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ACLU ARGUES FOR MEDIA ACCESS TO EXECUTIONS

Challenge to San Quentin's Secret Procedures

On February 14th, in a U.S. District Court trial before Judge Vaughn Walker, the ACLU-NC argued that journalists and public witnesses have a First Amendment right to witness executions in their entirety and that there is no evidence that media presence jeopardizes prison security or the safety of prison personnel. The trial took place only weeks before California's next execution, scheduled for March 15th.

"It is crucial for public witnesses to see this most irrevocable of governmental acts in its entirety, without the mediation of prison PR people," said Peter Sussman, former president of the plaintiff Society for Professional Journalists, Northern California Chapter. "It's not a role anyone can relish, but it's essential if the citizens of this state are to be kept informed about the awesome powers exercised in their name."

"San Quentin's concerns that execution team members may become targets of retaliation are not based on fact," charged attorney David Fried who co-counseled the case at trial. "Since 1938, when the first gas chamber execution was carried out, there has not been any evidence of a security risk or threat against execution team members."

"If prison officials are concerned about the security of their staff, there are reasonable steps they can take, to conceal identities, including the use of protective surgical garb, or tinting to plastic face shields already used by prison guards," Fried added.

UNOBSTRUCTED VIEW

"Until the 1996 execution of William Bonin, the first in California by lethal injection, the unbroken historical practice was that witnesses to executions, including media witnesses, had an unobstructed view of the inmate from the moment the inmate entered the execution area," stated attorney Michael Kass, of Pillsbury Madison & Sutro. "It is critical that journalists continue to witness the entire execution and act as the eyes and ears of the public."

The ACLU-NC originally filed the lawsuit, *California First Amendment Coalition v. Calderon*, on April 9, 1996 after William Bonin became the first person in California to be executed by lethal

injection. Reporters and other witnesses to Bonin's execution were prevented by San Quentin prison officials from observing his entry into the chamber, being strapped to the gurney and the attachment to the execution apparatus. Unable to offer first-hand accounts of the entire process, including the difficulties prison officials admitted they encountered in inserting the IVs, the journalists could not thoroughly inform the public on the execution. As a result, the public had to rely solely on prison officials for information about how the death penalty is being implemented by this new method of execution. On May 1 of that year, the U.S. District Court issued a preliminary injunction enjoining prison officials from restricting witness observation of executions.

On February 28, 1997 U.S. District Court Judge Vaughn Walker issued his ruling that public witnesses - including the media - have a constitutionally protected right to observe executions and that there was no evidence that media presence jeopardizes prison security or the safety of prison personnel. The Department of Corrections appealed and in 1998 the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed. While not denying the existence of a First Amendment right, the Court of Appeals remanded the case to the District Court for a trial regarding whether the restrictive witness procedures are an exaggerated response to prison security concerns.

SANITIZED VIEW

"Prison officials claim that they intend to pull the curtain if problems occur during the execution, fearing that their actions might be `misinterpreted by the media,'" said Alan Schlosser, Managing Attorney for the ACLU-NC. "Their desire to present a sanitized view of capital punishment is inconsistent with the First Amendment's guarantee that the public be kept informed of this final act of the criminal justice system."

Plaintiffs' witnesses include Jason Beaubien, a former KQED radio reporter who witnessed both the Bonin execution and the Keith Daniel Williams execution, and Dr. Lonny Jay Shavelson, an emergency medicine doctor. Dr. Shavelson testified about the use of surgical protective clothing during stressful emergency room procedures, and how they were necessary to protect the health of participants and effective to conceal identities. The California First Amendment Coalition, a non-profit association of more than 160 California newspapers and TV and radio stations, is also a plaintiff.

In addition to Fried, Kass and Schlosser, attorneys representing the plaintiffs include Jeffrey Ross of Pillsbury Madison & Sutro and Lynne S. Coffin of the Law Offices of Coffin & Love.

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ACLU Defends Student Website Lawsuit Threatens Free Expression on the Internet

**BY STELLA RICHARDSON
MEDIA ASSOCIATE**

In a case with important implications for free speech on the Internet, the ACLU- NC has asked the San Francisco Superior Court to dismiss a lawsuit aiming to shut down a website that provides student reviews of the teachers at San Francisco City College.

