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Proud of Our Team, at San Francisco Pride

by Mike Laursen

LP Candidate, State Senate, District 13

Although opportunities for campaign appearances had slowed in late June and early July, a big opportunity presented itself on the weekend of June 26–27.

Outright Libertarians of San Francisco went all “out” in organizing events for LP Presidential candidate **Michael Badnarik**’s appearance at the San Francisco Pride festival and parade. We candidates were thrilled—being handed a well-or-

ganized appearance with an audience of thousands is a rare treat—as were Outright Libertarians. They were happy to do all the hard work, since Libertarian candidates from all over the Bay Area showed up with bells on to express their support for the civil liberties of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered people.

On Saturday, I spent the day helping out at Outright Libertarians’ Operation Politically Homeless booth. Not surprisingly, almost all the passersby who took the World’s

Smallest Political Quiz at the S.F. Pride Festival scored libertarian or liberal. There weren’t many Bush fans around. We had quite a few pleasant, interesting conversations. I had expected to meet a lot of people from Senate District 13, but was surprised that most of the people we talked to were from out of state.

On Sunday, we had a substantial parade contingent. Two convertibles: one for Mr.

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Santa Clara County Libertarian candidates Zander Collier (far left) and Mike Laursen (seated in front) can’t get enough of the receptive crowd at the S.F. Pride parade, June 27.

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Allen Rice, candidate for State Senate, District 11, touts our simple message.

Gray’s Unique Constituency

Judge James P. Gray is the only candidate in the California race for U.S. Senate speaking out against the USA PATRIOT Act and reaching out to the constituency most devastated by this infringement on our civil liberties: Muslim and Middle Eastern Americans.

On Sunday, July 11, Gray attended a meeting of the Bay Area Iranian–American Voter Association (*BAIVoter.org*), held at Faz Restaurant in Sunnyvale.

Iran’s history and culture have left most Iranians simply not in the practice of voting, even those enjoying the freedoms in the U.S. The motto of BAI Voter Association is “Your vote is our voice.” Judge Gray is on a campaign of outreach to these large groups who are not being represented—and at one of the most critical moments in America’s history.

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Judge Gray meets concerned members of the Bay Area Iranian–American Voter Association on July 11.



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■ Message from the Chair

This Time It's Possible

My brother David's favorite social commentary is how parents and other people "spend the first two or three years of your life telling you how to walk and talk, and the rest of it telling you to sit down and shut up."

For most of my younger years, it seemed everyone was telling me, "Anything's possible!" and, "You can do anything you set your mind to!" Usually, I'm certain, they were just giving me that good old American Can-Do thing; and yes, I'm sure that sometimes they were trying to encourage me personally to meet what they saw as my potential.

But the talk has turned. Now, people are too quick, and sometimes it seems too happy, to tell me that everything is impossible. What? Retire with a million dollars? Not in this economy! What, live like a free person and make your own choices? Not with the USA PATRIOT Act and today's courts, you don't! And my new personal favorite, "What?! Get a Libertarian elected to serious office?"

Libertarians used to laughingly apologize by saying, "There's something in our platform to offend everybody." I suppose that's true, from a negative perspective. But the reverse is also true: there's something in our platform to gratify everybody.

We have all of the political good—fiscal responsibility, individual liberty, personal and political responsibility—so we do have a reason for everyone to vote for us. The only reason it doesn't happen is that we don't show people how it works.

I recently walked up my street greeting a few neighbors who were home on a Friday afternoon. I asked each a single question: "What's disturbing you most today?" It didn't matter what any of them said: there was a direct way to quickly show that government is part if not parcel of the cause of that bother, and that the Libertarian Party's platform offers a constructive solution. And to every doubtful response or challenge, I found that a single rebuttal worked nicely and gained respect: "Yes,

of course all of our positions require people to take a lot more responsibility than everyone else has told them to take, but if they did, just think what the world would be." Every one of those neighbors went away thoughtful. I didn't bother to try to close the sale, that will happen later when I'm not merely experimenting.

So what's it to be? Stay on the defensive, always apologizing for perceived downsides in the best political and social solution on the planet? Or begin to celebrate and tell people the good news?



It's about goals. Some are defensive, yes, but others must be proactive.

Judge James Gray's U.S. Senate campaign slogan is, "This time it matters!" And he's right. That's the defensive half. I've proposed that, at least in California where we're teaming up with his campaign, the Badnarik for President slogan should be, "This time it's possible!" Judge Gray's staff liked the idea so much that they're already billing the August co-tour as the "This time it matters; this time it's possible" tour.

