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## LP Congressional candidates back Perot?!?

By Lynn Bloxham

The Orange County Register recently asked our Congressional candidates, if elected, how they would vote if the presidential election is kicked into the House of Representatives, and their own constituents voted overwhelmingly for H. Ross Perot. Three of our four Libertarian candidates said they would vote for Perot. This pronouncement, in print, astounded and dismayed me.

A wonderful opportunity to effectively market the Libertarian Party as the truly different choice for America was lost in this instance. By not promoting our own candidate, Marrou, and our Party and Platform, the Libertarian Party appears to have less than the full support of our own candidates. By supporting Perot, we positioned ourselves with people such as Lyndon LaRouche, George Wallace and Bo Gritz — populists who believe in majority rule democracy and who definitely have not shown a respect for individual rights on a consistent basis. Populism is the antithesis of libertarianism.

In every state there are Libertarians who have worked for years behind the scenes to garner favorable publicity. Due in part to the efforts of people like this in Orange County and our increasing professionalism (such as our press kits) quality exposure is becoming more prevalent. The irony is that I personally know of monumental efforts

on behalf of our party, by two of the three candidates who answered they would vote for Perot.

Perhaps our candidates, having read the Twelfth Amendment, forgot that in spite of a vote for Marrou not being counted, it would be a point of principle which a Libertarian candidate should uphold. A candidate is elected because of the principles and platform they represent. If elected, a Libertarian should consistently uphold principle and not succumb to the pressures of compromise and pragmatism. If the constituents are then displeased they may choose to not re-elect them.

Libertarian thinkers, researchers and scholars have debated and honed history, philosophy, economics and political science and those ideas have been incorporated into our platform. It is a platform that transcends immediate political campaigns. As a document of principle, we are learning our platform has spoken to people all over the world. Each plank rests on the premise of individual liberty and its concomitant precept, the protection of property rights.

Unlike Perot, Libertarians understand the importance of the Bill of Rights. We do not have to call for a town meeting to get the popular opinion on the Second Amendment. Libertarians understand the protections that each individual must have regardless of any minority status, as

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## Second Amendment under fire from NBC

Gun rights activists have met their enemy, and he is Michael Gartner, president of NBC News.

The National Rifle Association is raising the alarm about Gartner, who penned a strident anti-gun editorial in *USA Today* last January, and produced an anti-gun television "News Special" which aired June 5.

In the *USA Today* essay, Gartner called for an outright ban on handguns, and for a Constitutional amendment which would be necessary to make this happen. "I now think the only way to control handgun use in this country is to prohibit the guns. And the only way to do that is to change the Constitution," he wrote.

Gartner's unbridled statism is summed up in the line, "There is no reason for anyone in this country, anyone except a police officer or a military person, to buy, to own, to have, to use a handgun."

Gartner's threat to destroy the right to bear arms became more real in March when New York Congressman Major Owens introduced HJR 438, which proposes an amendment repealing the Second Amendment to the Constitution.

James Jay Baker, executive director of the NRA's Institute for Legislative Action, is asking everyone who values gun rights to contact NBC and denounce Gartner. He suggests that concerned citizens contact their local NBC affiliates and "tell the General Manager that you do not want the NBC News Division to be used for a single person's political agenda to ban guns in America."

To contact the NRA-ILA for information or to offer support, write them at P.O. Box 1730, Washington, D.C. 20077-4621.

Notes from the chair

Activism beats the summer doldrums

The summer doldrums are here. The primaries are over. November is far off, summer is here, and the people of Orange County seem to have their minds much more on the beach than on Sacramento and Washington.

Despite the slow political surroundings, there are a few things that each of us can do to help maximize our effectiveness and spread the word about the LP.

Write a letter to the editor — you can do it from the beach or from poolside. There haven't been many Libertarian letters in the Register lately; we can turn that around.