The lawsuit, *Curzon-Brown v. San Francisco Community College District*, was filed by City College professor Daniel Curzon-Brown, who objects to what students had to say about his teaching. The ACLU represents Ryan Lathouwers, the creator of the Teacher Review website. The other defendants in the suit are the San Francisco Community College District, which is the governing body of City College, and the Associated Students of City College.

A City College student himself at the time he created Teacher Review, Lathouwers wanted to provide an online resource for students trying to decide which teachers and courses to select. At the time, there was no systematic way for students to find out just what other students who had taken a class from any particular instructor had to say about the experience. The website, with its student-authored reviews, made its web debut in September 1997.

Since that time, more than 5,000 individual reviews of nearly 600 City College instructors have been posted. The site, which has proved very popular with students, has been visited over 100,000 times.

Curzon-Brown, a tenured English professor, was rated on the website as one of the ten worst teachers at City College. Student reviews of Professor Curzon-Brown include comments like "pompous," "the most egotistical extremist there is" and "the worst teacher I have ever had the opportunity of knowing."

Last October Curzon-Brown filed a class action lawsuit on behalf of himself and all other City College employees "who have been or will be defamed by the content of Teacher Review."

His suit seeks monetary damages, and an injunction prohibiting the posting of "defamatory" reviews on the website and prohibiting either City College or the Associated Students from linking to Teacher Review.

"The Teacher Review website is a perfect example of how the Internet functions as a unique and valuable information source," said ACLU-NC staff attorney Ann Brick. "If permitted to proceed, this case would sound the death knell for any website or bulletin board allowing members of the public to exchange opinions."

Bernard Burk of Howard, Rice, Nemerovski, Canady, Falk & Rabkin, who is representing Lathouwers as a cooperating attorney with the ACLU-NC, said "Imagine a liberal arts professor unable to tolerate his students expressing their own opinions, and unwilling to allow students to draw their own conclusions from what others have to say. Fortunately, the First Amendment prevents people like Professor Curzon-Brown from using lawsuits to silence their critics."

A hearing is scheduled for March 29th in San Francisco Superior Court.

In addition to Burk and Brick, the case is being litigated by Celia P. Van Gorder and Sean A. Pager of Howard, Rice, Nemerovski, Canady, Falk & Rabkin, and ACLU-NC staff attorney Margaret Crosby.

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America's Concentration Camps Remembering the Japanese American Experience

Exhibit

March 21-June 18
California Historical Society
678 Mission Street (near 3rd St.)
San Francisco.

Hours: Tuesdays-Sundays, 11 am - 5 PM,
Thursdays to 8 PM

Admission: \$3 general, \$1 students/seniors,
free to members of CHS and the Japanese
American National Museum.

This exhibit sheds light on an episode in American history that too few know or understand: the mass incarceration of Americans without charge or trial, solely on the basis of race. This was a special episode in the history of the ACLU of Northern California as well: this affiliate defied not only President Roosevelt but our national organization to challenge the internment of more than 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II. We represented Fred Korematsu, a San Leandro draftsman who went to jail rather than obey the internment order, all the way to the United States Supreme Court.

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Three young men stare out through the barbed wire of the Jerome, Arkansas concentration camp that was their home during World War II.

Panel Discussion

Protecting Our Civil Liberties: Lessons from the Japanese American Incarceration for Americans Today

ACLU-NC Executive Director Dorothy Ehrlich will moderate a panel of scholars, authors, and civil rights advocate.

Thursday, June 8, 6 p.m.

State Building Auditorium, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco.

Reservations required. Please call (415) 357-1848, ext. 22

Free.

Program of Events

There will be a series of programs including films, lectures, readings, and art exhibits during the course of the exhibit.

The ACLU-NC is proud to be a co-sponsor of this exhibit and accompanying programs. All programs are presented as a joint effort of the California Historical Society, the Japanese American National Museum, and the Community Advisory Committee that was created for this exhibition. For a schedule of events, please call the California Historical Society at 415/357-1848.

