in taking the necessary steps to get things rolling. The LPSCC bylaws allow for the creation of "Local Units" to work together with Libertarians living nearby on local issues and events. If you have an interest in what happens in your community's government, please contact Travis to find out what you can do to help prevent excesses and foster Libertarian principles. Here in his own world are his program's progress and plan:

"Current Status:

- 16 current "zip captains"
- 1 "inactive" campus (SJSU) club

Cities in Santa Clara County:

District 5: Palo Alto, Mtn View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Cupertino, Saratoga, Monte Sereno

District 1: Los Gatos, San Jose, Gilroy, Morgan Hill

District 2: Campbell

District 3: Milpitas

District 4: Sunnyvale, Santa Clara

Organization of Local Organizing Committee

Two groups will be created under LOC one for cities in Santa Clara County and the other for Universities. For each city and Santa Clara county itself there will be a watchers, activists, communicators, and organizers. The watchers will be responsible for reporting on local city council issues to the rest of the local libertarians. The activists will be those willing to footwork such as gathering signatures and handing out flyers. The communicators are those willing to speak or write about libertarianism and how it can apply to the local community. The local organizer will be responsible for coordinating the work between watchers, communicators, and activists. For Universities with or without a club, we will have representatives of the University attending local LPSCC meetings.

Planned this year

Since most universities are out for the summer, I'll focus on building up city organizations this summer by using the phone poll and publishing an article identifying the Local Organizing Committee and asking for volunteers in the next newsletter going to print (deadline June 1st). This summer I will build up a local organizing committee website so where Libertarians can go to find out what's going on in their town and can post information. This fall I will organize 3 OPH booths on Stanford, SJSU, and SCU campuses to find potential members for Libertarian clubs. The gather those students for a speech on Libertarianism from the LPSCC Speakers.

Goals:

- Watchers and Activists active in at least 3 cities
- Website identifying city websites, county website, and event calendar for city council meetings with message boards.

- Faculty contacts at 3 universities
- 2 active campus clubs"

Issues in San Jose and Mountain View

To get started with some real local issues that are likely to be of interest to Libertarians, Travis noted two different items in the news, a plan to exercise more eminent domain proceedings against property owners in San Jose, and a plan to impose extraordinary taxes on Mountain View companies. He writes:

SAN JOSE: "A lead story in the Merc was the redevelopment of downtown San Jose. Not only is the city putting the taxpayers down for \$750 million in another attempt at the redevelopment of downtown, they are threatening the use of eminent domain: "We're not threatening anybody," Himmel [CEO of the redevelopment agency] says. 'We're saying that with some of this property, we're going to have to get together with the city and talk about taking it if we're not successful in negotiating...Susan and your mayor understand this, and without their mandate we wouldn't have touched this market.' This is an issue I'm sure we could build support behind from threatened businesses and property owners in San Jose. If we could win over some owners, then they could tell their patrons to register and vote Libertarian!"

MT. VIEW: "The Social planners are at it again, the Mountain View city council is out to create a city in their image. Mountain View is considering a new "housing impact fee" to assess on new development in Mountain View. There will be a meeting Tues. May 22 at the PLAZA CONFERENCE ROOM AT CITY HALL-500 CASTRO STREET at 6:30 P.M. to discuss the findings of a study that supports this new tax. Here is a quote from the study: "The amount of the impact fee that would be needed to provide affordable housing for the low- and moderate-income employees working in the new buildings (only that proportion who are expected to choose to live in Mountain View) is:
Building Type Fee Per Square Foot
Industrial/Office/High-Tech \$16.97
Hotel 13.90 Retail/Entertainment 14.84"
For more please read: http://www.ci.mtnview.ca.us/agendas/pdf/052201_3-02.pdf

Please attend to get educated and voice your opinion. The Mtn View planning committee has already favored this measure by a vote of 7-0. If you are not a Mountain View resident but would like to be notified on Libertarians local issues in your town, please contact me at 408-830-2333."