Give a neighbor a brochure about the LP, or better yet, talk to him about the party. Volunteer to help with the "Nolan Booth," which will be making a

grand tour of Orange County hot spots this summer.

Get involved as a precinct manager and contact other Libertarians in your area. All of these activities are valuable, and if each of us does just one in the coming month, we will retain a vigorous presence in Orange County politics.

Someone who is definitely keeping a high profile is Richard Boddie. His commercials have been running on Paragon Cable on CNN during prime time weekday hours. This is the first test of what will grow to statewide commercial coverage for the Boddie campaign. Spread the word!

I encourage everyone who comes to this month's meeting to have dinner or a drink in the restaurant area of Randell's. Let's show our support for the man who provides our meeting room and office!

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each individual is a minority of one. Libertarians do not equivocate on issues of taxation, government regulation, restrictions on trade, immigration, drug wars and victimless crimes. We understand the immorality of special benefits to special interests groups, and the dangers of a "partnership" of government and business. Libertarians understand that government is force and must be contained to the smallest possible denominator.

Boddie campaign needs typists

The Richard Boddie for U.S. Senate campaign still needs volunteers to help with data entry for its rapidly growing mailing lists.

Volunteers should contact Tim Thompson at 581-7344.

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foundations of our philosophy. God has provided us the opportunity to make ourselves heard. These times are rare and far between, the cold war is over, the government is wavering, we must strike now or we will not have another opportunity like 1992.

Leadership can be broken down into its four basic components, communication, trust, knowledge of oneself, and the most important of all Vision. We have the capability to produce the action needed to accomplish a fantastic success in 92 all we need is the vision to succeed. We have shown that as a group we can accomplish press, assemble a Media guide, disseminate information, set policy that impact state and national libertarian policy, and raise money to fight measure M. Now its time to run a campaign. We need a slogan that will grab the activist and motivate individuals. We need to get into business and local television news. But most of all we need to get the Vote. Its simple and we will do it.

It is with hesitation and regret that I write this article for I feel it is criticism of those in the Libertarian Party that I call the "Doers"; the people who are willing to get out in front and take the heat in a campaign. Orange County, however, is looked to nation-wide as a leader in the Libertarian movement. For this reason I think the comments I am making are necessary.



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# Cry for change fuels a call to action

By Gary Copeland  
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When you talk about change people have a tendency to think of government. As libertarians we think of private individuals taking up a cause by creating a service or product to capitalize on this change. We do this with several tools at our disposal. One is the initiative system. Libertarian and great statesman Rick Arnold runs the National Voter Outreach from San Diego. This organization's sole purpose is to put initiatives on the ballot in any state. A less used option is the state and federal legislatures although most of the time we are blocking legislation, we need to take advantage of our gains in November and author libertarian bills to free the entrepreneur from the chains of the oppressive state monopoly on free trade and moral ethics. We have a tendency not to author many bills and this must and will change. We need to initiate bills to privatize government and lift the burden of government oppression and taxes. Another tool we must take advantage of is the judicial system. This weapon can work to our greatest advantage. In San Diego Ca., Dick Rider has used it not only to implement change but to further his own career in politics as a libertarian candidate.

1992 is not just the year to crack the wall but to put such a hole in it that government can never take away our right to think as free individuals. We are the instrument of change for the better of our county and the guide to freedom in our oppressive governmental system designed by the democratic and republican parties; we must utilize these weapons to begin the libertarianisation of our government. Instead of sitting around and talking about it is our time to do it. For so many years polls have said that our votes are wasted on libertarian candidates, well not this time. While the news media is enamored with Ross Perot they have forgotten that we have the largest

pool of candidates on the ballot in this country. In this election the majority of third candidates are libertarians. Although I am a firm Marrou/Lord supporter the Perot campaign should be capitalized upon in order to further our goals in government. The fact that he is perceived as a third party candidate means those who would vote for him will carry that anger to other candidates. We are definitely the outsiders in this race. I will do nothing to support the election of Ross. We have much to gain from his arrogance. His is the pivot that may break the back of the two party system and ours is the party to fill the void.