**"What's disturbing you today?"
 Show that government is part
 of the cause of that bother.**

How is it possible that Badnarik could be elected to the presidency? Gee, how was it possible that he even became our nominee? Nothing short of ordinary magic, I suppose. So what's the magic that could carry him all the way, and many of our local candidates with him?

We have something for everybody; more than one something for many; and many somethings for a lot of people. For many groups we are their *only* representatives, and lots of people are in more than one such group. When you add it all up, the magical math is that we have well over 200% of the vote!

All we have to do is make it real.

Give us your time as volunteers, and your money as donors to the party and contributors to the candidates, and we will show you the magic. Because: *This time it matters. This time it's possible.* ■

—Allen Hacker, Chair

■ Coalition Building

Tax Freedom Rally

Free Enterprise Society will be hosting its annual Tax Freedom Rally right here in Sunnyvale on August 28–29.

The weekend-long, Constitution-promoting, income tax-denouncing event will feature **Joe Banister**, former criminal agent of the IRS, **Vernice Kuglin**, an LP member and FedEx pilot who beat the IRS in court, and Libertarian **Sheriff Richard Mack**, author of *The Proper Role of Law Enforcement*.

For details, see FES's web site: www.FreeEnterpriseSociety.com

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■ Campaign 2004

LPSCC Candidates & Members Help LP of East Bay Raise Funds for Presidential Campaign

Before experiencing the color and bawdiness of the San Francisco Pride festival, the LP's eloquent spokesman and Presidential candidate, **Michael Badnarik**, enjoyed the color of the Palomares Canyon as he spoke with supporters in Castro Valley on June 25.

Westover Vineyards, thanks to the generosity of its libertarian proprietor **Bill Smyth**, was the setting for this elegant fund raiser at dusk.

Organized by LP of the East Bay, the evening featured about a dozen Bay Area candidates, who shared their campaign strategies and news. **Allen Hacker**, the California Coor-

dinator of the Badnarik for President campaign, kicked off the weekend of fund raising with a successful pitch to the crowd of 70 or so supporters. **Terry Floyd**, treasurer of East Bay LP remarked that as Mr. Badnarik's Bay Area weekend progressed, Hacker employed a different fund raising appeal at each event. Including ticket sales, this evening's event cleared several thousand dollars for the campaign.

Two days later our contingent at the S.F. Pride parade was brought up in the rear by a playful marching band, but the Westover event was no slouch itself in the musical arena. **Curt Cornell**, Chair of LP of the East Bay, moonlights as a karaoke host, and arranged for

two entertaining singers to entertain the deserving supporters and donors. **Michael Kaye** ably evoked Frank Sinatra, inspiring a bit of swing dancing by one graceful couple, followed by **Tanya Hullana** filling Westover's back patio with soul.

Be sure not to miss Mr. Badnarik's next tour of California with Judge James Gray from August 17 to 29! ■



Above: *Allen Rice, candidate for State Senate, District 11, shares his campaign plans. He champions an incremental approach for the LP to reach our elective goals.*

Below: *Kevin Takenaga, treasurer of the Collier for Assembly, and Campaigns Chair for LPSCC, relaxing at the winery.*



Photo: Terry Floyd



Below: *Linda and Mark Hinkle of Morgan Hill with Presidential candidate Michael Badnarik (at center). Formerly Chair of LP of California (LPC), Hinkle is now Chair of LPSCC's Newsletter Committee, and also serves as Member Communications Chair for the LPC.*



Above: *Allen Hacker, Chair of LPSCC and California Coordinator for the Badnarik for President campaign, gets ready to launch his compelling fund raising pitch.*



Tanya Hullana (above) and Michael Kaye (left) engage campaign contributors and Badnarik's fellow candidates alike with their mellifluous vocal stylings.