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ACLU Youth Conference Targets Proposition 21, Activism

BY SHAYNA GELENDER



Students at the ACLU Say What!!?? Conference marched to Stockton's courthouse to show their opposition to Proposition 21.

No chance residents of Stockton, California could ignore the hundreds of vocal youth in attendance at the ACLU's Say What??!! Conference on February 15. This year, the event, which is organized by and for high school students, focused special attention on Proposition 21, the juvenile justice initiative on the March ballot.

Following an intense morning of speakers and workshops, youth attendees marched through Stockton to an open mike rally on the steps of courthouse in opposition to Proposition 21.

The conference drew more than 400 students from high schools throughout northern California. Linda Little, Activities Director at Castro Valley High School brings students to the conference every year because she believes it is a valuable experience for "Castro Valley kids to get out of Castro Valley and be exposed to what other kids have to say, especially during the open mike sessions."

"I always pick up literature on student rights, and I've become a resource for information," added Little.

A debate on Proposition 21 between proponent Maggie Elvey, Director of Education and Research of Crime Victims United, whose husband was murdered by a youth, and opponent Derrel Myers whose son was murdered in San Francisco, drew many students to the floor mikes to express their views on the initiative. "Putting a minor in jail with older criminals is just going to teach the minor how to be a better criminal," thinks Edie Allmon of San Lorenzo High School.

Melissa Olaeta, from Castro Valley High School believes "Prop 21 ignores the real issue. The real issue should be trying to raise good members of society. Prop 21 is a way out of the hard work. Prevention and education is being ignored."

But her Castro Valley schoolmate Victoria Chou said, "I don't like the current juvenile system because once juveniles are released, their records are completely erased as if the crime had never happened." Chou fears that youth offenders who are "17 and a half could be on the street in six months" while their 18 year old counterparts could be jailed for life."

Following the impassioned dialogue, East Bay spoken word expressionists, Ten Poets Plus a Mic! performed, incorporating songs, poetry, dance, theater, jazz, and hip hop into a dazzling display of opposition to Proposition 21.

Students were offered a wide range of workshops to explore topics ranging from the juvenile justice system, gang profiling, and the prison-industrial complex, to alternatives to incarceration, knowing your rights at school, and confronting harassment on campus. Fresno High School student Aaron Wright attended the "Prison is a Business" workshop. "We discussed how Prop 21 relates to the prison-industrial complex and how corporations profit from the prison industry," Wright explained. Wright opposes Prop 21 because it's "very deceiving, plays off people's emotions and doesn't address the real issues."

Carolyn Laub, Director of the Bay Area Gay-Straight Alliance Network spoke at a workshop on "Confronting Your Rights on Campus--Sexual, Racial, and Homo-phobic." "We played a game called power shuffle that explores different parts of our identities and ways in which we are marginalized, categorized, or harassed because of those identities," explained Laub. Then we

talked about what it feels like to be harassed and how to report harassment to your school. We also explored solutions to harassment that schools should implement and what power you have as a student when your school doesn't protect you." Laub noted that the passage of AB537 means that schools now have a clear legal obligation to protect gay youth from harassment and discrimination at school.

"I've had views of so many things before, but I never had a place where I could be supported in those views and discuss things so freely. I think I learned a lot," said Salina Lam, a freshman at Diablo Valley Community College, one of a growing number of college students who attended the conference. "It's nice to know there are so many people who are passionate about these issues. I want to get involved in political activism."

Another college student, Jose Aguilera from CSU Monterey Bay, spoke passionately about the need to examine why youth are susceptible to the culture of gangs. "All public schools need to include histories of Chicano-American studies, African-American studies, Asian-American studies, Women's studies, Gay and Lesbian studies so the youth get an opportunity to develop an identity and learn where we're from historically."

Parents too were moved by thoughtful discussions and debates. "This conference is beneficial because I got to hear youth's perspectives -- it reinforces my hope in this generation," said Loretta Strharsky parent of a member of Red Tape, a political rage band from Castro Valley that performed during the lunch break.

The conference was organized by the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) of the Howard A. Friedman First Amendment Education Project; the Project is directed by Nancy Otto, with the assistance of William Walker, Project Fellow and a student at San Francisco City College.

