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News of Local Libertarians' Efforts and Feats

## Outreach at Oktoberfests

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With October comes Oktoberfest, and this year has brought two!

We had great success in Cupertino on Oct. 9-10, and as of press time, we're looking forward to Campbell's version of this traditional German celebration on Oct. 15-16.

The separate presence of the Libertarian Party, pitching LP candidates, and Lawful Gov, with the World's Smallest Political Quiz, helped us to project much more effective communication than usual.

We gave out 100-150 "Vision for America" brochures, as well as **Gray for U.S. Senate** and **Badnarik for President** material. Our "Bush/Kerry" flip coins were a hot giveaway.

The booth served as a rally point for many Libertarians. Saturday, **June Genis** from San Mateo County worked a big chunk of the afternoon shift. **Steve Schoch** from Santa Cruz came to pick up Judge Gray material. On Sunday, **Anne** and **Brian Schar** of Menlo Park came to help support Judge Gray, and wound up staying till clean-up. Brian is former Chair of the Orange County LP and saw the alert on the NorCal Judge Gray list. **Nick Langston** saw a message posted to the Badnarik 2004 Meet-up group. He contributed to the Gray campaign; changed his registration from "decline to state" to Libertarian; and took a Badnarik sign home.



*June Genis, a longtime Libertarian activist from San Mateo, crossed county lines to help out on October 9.*

Photo: Elizabeth C. Briery

I was able to reach Judge Gray by phone so he could thank Nick personally.

Many other Libertarians stopped by and were also invited to the Oct. 14 Central Committee meeting.

**Zander Collier** made a contact with a person serving on the board of COMPAC, the group that organized the recent Barbecue.

Zander, Anne, and Brian did an awesome job on Sunday getting out literature and hawking Libertarianism. It made a huge difference and highlighted the need for "front-room" personnel to meet and greet the public, and "back-room" folks who do the legwork to get to an event and back.

The booth again was fully manned. I was able to step away for a good portion of Saturday, and never worried about the booth's coverage.

Finally, **Allen Hacker** made a huge contribution with his sponsoring of the "World's Smallest Quiz" booth. It did as much to inform others of Libertarianism, if not more, as our booth could, in a very engaging manner. Those who would give us a cursory glance would walk down the path and spend time with Allen.

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10 A.M.  
to  
5 P.M.  
FUN  
FOOD  
ENTERTAINMENT

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The libertarian-leaning folks would be referred back to the LPSCC booth.

Many were shocked to learn they held libertarian views, and left with a concrete assessment of their political philosophy and opened their door to us.

Executive Committee members **Allen Rice** and **Mark Hinkle** helped, as well as **Mark Johnson** and **David Hacker**, who staffed the Quiz booth.

We introduced the libertarian philosophy to high school students and encouraged them to ask their teachers whether they know about the Libertarian Party.

The all-important "trash test" was very enlightening. Zander dug into many surrounding trash cans (and he really dug) and found scant pieces (fewer than five) thrown away.

While we did not register many new Libertarian voters or sign up new members, we found that booths at fairs are a very inexpensive way to reach the public. It's a great chance for the public to come to us, rather than for us to make the effort to find them. The amount of work and time it would have taken to walk the precincts to meet the same number of people is one or two orders of magnitude higher. The amount of traffic we receive for the price we pay is a substantial value proposition.

Perhaps my favorite observation: we were the only political party present! That sure felt good. I look forward to more such wins at the Campbell Oktoberfest. ■



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*Kevin Takenaga*

## The Home Stretch for Candidates

The LP's crop of energetic candidates are raring to go for the home stretch in 2004's momentous election.

**Michael Badnarik** (President) faced arrest at a "debate," fighting for our liberties. **Judge Jim Gray** (U.S. Senate) took a stand opposing the drug laws he is sworn to uphold. Our local candidates have also invested their hearts and souls to give voters a true, positive choice.

**Mike Laursen** (Congress Dist. 13) and **Allen Rice** (Senate Dist. 11) taped three-minute candidate statements at Mountain View's cable access station, KMVT. They'll air in three cities, five days a week through the election. The pair will also participate in League of Women Voters'

candidate forum the evening of Oct. 21 at the Mountain View City Council chambers.