LPSCC REGISTRATIONS 1ST CROSS 6000!

From a report by Vice Chair Joe Dehn, the good news is that instead of the falloff that used to occur in the odd years before 1996, LPSCC registrations have continued upward up, albeit at a much slower pace than in previous years, crossing over the 6000 barrier at the end of May. But the bad news is that the percentage of voters registered Libertarian has increased little because overall registrations are also up (702,000 end 1999, now 798,000). The percentage is now 0.75% and has not increased at a rate anywhere near fast enough to meet the goal set by our Excom of 0.85% by the end of this year. With respect to central committee - i.e., dues paying - membership, the LPSCC goal of a significant increase (to be up by 60, to 591) by the end of this year looks difficult as it has actually been going in the wrong direction (535 in Jan., now 485) and now requires +110 between by the annual meeting in January. To see the trends for each measure of party strength, the reader can click on:

<http://www.sc.ca.lp.org/lpsc-ccm-hist.html>

<http://www.sc.ca.lp.org/lpsc-reglibs-hist.html>

There is still time to do something about both of these goals, if we start working on them now. But if we don't start doing things soon that will change the current trends, we will end the year with central committee membership down instead of up, and with our registration percentage still about the same. ■

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While some punishment would be appropriate in these cases, the punishment resulting from a "Guilty" verdict is again so far out of proportion to the real crime of "Custodial Interference" that a juror may choose to find the defendant "Not Guilty" just to avoid a miscarriage of Justice.

Fact: Police Falsify Evidence and lie in Sworn Statements. After the police decide who is guilty, they don't trust a jury to reach the same decision so they "stack the deck" against the defendant by blatantly lying under oath and falsifying evidence. Recent examples where the police were actually caught include LA Rampart division and Oakland Police corruption.

The police know that the judge will usually look the other way and at most will simply disallow the evidence. In reality evidence tampering is a far more heinous crime than that committed by many of the defendants the police are witnessing against.

Example: San Jose Police and Fed's commit Organized Criminal Activity. Back in 1990 the San Jose Police in cahoots with the US Postal Inspection Service ran an illegal entrapment sting that was blatantly active. Before they could bring charges against the victims of this scam for certain talk/thought crimes, they had to remove much of the undercover policewoman's talk (her solicitations, encouragement, fantasies, etc.) from the evidence tapes so as to make her out as only a passive listener.

In one such case, **Officer Brenda Herbert** of the SJPD even provided voiceovers to help an edited portion of conversation fit in better with the original conversation. Later in a sworn statement she says that the tapes were not altered in any fashion (as if a police officer that altered evidence would actually admit it), and cites her long service in the police department as proof. **Judge Daniel Creed** of the SCC Superior Court then used her statement as justification as to why he would not allow the tapes to be analyzed by a forensic expert for proof of alteration. He had to know he was covering up for Bad Cops.

In Summation: A Juror has **the Right to question the law** (and can decide to do this even after answering a questionnaire to the contrary) and has **the Duty to stop a miscarriage of justice**. Also, if a juror strongly suspects that a police officer has lied or altered or hidden evidence then the defendant needs to be found "Not Guilty" simply to stop police from using these tactics in the future.

The major threats to our freedoms come not from the occasional lawbreaker that goes free but from **the corrupt Legislature, Judge and Police Officer that continue to subvert our Justice System into a Police State**.

Written by: John Webster — Libertarian Activist See <http://www.JWebster.com> for more information. ■

SPEAKERS MEETING THURSDAY JUNE 14th

You're invited - Will be held at Cocos Near 101 in Sunnyvale

Speakers Bureau Manager Rose Wiegley will be the host. Meeting starts at 8 pm immediately after the dinner period, which starts at 7 pm. Dinner is not mandatory at 7 - you can order a drink, or whatever you like or nothing, and either way can come early and socialize. The exact location of Cocos is Oakmead Parkway and Lawrence Expressway 1 block south of the 101 freeway.