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ACLU Rings Out the Message: No on 21 and 22

**BY LISA MALDONADO
FIELD REPRESENTATIVE**



Staff attorney Bob Kim (standing) and Paul Robeson Chapter leader Grover Dye called ACLU members to urge no votes on Propositions 21 and 22. The phone nights took place two nights every week in the months leading up to the election and reached 5,000 voters.

In an unprecedented effort, the ACLU Field Program phoned thousands of ACLU-NC members to galvanize support for the defeat of two initiatives on the March 2000 ballot. The goal of the phonebanking campaign - two nights a week every night from October through the election -- was to contact and educate 5,000 ACLU members on Propositions 21 and 22 and to encourage them to join the campaigns to defeat both measures. A month before the election, Chapter activists and volunteers had already called more than 2500 ACLU members in

Fresno, Sacramento and Santa Clara Valley.

"The campaign is an ambitious one," said Field Committee Chair Michelle Welsh. "Although the ACLU has a long-standing tradition of phoning members to raise money, there has never before been an effort to phone members to raise consciousness and educate them on ballot initiatives."

"We launched this new effort because both of these ballot initiatives are such serious threats to civil liberties that we had to take extraordinary measures to combat them," added Executive Director Dorothy Ehrlich. "We know that ACLU members are dedicated and committed civil libertarians, so we are counting on them to take action to support the No On 21 and 22 campaigns."

The response to the phone campaign has been extremely positive. Many members were unaware of the specifics of the initiatives and welcomed the information. The majority of respondents pledged their support to both campaigns.

The phonebanking has been a positive experience for chapter activists and phone volunteers as well.

"It's been really great talking with other ACLU members," said Carl Jaeger, of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Transgender and Intersex Chapter. "They are a very intelligent, dedicated group of people, who really care about the state of civil liberties in California. It's great to have the opportunity to speak with them personally."

"It feels good to be doing something that you know is really important and worthwhile," added San Francisco Chapter activist Irving Lind.

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Town Hall Meetings, Capital Demonstration Statewide Protests Call for a Halt to Racial Profiling

In an effort to halt the widespread practice of racial profiling in California, the newly formed Racial Justice Coalition is launching a statewide campaign with local Town Hall meetings throughout the spring, and a major demonstration on April 27 at the State Capitol. The coalition was founded following Governor Gray Davis's veto of SB 78, commonly known as the DWB - or Driving While Black or Brown - bill last October, despite overwhelming bipartisan support in the Legislature and widespread anger about law enforcement's discriminatory practice.

"Governor Davis's veto was an insult to people of color throughout the state of California," said Michelle Alexander, Director of the ACLU-NC Racial Justice Project. "With his veto of that important bill, it is clear that he has decided to ignore the collective political power of the growing majority of this state. His veto of SB 78 along with Propositions like 209, 227, and 187 are an erosion of basic civil rights. For this reason, we have founded the Coalition in efforts to work for racial justice in California."

The Coalition is aiming to secure passage of the new DWB bill, SB 1389, introduced by Senator Kevin Murray on January 24th. In addition to the ACLU, the Coalition includes the NAACP, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the United Farm Workers, as well as numerous local organizations.

"Racial profiling is not a figment of our imagination," said Walter Wilson, statewide president of the NAACP. "People of color have complained for decades that they are routinely stopped by police, questioned, and sometimes searched for no apparent reason other than race. It is a problem that has touched the lives of virtually all people of color and their families, regardless of education or income level."

Last year, 48 California police agencies agreed to collect data voluntarily, largely due to pressure from civil rights activists. But the largest departments, including Los Angeles, have still refused to do so. That is why the Coalition is demanding that statewide data collection be mandatory, as required in SB 1389.

"Governor Davis attempted to soften the impact of his unjustified veto by encouraging law enforcement agencies to collect the data `voluntarily,'" said Van Jones of the Ella Baker Center

for Human Rights. "His message to law enforcement was loud and clear: Protecting the civil rights of people of color is optional. We disagree. Protecting the civil rights of all people is mandatory."

The Coalition is organizing Town Hall meetings in San Jose, Oakland, Stockton, Sacramento, Fresno and other cities. They will all be free and open to the public.

