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News of Local Libertarians' Efforts and Feats

■ Campaign 2004

Local Libertarian Candidates Meet the Challenge

Every Vote Counts! Two Push Laursen into Nominee Status

After 29 days of suspense, the Santa Clara County Libertarian Party's **Michael Laursen–John Webster** primary election stand-off was put to rest on Wednesday, March 31.

That day, State Senate candidate Mike Laursen (District 13) learned that he'd won the March 2 primary by a mere two votes. For a while it looked as though just one lone voter had made all the difference, but at the eleventh hour, incredibly, a write-in vote was unearthed the previous day, putting the count as: Laursen, 286; Webster, 284.



Mike Laursen, LP nominee, Calif. Senate Dist. 13

At the culmination of this nail-biter, Laursen, who'd won the endorsement of the LPSCC, commented that although "the Registrar was closed for Cesar Chavez Day...there was one dedicated soul working there." Reassuring indeed. ■

**Vote Laursen for
California Senate District 13**
Web: VoteLaursen.org
E-mail: Info@VoteLaursen.org

Boortz is Back!

LP member **Neal Boortz** hosts a nationally syndicated radio show whose slogan is "Somebody's gotta say it!" Based in Atlanta, the show was aired in S.F. until KNEW canceled its broadcast last year.

We're pleased to report that Boortz is again riding the northern Calif. airwaves:

Days: Monday – Friday at 9:00 A.M.
Station: KSRO 1350 AM, Santa Rosa

You can also listen via the web by entering Boortz's "anti-PC zone" at **Boortz.com**. ■

– Contributed by Scott Lieberman

A Thank You, and Let's Roll: Collier Campaign Gears Up

by **Zander Collier**
State Assembly Candidate, District 24

The March 2 primary election saw the Elect Collier campaign garnering 367 of 373 votes (there were six write-ins) for California Assembly District 24. The district comprises Saratoga, Campbell, West San Jose, from Berryessa to Almaden, and parts of Santa Clara.

Thank you for confirming me as your candidate!

There are lots of goings-on. On board are campaign veteran **Kevin Takenaga** as Treasurer, professional fund raiser **Kristina Knutsen**, Director of Outreach **Mike Shur**, and **John Mehaffey**, former mayor of Saratoga, actively consulting for us and already having formulated a number of ideas and strategies so we can carry this race in November.

We're running this campaign by the numbers; we're analyzing the voter rolls; and we have a legitimate shot at winning this race. Of course, your help will make

this effort easier. My goal is to raise at least \$200,000. I want to win this seat not just for the LPSCC but for the state of California. I know it can be done.

If you're unfamiliar with my name, my face, my politics, and my activism in local causes and for the Libertarian Party, please visit www.ElectCollier.org for a

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Zander Collier (right) participates in recent candidates' forum, with opponent Ernie Konnyu (left).

■ Election 2004

Ballot Measures: Two Victories on March 2

The Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County opposed seven (indicated in **red**) of the ten local March 2 ballot measures. A small victory, **we won our position on two: Measures B and G**, which each required a blessed two-thirds majority to pass. Results are below.

Measure 2 Regional Traffic Relief Plan.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass	<input type="checkbox"/> Fail
Measure A Juvenile Hall & Probation Dept. Charter Amendments.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass	<input type="checkbox"/> Fail
Measure B Special Tax—Santa Clara Co. Libr. Dist. Joint Powers Auth	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fail!
Measure C Residential Growth Control—City of Morgan Hill.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass	<input type="checkbox"/> Fail
Measure D Design—Build Procurement Process—City of San Jose.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass	<input type="checkbox"/> Fail
Measure E Gavilan Coll. Job Training, Overcrowding, Repair/Safety.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass	<input type="checkbox"/> Fail
Measure G Parcel Tax—Union School District.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fail!
Measure H Parcel Tax Extension—Cambrian School District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass	<input type="checkbox"/> Fail
Measure I Parcel Tax Extension—Loma Prieta Joint Union School Dist	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass	<input type="checkbox"/> Fail
Measure J Parcel Tax—Mountain View—Whisman School District.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass	<input type="checkbox"/> Fail

Read more about these measures at www.SmartVoter.org/2004/03/02/ca/scl/meas/.



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CORRECTION

In February's *Santa Clara Libertarian* ["Thinking Outside the Boxer: LP Senate Candidate Visits Local University," page 1], we referred to the office **Judge James Gray** seeks and **Barbara Boxer** holds as "State Senate." Judge Gray is of course running for the office of U.S. Senator from California. We regret the error, and we apologize to Judge Gray (though not necessarily to Ms Boxer).

—Editor

■ **Message from the Chair**
It Has Begun...

You may recall that in the February Santa Clara Libertarian I called for a huge increase in membership, and eventually—but before year's end—an equally huge increase in monthly pledges.