Rose Wiegley Invites You..

The Theme for this meeting will be announced at the meeting, but Rose has always managed to come up with interesting topics that lead to a lively discussion of all attendees. If there is a speaker, the audience is asked to critique the speech much as is done at Toastmasters. For topics, each attendee can choose to speak briefly on a topic, and others then comment on what was said and often add to it.

Would you be interested in the experience of MCing the Speakers Meetings? Rose has a heavy load at work and is looking for some one to manage the meetings. She would continue to train speakers and to operate the Speakers web site (LPspeakers.org) ■

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some of you are upset at my announcing of my new party affiliation, i.e., Libertarian, but I assure you that I have not changed my beliefs or convictions in the least, on the contrary, I am comfortable politically, so far, in this party. I do not agree with other Libertarian views, some of them radical. But there are varied views in all parties, they are called "wings."



Arquimedes explaining issue from Libertarian perspective

What a Difference A Year Makes

Your reporter was invited on the show to officially register Arquimedes on the air. Afterward I continued on the show for about 20 minutes and patched up our mutual relations and discussed various topics of current interest with him and his team - regular guest Vicky Smith and support engineer Giovanni. After all the monthly verbal battles we used to have during the year and a half I did the show it felt unreal to hear him explaining things to his largely liberal audience from a more libertarian perspective! But as he stated above, his views are not purely Libertarian. He said it's concern for freedom that caused his changed affiliation, and expressed his opposition to ever growing government interference and control of every aspect of our lives; and he criticised Bush for not doing something dramatic to relieve the California electricity crisis.

LP Members' Call-in Opportunity

Arquimedes change of mind and heart represents an opportunity for us Libertarians. You readers are urged to call in to Naked Radio on KSJS (90.5 FM) and help enliven the show with Libertarian positions on issues, and especially local issues. There are two Libertarian shows on big bay area stations (Gene Burns on KGO, and Brian Wilson on KSFO, but they usually cover state, national, or general topics. If Arquimedes decided he was more Libertarian than Democrat after being exposed to Libertarian ideas, maybe some of his listeners will also with the help of your called-in opinions. The show is on every Thursday during after-work rush hour traffic time - 5 pm to 7 pm. Those of you who get home early or have cell phones can call in by dialing 408-924-KSJS (408-924-5757). Let's support this new and presently, only, local Libertarian media spokesman! ■



Arquimedes, Vicky Smith, and engineer, Giovanni

LIBERTARIANS WANTED TO MAN LPSCC GUN SHOW TABLE JUNE 9th - JUNE 10th

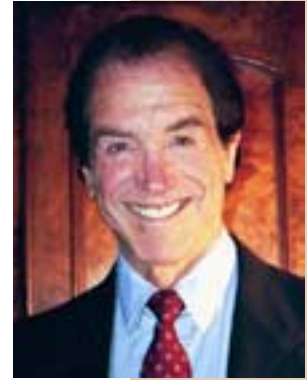
In a late breaking report, organizer Travis Jones says "Our presence at the Gun Show this coming weekend is in danger of being cancelled unless we get some more confirmed people willing to sacrifice a few hours of their weekend to represent the SCC-LP. Please if you have a few hours to spare this weekend please email or call me at 408-296-4924 before 11:00 pm Thursday June 7."

OPINIONS

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

QUESTIONABLE FISCAL MANAGEMENT? by Marv Rudin, Newsletter Chair

At the LPSCC May Excom meeting Vice Chair Joe Dehn, a member of both the Libertarian National Committee and the LP of California Excom reported that both organizations are in such poor financial health that they are presently unable to send out mailers soliciting new dues paying members, and he requested in their behalf that the local party loan \$4000 to the LPC to help pay for such a solicitation. I argued to no avail that the risk of non-payment was too high under the circumstances, and that steps taken to conserve our funds such as eliminating office rent and going to quarterly printing of our newsletter were not for the purpose of making risky loans but rather for the purpose of investing in outreach to grow our registrations. The vote was 6 to 2 for making the loan, with only the Treasurer joining me in voting no. Time will tell if the national and state party can resolve their financial problems, but in my opinion the membership is too small to support the LPC's budget, and the national party may be engaging in some questionable fiscal management judging by the fact that it's treasurer recently resigned without explanation.