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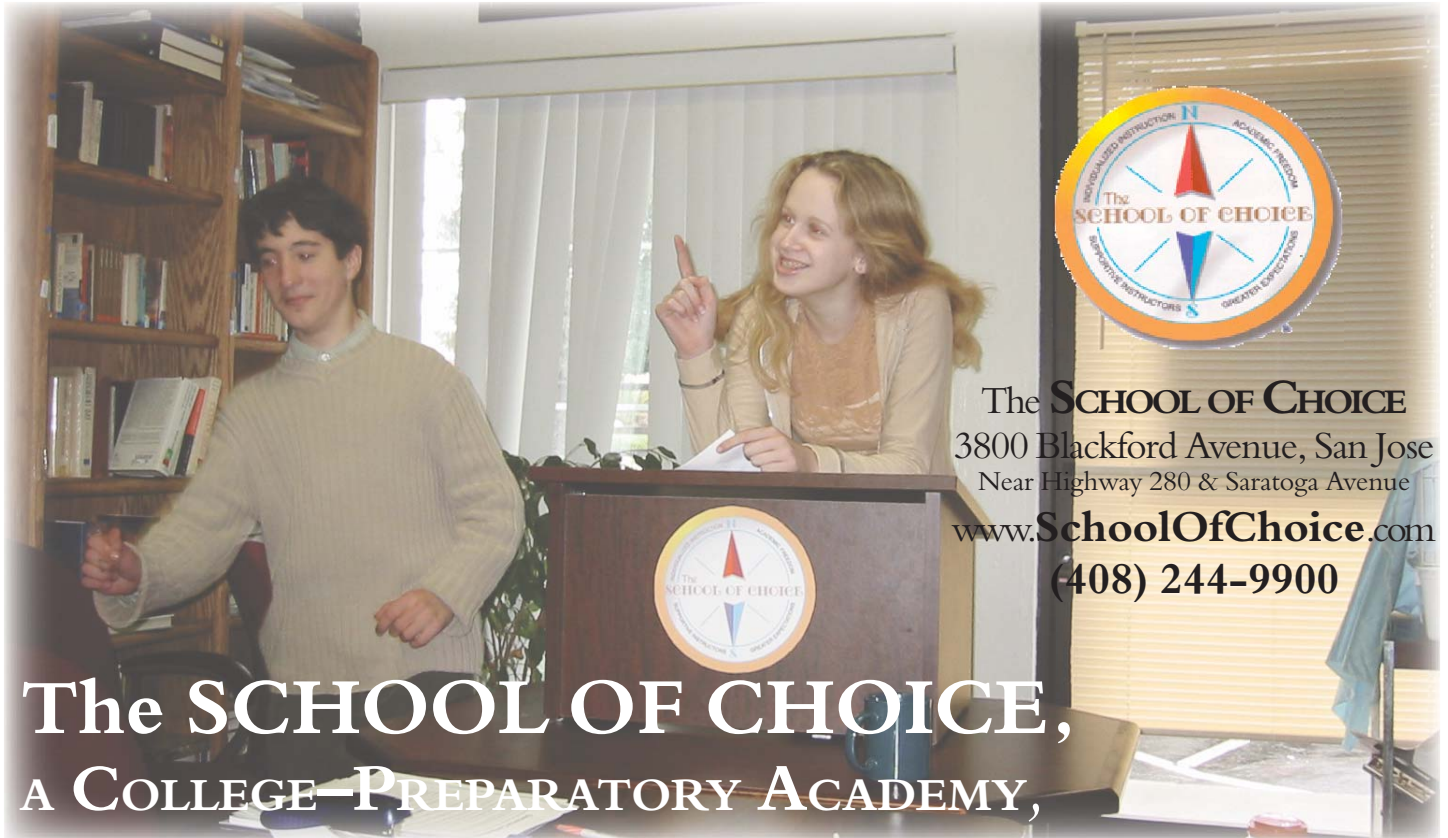
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Should Libertarians stand aside while others fight the good fight against statist indoctrination?

Join with conservatives who have started the Exodus movement, and Marshall Fritz, who argues for the separation of school and state (HonestEd.com).

Moderates can help with California Parents for Educational Choice (CPEOnline.org).

Make Libertarians famous with an issue that could win over middle America! Every Libertarian knows twenty kids. Tell their parents, even if they don't select our school, to homeschool or run to our competitors!

“When you give parents a Choice, you give children a chance.”

—Texas Governor Rick Perry

■ Campaign 2004

O Captain! my captain!

by Kevin Takenaga

Chair, Campaigns Committee, LPSCC

The backbone of the local party is its precinct captains. They are vital to electoral success.

For this election cycle, we are reactivating our precinct captains and recruiting more. There are over 1,800 precincts in Santa Clara County, and the Democrats have almost all of them covered!

While we're not shooting to cover all 1,800, we are planning to develop a program to train and recruit precinct captains to organize and spread the Libertarian message in their neighborhoods.

Precinct/Block Captains:

- Should know how to register voters and have forms on hand;
- Meet with members of their neighborhoods;
- Know where their polling place is; and
- Attend block parties and neighborhood community meetings.