The ACLU hotline has been called by more than 2,000 people who have reported being stopped by police on the basis of their race. [The hotline has been discontinued. For legal matters contact the ACLU of Northern California's legal counseling line at **415-621-2488**.]

The Coalition, which also includes, La Raza Centro Legal, Asian Law Caucus, Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights, People United for a Better Oakland (PUEBLO), Northern California Coalition for Immigrant Rights, the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights and the Black Student Union at San Francisco State, welcomes the participation of other organizations concerned with civil rights and racial justice. For more information please call Racial Justice Project Field Organizer Olivia Araiza at 415/621-2493 ext. 380.

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ACLU Urges S.F. to Lift Ban on Breast Cancer Ads

On February 7, the ACLU-NC urged the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to vote on a proposed resolution expressing their support for the ad campaign, "Obsessed with Breasts," sponsored by the Breast Cancer Fund. Outdoor Systems, the company that administers advertising displays at the City's bus shelters, had rejected the ads saying they are "too shocking" and "too provocative."

In an open letter to the Board, ACLU-NC managing attorney Alan Schlosser charged that the company's rejection of the ads was a "blatant act of censorship" and a "clear abridgment of free speech principles and values."

The group designed the ad campaign to call public attention to a health crisis that impacts one in eight women nationwide. The rate of breast cancer in the Bay Area is one of the highest in the world. The ads, created to capture the viewers attention, show bare-chested women with mastectomies. According to Andrea Martin, executive director of the Breast Cancer Fund, "We wanted to strip away the customary camouflage that society imposes on women with breast cancer and show the realities of this disease in an unforgettable way."

"If left undisturbed, the actions of Outdoor Systems mean that the decision on what ads and public service messages are displayed at City bus shelters is left to the absolute and standardless discretion of the company," wrote Schlosser.

"The City should take steps to ensure that the powers it has in effect delegated to the company not be used to suppress speech based on its content," Schlosser added.

The Board of Supervisors passed a resolution calling the ad campaign "courageous and creative." A second billboard company announced that it would post the ads later in the year.

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Norman Weller

A LEGACY FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES BY STAN YOGI

Although the ACLU is regularly in the limelight for its legal cases, our members are often unsung civil liberties heroes who stand up for the Bill of Rights in their everyday lives. We lost such an unsung hero when long-time ACLU member, Norman Weller, passed away at age 85. The ACLU Foundation is honored that Weller remembered the ACLU in his estate plan.



Born in Los Angeles in 1914, Weller was a World War II veteran and a life-long motorcycle enthusiast who owned 40 motorcycles and rode till he was 80. His passion for motorcycles led to decisions that had a major impact on his personal and professional life. Weller owned and ran a Pasadena machine shop that specialized in grinding crankshafts and connecting rods for motorcycles. At the age of 45, he was diagnosed with jaw cancer. Fortunately, he survived, and, at the age of 50, he sold his business, moved to Bishop and dedicated the next 35 years of his life to conservation work.

SAVING THE WILDERNESS

Weller had motorcycled through California's deserts many times, but he realized that his passion for cycling contributed to the degradation and destruction of the environment he so loved. After moving to Bishop, he immersed himself in saving wilderness east of the Sierra Mountains. He was integral in surveying and preserving petroglyphs and locating over 700 sites of early Indian habitation in the Owen's Valley and Mammoth Lakes area. Weller also worked directly with the Inyo County board of supervisors and the U.S. Forest Service in conserving wilderness areas in that region.

Weller's nephew, Norm Enfield, recalls his uncle as a staunch supporter of civil liberties and an

eloquent defender of the Bill of Rights. Enfield remembers his uncle talking in his machine shop about the rights of minorities and explaining the unfairness of restrictive covenants that prevented people of color from buying property in particular neighborhoods and how that practice had to end. Weller also spoke out against the civil liberties abuses that occurred during the McCarthy era, characterizing the government's actions as "browbeating."