Well, I'm pleased to announce that returns have begun to trickle in! Within three days of the newsletter being delivered, we got the first membership application back in the mail, and two more within days of that. Final results won't be in from that particular call for a while, but it's nice to see something happen so quickly.

Of course, that was a special issue; it was sent to more than 1,200 non-member Libertarian voters. This issue is going just to LPSCC members, as will all the rest for the year, with the exception of the special October issue covering the November election. Which means that we won't be reaching out monthly to those non-member Libertarians to increase the odds that we'll meet our goal of 3,000 members by year's end. We won't get there unless you, the existing members, pick up a lot of slack.

There's a lot of slack to pick up, too. Only 29.84% of the 5,509 registered Libertarians in this county actually made it to the polls. Sure, that's a hair better than the Greens and several points better than the American Independents, but it's also almost 6% less than the county average, 10% less than the Republicans, and 12% less than the Democrats.

Even so, we defeated two parcel taxes of the seven tax-and-spend hits that were thrown at us. No, that's not good enough. The truth is, we did better last November. Much better.

But, as our turnout shows, we have a lot of room to grow. And grow we will, because grow we must. Look: we may be the only party with a clear set of Principles that we put right out front and stand behind in everything we do. Yet the other parties have mastered a different principle. An operating principle: get the numbers!

It's all about numbers: members, money, and votes. If you think it's anything else, you're either out of touch with reality or just looking for an excuse. And I've got to warn you: if it's the latter, *I can't hear you!*

I didn't hear the people who said last month that 3,000 members in one year could never happen. I don't hear it if you're saying you can't recruit a new member this month. I've heard one member scored *five* new members last month. How? He's out there.

The unwitting voters of California spent almost \$100 billion on March 2. You must know people who are bothered by that. So get out there! ■

— Allen Hacker, Chair



■ **Coalition Building**
Friends of Libertarians

The **Civil Society Institute**, directed by Professor **Daniel Klein**, hosts wonderful talks by speakers to whom Libertarians can sure relate. Take full advantage of this neighbor of ours at **Santa Clara University**, and hear one of these coming attractions:

- **Ken Kam** – April 14, 5:30 P.M.
Competition as a Discovery Procedure: How I Used Economics to Improve Capital Markets (and make a profit)
- **Lawrence White** – April 28, 7:30 P.M.
Abolish the Fed: The Case for Liberty in Money and Banking
- **Laurence Iannaccone** – May 12, 5:30 P.M.
Supply and Demand of Suicide Bombers
- **Ivan Eland** – May 26, 5:30 P.M.
Does the Preemptive War Strategy Really Increase U.S. Security?

For more details, see www.SCU.edu/csi/.

Junior State Convention

Been itching to introduce young politicians to libertarian principles? Here's your chance! Help host the LP's booth at the **Junior Statesmen of America** convention.

Date: Sat., April 24, 9 A.M. – 1:15 P.M.

Venue: Marriott Hotel, Santa Clara
2700 Mission College Blvd.

Nearly 1,000 high school juniors and seniors will attend, eager to listen and receive literature. Contact N. Vice Chair **Lawrence Samuels** at (831) 648-7271, vm 104.

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■ Campaign 2004

Candidate Holtz Promotes Market Liberalismby **Brian Holtz**

Candidate, U.S. Representative, District 14

I'm Brian Holtz, Libertarian for Congress, running against seven-term incumbent Democrat **Anna Eshoo**. I've been a software engineer on the Peninsula since 1990, first at Sun and now at Yahoo. My wife, Melisse, is a financial analyst at Genentech. We have two daughters.

I've advocated free markets since reading **Milton Friedman's** *Free to Choose* in 1980. Uncomfortable with the moralizing of the Republicans, my policy had been to register & vote Libertarian at state & local levels to signal my principles, but to vote Republican in federal elections to limit the harm caused by Democrats in DC.

My theory: Republicans seldom implement their worst ideas (restraints on personal liberty), but the Democrats almost always implement theirs (restraints on economic liberty). When in 2001 the Republicans took control in Washington for the first time since 1955, I was confident they would implement entitlement reform, spending cuts, free trade. Instead,

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they gave us bloating Medicare, corporate welfare, steel tariffs. No longer could I blame just the Democrats for the massive special-interest drag on the U.S. economy. I became active in Libertarian politics.

I advocate the libertarianism which Cato Institute calls "market liberalism." It holds that government should prevent aggression, protect the environment, provide a safety net, and regulate basic infrastructure, but otherwise recognize the freedom and responsibility of peaceful, honest adults to control their own bodies, actions, speech, and property, and to work and play together as they see fit. I'm reaching out to voters fed up with

Democrats who do not understand market dynamics & Republicans who disrespect civil liberties. I'll ask them to cast a clear, unambiguous vote for the policies of the 21st century: personal freedom & responsibility, free & fair markets, smart environmentalism.