Other ways you can help campaigns:

- Serve as a delivery and distribution point for campaign signs;
- Reading newspaper accounts and forwarding relevant information to campaigns; and
- Organize coffees and invite candidates to speak.

Interested in helping out with these important party functions? Please get in touch with me at Kevin@LPty.net.

To paraphrase the poet Walt Whitman, the prize we seek can be won! ■



Kevin Takenaga

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Pride

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Badnarik, one bearing four local Libertarian candidates, including **Zander Collier**, running for State Assembly, District 24, and me, more local candidates walking, including **Allen Rice**, running for State Senate, District 11, San Francisco Libertarians carrying banners and signs, **Sandy Pierre** defying gravity by carrying a torch and portraying the Statue of Liberty, and **Starchild**, candidate for San Francisco School Board, resplendent in a bright two-piece bikini, rollerskating alongside us and very efficiently handing out "Badnarik for President" flyers. It was a blast waving to mile after mile of parade-goers. At every point along the way, there was at least one Libertarian Party fan in the crowd, and Collier and I worked on revving up every single one of them.

That weekend I realized there is great potential in having all of the regional Libertarian Party organizations in the Bay Area to work together on outreach projects designed for our shared liberal politi-

cal environment. Marketing libertarianism to voters in the Bay Area is very different from marketing libertarianism to those in, say, Orange County.

In other campaign news, my time in the past few weeks has been dedicated to setting up campaign infrastructure. I've established the "Mike Laursen for California Senate" campaign committee, so that the campaign can accept your contributions and spend credible amounts of money. I created PDF contribution and endorsement forms for Zander Collier's and my campaigns, and used my web programming skills to add a campaign news mailing list, and credit card and PayPal payment options to my web site. The on-line payment pages can be also set up on other candidates' web sites with a few minutes of modification.

Please visit my web site, VoteLaursen.org; sign yourself up for my campaign news mailing list; and while you're at it, take the on-line contribution form for a spin! ■

Gray

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Then on Wednesday, July 14, the Gray campaign held an outreach event at Rosie McCann's Irish Pub at San Jose's Santana Row shopping center. Where else but America, and especially Silicon Valley, would we find Iranian-Americans as proprietors of an Irish pub?

Judge Gray's emphasis at this gathering was, not surprisingly, "the USA PATRIOT Act must go." Gray points out that the Act creates a broad definition of *domestic terrorism*

that chills free expression and association. It allows non-citizens to be detained without charge; crushes the right to privacy; and removes much judicial review over intelligence activities.

Help our Judge Gray to be admitted to the League of Women Voters' debate on August 10! Visit www.JudgeGray2004.com for the scoop on letter-writing, contributing, and the poll we must run to further prove Judge Gray's debate qualifications. ■



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Zander Collier (left), candidate for State Assembly, District 24, attended the July 11 meeting of the Bay Area Iranian-American Voter Association, along with his Campaign Treasurer, Kevin Takenaga.

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Gain both inspiration and a fresh perspective on project management, when August's "Inspiring Freedom Forum" hosts guest speaker Professor Thomas M. Cappels.

On the evening of August 12, a lively dinner gathering will precede the talk on Financial Focused Strategic Project Management by the best-selling author of *Financially Focused Project Management*. Prof. Cappels will emphasize both the Libertarian perspective—opposing the initiation of force while respecting the right of self-defense—and the economic perspective, that every action be profitable and successful.

Strategic Project Management strives to integrate all project elements across an enterprise. This requires project teams to evaluate effectively the cost and revenue impacts of a project continuously, including many financial, qualitative, ethical, and stakeholder-related issues. Cappels will discuss proven financially-focused project management tools, methods, and techniques we can use to ensure the success of our projects.

Not only is Cappels an Adjunct Professor for the University of Phoenix, developing and teaching graduate-level business and quality management courses, but he works as Controller of San Mateo County's Office of Education, managing a staff of accountants and auditors overseeing the financial administration of 23 school districts and the community college district.

Cappels received his bachelor's degree in Communications and his master's in Business Administration right here at San Jose State University. In addition to many positions in Contract Administration and Finance, he has been responsible for negotiation and administration of management and information resources supporting such

high-profile Lockheed Martin programs as the Hubble Space Telescope, the International Space Station, Iridium, and Milstar.

Cappels has appeared on radio and TV, lectured at numerous educational functions, and is author of over 60 publications, including contributions to Quality Progress

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On September 9, meet LPSCC's candidates at Coco's Restaurant in Sunnyvale. ■

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