Marvin B. Rudin, Editor

SAFE CHILD AND FAMILY ACT INITIATIVE by Thomas Spielbauer

I exhort each reader to support the Safe Child and Family Act, which is undergoing qualification for the ballot. The deadline is the beginning of August 2001.

James Wade's comments are poignant today, and applicable to each one of us. Mr. Wade said, towards the end of his ordeal, "I don't think people realize just how tenuous your hold on your children is. They (CPS - Children Protection Service) don't have to prove anything. They can take your kids away on just suspicions."

But it is not the James Wade case alone which demonstrates this point. Read about Bill and Becky Wallis. Their case is too bizarre to be true. But it is true. The Wades were upstanding citizens, as were the Wallises. With the current state of the law, what happened to them can easily happen to you. If you don't think it can, ask yourself why. Every reason you set forth could have easily applied to the Wades and to the Wallises. What was unusual about their cases is that theirs saw the light of day. Almost all of the dependency cases do not regardless of CPS misconduct and malfeasance. That is because the law shrouds dependency cases in secrecy.

Read the James Wade case for yourself. <http://www.electpd.org/wade.htm>.

Read the Bill and Becky Wallis case for yourself. <http://www.electpd.org/wallis.htm>.

I exhort each person reading this to gather at least 5 signatures (more would be appreciated). If you would like for me to send you an initiative petition, please email me (thomas@spielbauer.com). Better yet, you can directly download a PDF version of the petition and all instructions and summaries by going to <http://www.coalitiontopreservecfamilies.org>. Click on the initiative button and when on the initiative page, look to the right column for the most direct means of securing the petition.

We are all very vulnerable to CPS. If you do not believe this, go to the Coalition web page. After that, go to the following Citizens to Elect Our Public Defender web page and read a few stories for yourself. Each of the CPS victims thought that the system was fair, that the laws just, and that they had nothing to fear if they did right by their children. The web address is <http://www.electpd.org/cps.htm>.

WHAT GOOD IS GUN LICENSING by Johann Opitz <johannp@earthlink.net> RKBA!

San Jose Mercury endorses proposed California firearms licensing. After saying why it's sensible, the Mercury News acknowledges it would not reduce crime. Why implement something that won't work? ■

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: Chairman (Ray Strong), Vice Chairman (Joe Dehn), Secretary (Dennis Umphress), Treasurer (Jon Hugdahl), Membership (Tony Stemberger), Campaign (Scott Lieberman), Publicity (Zander Collier), Fundraising (Frank Groffie), Activities (John Webster), Newsletter (Marv Rudin), Local Organizing (Travis Jones), State ExCom Rep (Mark Hinkle), Alt ExCom Rep (Joe Dehn).

Table listing Judicial Committee members: Paul Rako, Elizabeth Brierly, Mary Gingell, and their contact emails.

Had a Libertarian outreach experience? Converted someone? Write about it to the editor! email: scl@lpty.org US mail: 651 Princeton Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94087 or call (408) 736-5626.

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The Libertarian Party is the party of principle. To assure and affirm that our party never strays from its principles, we request our members to sign the pledge below. (Non-signers cannot vote on party business).

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: _____

Membership Application

- o \$25 Basic
o \$100 Sustaining
o \$250 Sponsor
o \$500 Patron
o \$1000 Life

Plus an additional contribution to the LPSCC:

- o Monthly pledge
o One-time donation

Total: _____

Payment Method:

o Check payable to: Libertarian Party

o VISA or MasterCard (circle one)

Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Cardholder Name: _____

Signature: _____

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o Renew