

# Opinion

## Letters

### The "Silent Majority"

It is time to vote. If history repeats itself turn out will be low, the majority will once again be defined by those who participate, and the silence broken after the fact by the complaints of those who choose to lose their voice in the first place.

So, to all the "silent" types out there please try participation instead of complaining about the result. Voting is much more than a right, it is an obligation. The silly excuses not to vote such as "I do not have time", "my vote does not matter", and "the issues are too complicated to understand" is analogous to "the dog ate my homework".

If you have not registered to vote do so. If you cannot go to a polling place register as an absentee and vote from home. If you cannot afford a stamp to return the ballot drop it off at your polling place the day of the election. If you do not understand take an hour and read through the voter information pamphlet.

If the "silent majority" wants representative democracy to work and truly represent the majority of the citizenship you have to participate. Barring that, those who vote become the majority whether you agree with them or not. On the other hand, you can remain silent at the voting booth and then continue to

complain about the result. Everyone has a voice and a choice including doing nothing I suppose. Why would you do nothing with so many important issues facing us today?

*Dan Amadeo  
Marina*

### Gentlemen:

My World Almanac reveals a May 4, 1987 deadline was proposed for amnesty and some 1.4 million illegal aliens were able to apply as a result of this federal policy. Currently, some 23 years later, we have more than twelve million illegal aliens in residence! A person of modest intelligence (meaning any idiot) can conclude an amnesty program does not solve the problem if it is not accompanied by secured borders!

To make legal entry into our country, an applicant must have no criminal record, must be financially responsible (or be promised employment), and must be physically and mentally sound. What do we know about these millions of non-citizens? This country went to war because of a terrorist attack and has spent \$-billions in money, and thousands in human lives! Can we say of these 12-million persons who have crossed our borders in violation of our immigration laws, not one is a potential terrorist, or worst?

And if we can sacrifice

thousands of our fellow citizens and append \$-billions in a foreign land in theoretical defense of country, why is it that we cannot secure up our borders as part of this same national defense?!

Frankly, I don't get it!

*Very truly your,  
Virgil Piper*

### Promotion opportunity ...!!!

Watching the news this morning on KSBW I learned how the City of Santa Cruz officials are involved in helping in promoting awareness and promoting business to this major bicycle event, which will be part of the route this coming week.

Here is a good example of a City promoting itself ... - and benefits are real plusses ... and in \$\$\$\$ Win Win for everyone.... And.... , the locals get to have a lot of fun as well.

Has the City of Marina officials have something in mind to help promote the City for when the US OPEN Golf Tournament comes to the area. ...???

Such as flags, banners, directional signs promoting the businesses ... - restaurants, motels from major highway exits ..., specially to trying to direct them through Reservation Rd. , would be something that would help us all

Could it be that the City could approach golf manufacturers ball, clubs, bags, etc ... to sponsor the signs..., etc ... and offering that the City Of Marina would place them at no charge ... - or, how about the golf clubs in our area sponsoring ??? Just a couple of ideas ... (among of many others).

Failing that, I am sure that the City of Marina could allocate some funding for this important event in our area.

I hope that it is not another opportunity missed ... !!!

*André*

## Marina Point of View

By  
Gary Wilmot



Hello, Marina. Well they tried and I bet they thought, they succeeded in their effort to keep me from writing, they were wrong. Simply attacking me at the city council meeting will not stop me from writing. It only angers me and makes me more determined to expose their efforts to stop Marina from its right to becoming a city,

which provides job and housing for all income categories. They must think we are uneducated fools who will fall for their lies. Well they are wrong, most of Marina's citizens are well educated and well traveled. And we know the difference between capitalism and socialism. Many of us have

lived in countries where the government tells you where you will work, where you will live and how high you will rise in society, and we are glad we live in the United States of America where we are free to follow our dreams and reap the rewards of our hard work. We know nothing is guaranteed, but we also know that nothing is impossible and it is the possibility that makes us love this country. Therefore to all of you who are concerned socialist who feel it is your duty to fight for us poor uneducated people, who need help, I have a few words for you. Get out of our way, we want good jobs and

a good education for our children so they can have a better life than we have. We don't want your hand outs, we want an opportunity to earn a better living and that opportunity is what the Marina Heights , University Villages , Marina Station , and the Downtown development represent. So get out of the way and stop blocking our chance to have a better future.

Thank you for reading the whole article.

Gary Wilmot

Exercise Your  
First  
Amendment  
Rights.  
Write Letters