The general election will likely replay 1998's, when Eshoo outspent Republican **Chris Haugen** (unopposed in his 2004 primary) \$450,000 to \$35,000, and



Brian Holtz,
 LP candidate,
 U.S. Rep. District 14

outpolled him 69% to 28%. I'll emphasize liberal Eshoo's record of opposing economic liberty. Palo Alto resident Haugen's web presence gives little indication of his exact views, but I will point out the serious threats to personal liberties in his party's platform.

Haugen is co-founder and vice-principal of a Christian school whose statement of faith shares the belief "that all Scripture is verbally inspired by God and that it is the supreme and final authority in faith & life."

I predict I'll get 4%, slightly better than Eshoo's last few Libertarian opponents. I'm too realistic to claim I have a serious chance of winning. My strategy is to promote the idea of liberty to opinion leaders—activists, academics, journalists—and voters who seriously analyze the positions of the candidates.

I won't be kissing many babies. It's not because of my handshake or smile that I want people to vote for me. I care most about spreading the idea of market liberalism. Getting votes is a means to the end of spreading the idea of free minds and free markets. I'd rather someone hear the full message and vote *against* me than ignore the message while voting *for* me. What's true & right always wins in the long run. ■

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deeper look.

February was a busy month, with candidate forums, campaign appearances, and the coordination of all sorts of things, such as the campaign web site, and continuing to build the Elect Collier team. By the time you receive this newsletter, I should have already posted my votes on the issues in the March 2 election, and the reasoning for how I cast my ballot.

Ernie Konnyu won the Republican primary. This is exactly what I wanted to have happen. For the two years Ernie was in Congress, he was a member of Jesse Helms's "Conservative Caucus." I look forward to the general election campaign and to attacking the Republican Party as the party of big spenders.

The incumbent, **Rebecca Cohn**, has on many occasions declared herself to be a Lyndon Johnson Democrat. With the failure of the Democrats to stand up for Civil Rights against the USA PATRIOT Act and their continued mismanagement of California, and with Republican inability to stop egregious spending on the national level and their abject disregard for Civil Rights by steadfastly standing by the USA PATRIOT Act, we have an opportunity unlike any other prior elections.

A vigorous campaign can also dovetail into recruitment efforts for more Libertarian activists. More activists mean more outreach; more outreach means more registered Libertarians; more registered Libertarians means political legitimacy. We can make that happen.

November is fast approaching. Our campaign is dedicated to building a deep war chest, an expansive list of endorsements, and acres upon acres of homes displaying our campaign signs.

Please join me and three other LPC candidates on April 20 for a candidates' forum and fundraiser at the School of Choice in San Jose. It'll be a barnburner!

Our positions on the issues are better. Our ideas are better. We can build a better path and a brighter future for California. ■

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Thoughts Provoked

Hear guest speakers and join in engaging discussions! LPSCC welcomes guest speakers to its monthly meetings eight times each year, in its “Inspiring Freedom Forum” speaker series.

LPSCC member **Joel Mannion** (below left) invited **Aundre Speciale** (right) from the Sacramento chapter of **Americans for Safe Access** to be our featured speaker on February 12.



The next such meeting is tentatively planned for Thurs., May 13. To confirm the date, time, speaker, and venue, check LPSCC’s website at www.SC.CA.LP.org.

If you have contact with speakers from other organizations related to libertarian principles, please contact Joel Mannion via phone at (408) 241-2307 or e-mail JoelMannion@ComCast.net. ■

Flaunt Your LP Pride at S.F. Pride Parade

by **Christopher R. Maden**
 Chair, LP of San Francisco

Judge James Gray, Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate, plans to march in the *San Francisco Pride* parade. Do you?

We want a big contingent there to support Gray and all our other pro-freedom candidates. S.F. Pride will be held the weekend of June 26–27, with the parade being held on Sunday.

We need trained parade monitors—a minimum of six, but the more the better, so monitors can trade off and get a chance to participate more fully in the parade.

Yes, *Pride* is a leftist and tax-subsidized event. But it’s also a huge opportunity to reach out to those who value their sexual freedom. With the Democrats turning their backs on the gay community over the recent same-sex marriage controversy, we have a narrow window to be there, as the Party of Principle, and to remind people that freedom is not about compromise or half-measures.

We’ll have a booth both Saturday and Sunday at the fair, conducting Operation Politically Homeless and otherwise seducing the crowd—philosophically!

Join the parade. Our contingent has grown the last several years, but we’re still dwarfed by the Greens. It’s fun, so let’s fix that this year!

Contact me if you want to be notified of monitor training opportunities, to work the booth, or to be in the parade.

Let’s make this big. ■

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