STEADFAST CONVICTION

"If it suits me," Enfield recalls his uncle was fond of saying, "it should tickle everyone else." By this, Weller meant that as long as his beliefs and actions did not impinge on the rights of others, no one, let alone the government, should restrict his freedom. This phrase crystallizes Weller's firm belief in freedom of speech and his steadfast conviction that individuals have the right to be left alone and safe from unwarranted search and seizure. Weller also advocated for free speech in his community, defending the First Amendment rights of his neighbors to speak at county board of supervisors and city council meetings. He argued that although the audience might not like their messages, speakers had the right to say what they wanted.

Weller, a life-long bachelor, lived his later years in a trailer on an acre of land in Round Valley, near Bishop. According to his nephew, Weller never earned more than \$10,000 in any year of his life. Nonetheless, wise investments contributed to his estate and allowed Weller to make a generous bequest to the ACLU Foundation.

"It's unsung civil liberties heroes like Norman Weller that keep our Bill of Rights alive," said ACLU-NC Executive Director Dorothy Ehrlich. "Mr. Weller's life exemplifies how we can stand up and make a difference in our daily lives. His example is inspirational."

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PROFILE OF TWO ACTIVISTS

The Dynamic Duo of the Marin County Chapter

BY MELISSA SCHWARTZ



Marin activists Lenny Karpman and Joan Hall.

When members of the Marin County Chapter ACLU-NC Board invited Jane Fonda to speak at their annual meeting in the summer of 1970, they promised Lenny Karpman that he could pick her up at the airport if he promised to serve on the Chapter board. He readily agreed. Fonda got sick and had to cancel, but Karpman has been active with the ACLU ever since.

When Karpman and Joan Hall were married three years ago, she also joined the Chapter Board. Hall now serves as the chapter's representative to the ACLU-NC Board. Together, they help keep the entertainment alive at the ACLU-NC Field Committee meetings while taking on many-sided responsibilities in building the ACLU.

Karpman, a retired cardiologist and a freelance travel writer, served for more than 10 years as an At-Large member of the ACLU-NC Board, participating in the Development, Board Nominating and Field Committees. He has also served as both the Marin Chapter Chair and chapter representative to the ACLU-NC Board. Currently a member of the Marin Chapter Board and the ACLU-NC Legislative Policy Committee Karpman says that he "loves listening to the wisdom of the ACLU-NC Board members and staff discuss the nuts and bolts of core civil liberties."

Hall is President of her own consulting firm on healthcare policy and government relations. She has worked for the California Medical Association as both the Director of Clinical and Scientific Affairs and as a lobbyist in Sacramento. Her involvement with the ACLU stems from "a great love for the American Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The freedoms we have as Americans," she says, "are so precious and unique in the world. They are worth preserving and the ACLU is a way to ensure preservation of these rights." Hall currently serves on the affiliate Legislative Policy and Officer Nominating Committees and participates in ACLU-NC fundraising campaigns.

Karpman and Hall have dedicated their lives to helping organizations focused on human rights and civil liberties. Karpman is on the Citizens' Advisory Committee to the Chief of Police in San Rafael and its sub-committee on Homelessness; the Council of Legislation of the California Medical Association; the Legislative Forum of Kaiser-Permanente, the Editorial Board of San Francisco Medicine, and the subcommittee on Law Enforcement of the Marin County Human Rights Commission. Hall has done work with the Georgian Foundation, a group that provides medical and humanitarian aid to the Republic of Georgia, and sits on the Advisory Board of the Center for Disabilities Issues; she also provides pro bono consulting services to the San Francisco based Family Violence Prevention Fund and helped start the Marin Coalition Against Proposition 22.

"Lenny and Joan are incredible assets to the ACLU" says Field Representative Lisa Maldonado. "They are politically savvy activists who are doing a tremendous work on the campaigns against Propositions 21 and 22 in Marin County . They are truly a credit to the Marin Chapter."

What drives this active couple? "I like having the opportunity to meet with bright, committed and like-minded people," Hall says, "ACLU members are such interesting people who have great passions for seeing that our rights are maintained. While I may not agree with the ACLU on every issue, it doesn't diminish my willingness to be an active participant."

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Award Ceremony & Annual Dinner

Keynote Speaker: Pat Thurston
"Banned in Santa Rosa"

Former KSRO Talk Show Host known for providing a forum and voice to Sonoma County residents on local, state and national issues

Jack Green Civil Liberties Award Winners:

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