Laursen plans a direct mail campaign whose effectiveness will be measured by comparing the vote totals for each precinct with the general results. The data will be useful to future campaigns.



*Mike Laursen*

"Just for the fun of it, we will target my Democrat opponent's district first. If there's enough money we will target my Republican opponent's district, too."

**Zander Collier** (Assembly Dist. 24) faced off

against Republican opponent Ernie Konnyu, at the Saratoga Library on Oct. 1. The candidate forum involved all three races affecting the residents of Saratoga. Democrat Rebecca Cohn did not attend.

Collier is planning a barrage of yard signs.

**Brian Holtz** (Congress Dist. 14) was interviewed by S.F. Examiner's Josh Wein (10/1). "On the whole, the article is quite accurate in its description of my campaign's message, and I'm grateful to the Examiner for covering third-party candidacies."

Holtz's innovative \$2 bet to voters who don't vote for him after reading his platform has instead yielded campaign contributions: the opposite of Holtz's purpose. So he has upped the ante to \$5.00 per nonvoter.

Good luck to all LP candidates on Nov. 2! ■



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■ Message from the Chair

**Say It Ain't So!**

Two common killer objections to the LP don't need to exist. Neither is valid; they're misstatements of two of our actual positions. When challenged, we try to explain—but we're not in the same conversation as the person objecting, so it doesn't work.

These two misunderstandings are keeping people out of the party. When we correct them as misunderstandings rather than defend the positions they pretend to define, people's interest in the party returns.

At Cupertino's Oktoberfest, I ran a "Find Your Political Position" booth. Two women took the "World's Smallest Political Quiz" together and scored solidly libertarian at 80% on both economic and personal free-

doms. They expressed surprise, saying they were conservative Republicans! They had read the LP platform about three years ago and had been turned off by a couple of our positions. "Which ones?" I inquired. "Open borders!" said one, and from the other, "Free trade!" I surprised them, as I might be about to surprise you. Neither of those is a Libertarian position. The women were at least as surprised as you might be right now.

How can I say this? Simple. "Free trade" is not the same as "free market," in that "free trade"

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LPSCC Chair and unofficial quiz proctor Allen Hacker helps these young women identify their political home at Cupertino's Oktoberfest.

is a neoconservative substitute term for "free market" and actually means something quite different.

A free market operates at the whim of billions of uncoordinated micro-decisions made by buyers and sellers all over the place. It is a chaotic sum in action, defined by itself as a phenomenon.

Conversely, free trade is government-managed commerce between nations. Government-defined, government-negotiated, and government-con-

strained, it's not at all free, since the government licenses every activity and entity involved. That's a huge distinction. The LP officially and specifically opposes such arrangements in our Trade Barriers plank.

Unfortunately, the term "free trade" does appear once in the LP platform, but there is ample evidence that this is a mere style issue that can be corrected, given that the term "free market" appears nine other places, two in the section with the "free trade" error. I've requested a review.

"Open borders" means anyone going anywhere with no controls, while the LP's position is that honest people should be allowed to cross borders freely. You can't even state that position without implying that you're going to check people. How else are you to know that they're honest?

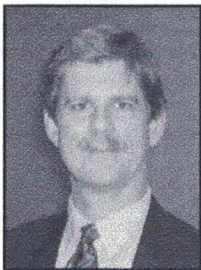
It's easy to see how the terms became misused within our conversation. "Free trade" sounds like "free market," and you can say it meaning either.

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**Local Exposure: Media and P.R.**

**TV Interview about Parcel Tax**

Former LPC Chair **Mark Hinkle** was interviewed on Oct. 5 by Derek Huang (KTSF Channel 26) regarding the initiative to lower to 55% the 2/3 majority requirement to pass a parcel tax. The initiative, which would enable funneling of even more money to government schools, is backed by Republican Steve Poizner, Democrat Joe Simitian, and Netflix CEO Reed Hastings.



Mark Hinkle

"I covered teachers' salaries and pensions (both are highest in the U.S.), the portion of the Calif. budget spent on education (40%+), the dollars spent per student (\$10,000/year), the false argument that it's all Prop. 13's fault, and that private schools do a better job

at about half the cost," reports Hinkle. The broadcast retained his conclusive lament: "When is enough enough?"

