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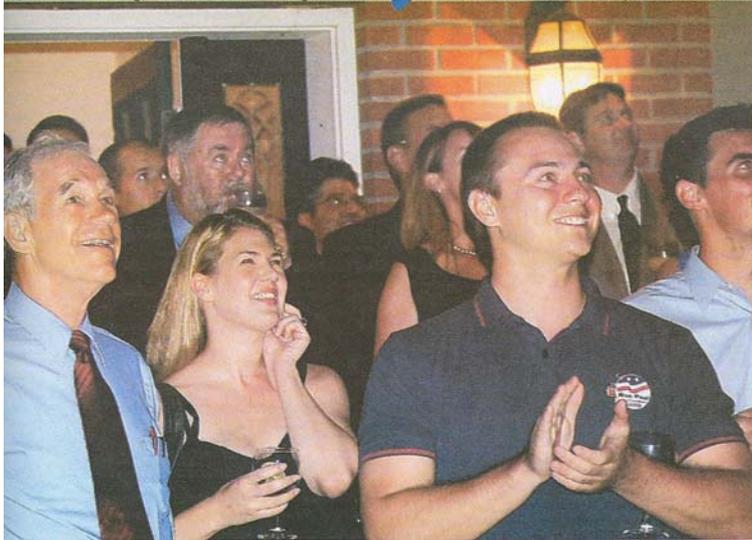


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Campaign supporters look to the sky as they watch a plane fly overhead that advertises his candidacy. The plane got the Paul message out to the public. All were at a fundraiser held at the Johnson Ranch.

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He has a loyal following." Calling Paul supporters loyal is a understatement. The La Cañada event played host to voters from Arizona to San Diego. They came from all walks of life. And they came from all political backgrounds, but many had never been motivated enough to even register to vote. Their common ground is that they receive their news on the Internet and say they are strong supporters of the Constitution.

"The Constitution gives us a moral backbone," said longtime supporter Kerry Welsh of Redondo Beach. "We can't waiver on issues. We have to follow what the Constitution has set."

Paul opposed the war in Iraq because it was not declared by Congress. During the Fox Republican debate earlier this

month, Paul pointed out that the debate for war should be before troops are sent rather than afterward. Although he handily won the debate, according to Fox's poll held minutes after the event, commentators downplayed it by stating his small number of supporters were voting over and over again.

"Even though they knew that was not possible," said a group of his supporters at the function. The debate and the media treatment of Paul was a hot topic at the fundraiser.

"I try not to offend anyone," Paul said when asked how he handles the sometime confrontational debates. "It is a challenge [with the debates] our ideas clash."

Paul's strong opposition to the war is what has set him apart from his Republican

counterparts.

"At all costs we should try to avoid war. We should only go to war as a defensive [measure]," Paul said. "Iraq had nothing to do with 911."

Paul said he was on a committee that debated the resolution to give the President power to declare war and with a consistent voice has echoed throughout the years of the war, his opposition to that action.

Although he is still ranked low in the polls, the recent Gallup poll has him at four percent, his supporters insists that is not an accurate rating.

"Most of Paul followers do not have land lines so they aren't being called in the polls," said Jeff Frazee, Paul's National Youth leader. "They have cell phones and are not on a list from the last election."

JPL water cleanup facility to be built

BY MARY O'KEEFE
VALLEY SUN

Jet Propulsion Laboratory scientists and engineers are used to having cameras explore the outer reaches of the universe. Now they are now receiving images with an inner world focus.

A video camera will soon be exploring the underworld of pumping, following the pipeline in the outer region of the Windsor Reservoir in neighboring Altadena. The exploration is due to some contamination of ground water from the activities at JPL more than 50 years ago.

NASA/JPL have been cleaning the area water at sites both on and off the JPL campus however recently officials have proposed a new treatment plant be built to increase the cleaning procedure. The plant would be built on Pasadena city land at 2696 Windsor Avenue. The video of the pipes is required in order to get a Pasadena permit for the plant.

"We will be able to [process] 7,000 gallons [of water] per minute with the new plant," said Steve Slaten, project manager for JPL ground water cleanup. "The Lincoln plant (another cleanup facility in Pasadena) does 2,000 gallons per minute."

Slaten said that without this new plant the process would take a very long time. The project is part of JPL's Superfund project and will cost a reported \$3.1 million. It was recently approved by state and federal oversight agencies including the Environmental Protection Agency and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board.

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gan years ago when JPL had military connections. The fuel that was used in those days was also contaminating the area's drinking water.

"We stopped using the [contaminates] in the late 1950s," said Steve Slaten, project manager for JPL ground water cleanup.

Unfortunately, the damage was already done to the groundwater. According to Slaten, the cleanup process dates back to 1980 when it was first discovered.

The culprit in the water were volatile organic compounds, carbon tetrachloride, perchlorate and trichloroethylene. According to a public notice issued by NASA, these are the chemicals that have been cleaned from the groundwater. But there is more to clean up.

"None of the chemicals [in the recommended rating levels] reached the drinking water," Slaten said.

The construction should not affect any traffic in the La Cañada area. Slaten said that the conditional use permit is starting in January; once the plant is approved construction will start the middle of 2008 and operating at the end of 2008. "It is a big, important project," Slaten said.

**NASA Response to Sept. 20, 2007 article in Letter to the Editor,
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Thank you for notifying your readers about upcoming pipeline inspections NASA will be undertaking along Windsor Avenue in Altadena and Northwest Pasadena (Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007).

We wanted to clarify an important fact that may not be apparent to your readers from the headline, "JPL Water Cleanup Facility to be Built."

NASA and the several agencies that oversee our groundwater cleanup efforts have approved NASA funding for construction of a facility on city of Pasadena land on Windsor Avenue.

While funding now exists, the city of Pasadena must approve the proposed facility before construction can begin. Various permit approvals will be sought by NASA's partner in this project, the City of Pasadena.

**— Steve Slaten
NASA Remedial
Project Manager
JPL Groundwater
Cleanup**

for parents who cannot afford to send their child to a doctor. What does it say about us as a society if we do not provide for the basic necessities of children?

Let us hope that the bipartisan bill will pass so that our most vulnerable citizens may continue to be protected and taken care of. Is this too much to expect in our great country, Mr. President?

**— Mary Freeman
La Cañada**

'Communist infiltration'

We learned a couple of weeks ago that communists started to infiltrate the Democrat Party some 60 years ago. Today that infiltration is complete.

The politburo is now headquartered in George Soros' "move on" machine. Marching orders are dictated to the Democrat political leadership and carried out through their minions in unions, academia, weather theorists and prime time media.

Their incremental efforts of controlling our lives ownership