The news media will not cover us unless we make news, so let's do it. Let's dismantle the walls of bureaucracy that prevent our cause from moving forward. Let's author bills and submit them to the local politicians, let's find the inequities in the law and use the judicial system to enforce the constitution.

**Government: JUST SAY NO!!** This slogan has worked for the Reagan administration although its effectiveness against drugs is debatable. It is a popular slogan that can be used in a campaign as an effective way to reach out and touch individuals that are activists. NOT Orators, not Joe lunch-pail, Activists, individuals; who are willing to stand up and say I am a "big L" Libertarian and proud of it. Willing to risk it all in order to change the system and start us on a course for a libertarian society. I am sick and tired of people who do not see our vision and say it can never happen. Fire, men on the moon, superconductivity, host-ess twinkies, computers, vibrators, capitalism, communism, fascism, existentialism, all products of the mind and brought to reality by visionary men. Well socialism has had its play now its our turn to implement a libertarian society.

It's time to make a stand and move into adulthood and out of the primordial slime that gave rise to the  
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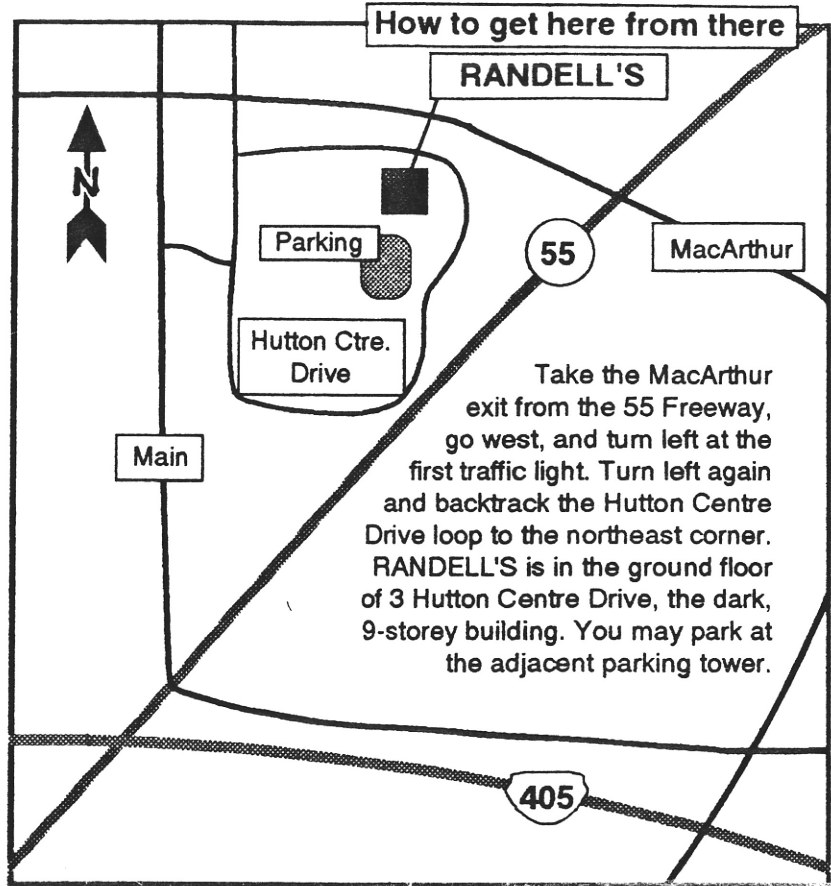
# Meeting Time & Place

The Orange County Libertarian Party m the third Tuesday of each month at Randell's Restaurant, located at 3 Hutton Centre Drive (see map). 7p.m.

For up-to-the-minute details concerning the next meeting please call party Chair Brian Schar at 840-6833.

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- National LP .....(202) 543-1988
- Boddie for Senate .....(800) 6-BODDIE
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