**Quadripartisan Forum**

On Oct. 11, LPSCC Chair **Allen Hacker** visited Saint Mary's College to participate in a four-way forum featuring "a Green and the Megaparty twins," Hacker reports.

"The Green accused the Republicans and us of wanting to privatize Social Security to soak up all the wealth through 'our' stock market. I disabused the audience of the idea that this could be anything but silly Marxist rhetoric.

"The Democrat abused 5 of his 7 time limits, and had the audacity to commend the moderator for controlling the tempo.

"The Republican was a newbie, first debate and all, nervous...but generally did O.K. I encouraged him to do another."

Sponsored by the students' debate team, the forum was recorded for later analysis. ■

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## Breaking News! Libertarian Party of California Appoints Executive Director

On Oct. 14, **David Ruprecht** of TV game show renown joined the LP of Calif. as Executive Director. He will focus on fundraising, LP relations with elected officials, and coordination of guest opinion pieces in periodicals.

"My experience has been in the volunteer, nonprofit world," Ruprecht writes. "I am earning my certificate [in Philanthropy] at CSU Northridge. I think my knowledge of and ability in nonprofit fundraising mixed with my dedication to our cause and just a hint of "celebrity" are what convinced **Aaron Starr** to take me on." ■

## Say It *continued from Page 2*

But what matters isn't what you mean, but what others hear. And they hear "government-defined, government-negotiated, and government-constrained" business as usual.

Same with open borders. It sounds like a logical opposite to *closed* borders, but we have neither, and we advocate neither. Our borders are not closed; immigration is regulated, not prevented. That either-or proposition is unacceptable. Reality dictates simply that we must be a little bit careful.

Go forth on these two issues and correct instead of defending. Of course, you may have to correct yourself first. Stop saying "free trade" and remember to say what we used to say, "free market." Instead of "open borders," say "reason-

able immigration policies," and then explain.

Those two women were excited and asked for the web address so they could revisit the LP. And in Reno in July, this method brought an old libertarian back into the fold and nabbed Badnarik for President an extra thousand dollars.

Just say it ain't so. Explain the difference. Life will be easier; the Party will expand; and apples will taste better. ■

*-Allen Hacker, Chair  
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## Statewide Measures Adopted by the LPC Executive Committee at the August 21st meeting

Prop 1A . . . . .	Protection of Local Government Revenues. . . . .	NO POSITION
Prop 59 . . . . .	Access to government information. . . . .	YES
Prop 60 . . . . .	Primary elections. . . . .	YES
Prop 60A . . . . .	Surplus state property. . . . .	YES
Prop 61 . . . . .	Children's Hospital Projects. Grant Program. Bond Act. . . . .	NO
Prop 62 . . . . .	Elections. Primaries. . . . .	NO
Prop 63 . . . . .	Mental Health Services Expansion and Funding. Tax on Incomes over \$1 Million. . . . .	NO
Prop 64 . . . . .	Limitations on Enforcement of Unfair Business Competition Laws. . . . .	YES
Prop 65 . . . . .	Local Government Funds and Revenues. State Mandates. . . . .	YES
Prop 66 . . . . .	Limitations on "Three Strikes" Law. Sex Crimes. Punishment. . . . .	YES
Prop 67 . . . . .	Emergency and Medical Services. Funding. Telephone Surcharge. . . . .	NO
Prop 68 . . . . .	Tribal Gaming Compact Renegotiation. Non-Tribal Commercial Gambling Expansion. Revenues, Tax Exemptions. . . . .	NO POSITION
Prop 69 . . . . .	DNA Samples. Collection. Database. Funding. . . . .	NO
Prop 70 . . . . .	Tribal Gaming Compacts. Exclusive Gaming Rights. Contributions to State. . . . .	NO
Prop 71 . . . . .	Stem Cell Research. Funding. Bonds. . . . .	NO
Prop 72 . . . . .	Referendum Petition to Overturn Amendments to Health Care Coverage Requirements. . . . .	NO

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