

Free Orange County

"Puritanism —
the haunting fear
that someone,
somewhere, may
be happy."

—H.L. Mencken

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Sprik makes runoff in State Senate special election

Libertarian **Eric Sprik** was one of the three candidates in the 35th State Senate District special election last month to survive to compete in the runoff election set for May 14.

Eric, who is making his first run as a political candidate, will be seen on Jim Cooper's political interview show on Channel 50 at 9 p.m. on Monday, May 6, and Saturday, May 11 at 6 p.m. Watch for it and tell your friends to do the same. On the radio front, Eric has been a guest on libertarian **Mark Sugars'** interview show on KUCI. The interest was so great that Eric has been invited back for another stint.

Although the 35th District is heavily Republican, making GOP candidate John Lewis the prohibitive favorite, the LP can improve its standing with a good showing for Eric Sprik. So be sure to vote. One easy way is to vote with an **absentee ballot** by mail. Call the Registrar of Voters (567-7600) now and ask for your absentee ballot.

As Eric says, "People are truly interested in what we Libertarians have to offer. But most of them need to see that others accept our ideas too. Every substantial vote total for a Libertarian candidate helps a few more to move from the sidelines to the Libertarian column."

Anti-tax ads to run on CNN

By Brian Shar

The OCLP is sponsoring a series of anti-taxation commercials to be aired on the Cable News Network (CNN) starting on April 13 and ending on Tax Day, April 15.

The 30-second spots dramatically and effectively communicate the Libertarian Party opposition to income taxation. At the end of each spot, a toll-free telephone number will be given to enable interested viewers to contact the Libertarian Party. This television exposure is expected to generate a substantial number of new inquiries about the Libertarian Party.

On Saturday, April 13, one spot will run during the 8 p.m. slot of "Capital Gang." On Sunday, April 14, one spot will run on the 8 p.m. slot of "Inside Business." On Tax Day, Monday, April 15, one spot will run on the 4:30 p.m. slot of "Crossfire" and one spot will run on the 6:00 p.m. slot of "Larry King Live." Five other spots will be shown during those three days, as well.

These commercials are part of a vigorous outreach campaign designed to support the Orange County Libertarian Party goal of doubling its membership within the year.

From the Chair**Hot new projects for the coming year****By Roger Bloxham**

The first item of business at the March 1991 meeting was election of officers for the coming year. I must (modestly) announce that yours truly was re-elected as Chair. Because of a recent change in my work location, I will be able to devote more time to making the OCLP a success and much less to commuting.

Brian Schar will continue as Secretary and will share the duties of Treasurer with me. **Terry Dunn** is our new Vice Chair.

Orange County has been selected as the location for the **1992 LPC Convention**. The bid for this event was prepared by **David Nolan**, who had a leading role in the 1981 National LP Convention in Denver, and was presented by Terry Dunn to the LPC ExComm in competition with bids from the other regions. The convention will be held in February 1992 at the **Balboa Bay Club**. This will be a great

Rain hampers plans of water control fascists**By Roger Bloxham**

Could Southern California politicians hate rain? You bet!!! They had such a good thing going and all this rain put a real damper on it.

They had special "snitch" phone lines so that the suckers for the "politics of envy" could fink anonymously. People were laying awake at night worrying that their beautiful front yard flower beds might bring trouble.

The shortage of water is political. What else could it be? Here we have an ocean full of it and if free private enterprise were still free, water would not only be plentiful but cheap, with pleas from your supplier to use more. Ah, but then the politicians would lose control.

The choice developing is storm trooper or freedom. We are having phoney crisis after phoney crisis to build government control. The answer is to de-regulate. Allow honest, responsible, innovative responses to developing needs or prepare for the Fourth Reich.

— Excerpted from an essay recently submitted to the Orange County editor of the Los Angeles Times.

challenge for OCLP members to put on an exciting convention in an election year. Please contact me to volunteer to help.

We have had a visit from the new LPC State Chair, **Pat Wright**, to discuss ways to build a more effective organization in Orange County. One result of these discussions is that we expect to begin conducting a **Libertarian Supper Club** on a monthly basis at a quality restaurant with a view to creating interest in the community and building support and membership.

Another step forward for us is the development of **TV advertising**. With the low cost available on local cable, we are now able to run TV spots during major programs here in Orange County. The first, a series of **anti-tax TV ads**, will be aired this month.

See you at the meeting — Tuesday, April 16.

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Guest column

Government is incredibly taxing

By Dick Rider

We all know taxes have been increasing, but few know just how bad things are getting. Consider these facts:

Suppose you paid all your taxes during the first part of the year and then were allowed to keep what you earned thereafter. That date is known as Tax Freedom Day. In 1930 it was February 13. In 1990 it was May 5. And if you don't think it can go higher, look at Sweden where the date is mid-September.

In 1948 the median family federal income tax was \$9. Yes, **nine dollars!** In 1990 the median family income tax was about \$3,000.

In 1948 the maximum social security tax was \$30. In 1990 the maximum tax was \$3,924. For the self-employed, the maximum was \$7,848.

The federal deficit is understated because of off-budget antics. The correct way to measure the annual deficit is to compare the national debt at the beginning of the year with the debt at the end of the year. The difference is the real annual deficit. In 1990 this figure was \$427.2 billion. This year for the first time we will have a one-half trillion dollar annual deficit!

The total national debt on March 22, 1991 was \$3.448 trillion. It will exceed \$4 trillion inside 14 months. And this figure greatly understates the real debt because it does not include the massive unfunded pension liabilities or future bad debts

such as the S&L debacle.

In 1950, the California budget was less than \$1 billion. This year it will be at least \$56 billion, and the spenders tell us that we "need" at least \$8 billion more. *Per capita*, California taxes have zoomed from \$92 in 1950 to \$1,934 in 1990, far exceeding inflation.

Inflation is an indirect tax imposed by government. The definition of inflation is higher prices resulting from the supply of money expanding more rapidly than the supply of goods and services. Government is the only legal producer of money. Government profits from inflation because it creates false paper profits which they can then tax (our country has the highest capital gains tax of any industrialized nation). For example, a \$10,000 asset which rises to \$20,000 because of 100 percent inflation is taxed upon sale as a capital gain, resulting in a \$3,500 (federal and California tax) windfall for government and a negative real return to the investor.

The inflation since 1948, caused by excessive government expansion of the money supply, results in us having to pay \$5.83 today to buy what a dollar would buy in 1948. Nevertheless, tax levies have increased at a rate several times the rate of inflation.

Rider is chair emeritus of the San Diego County Libertarian Party Central Committee.

Membership Application

Libertarian Party of California

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Meeting Time & Place

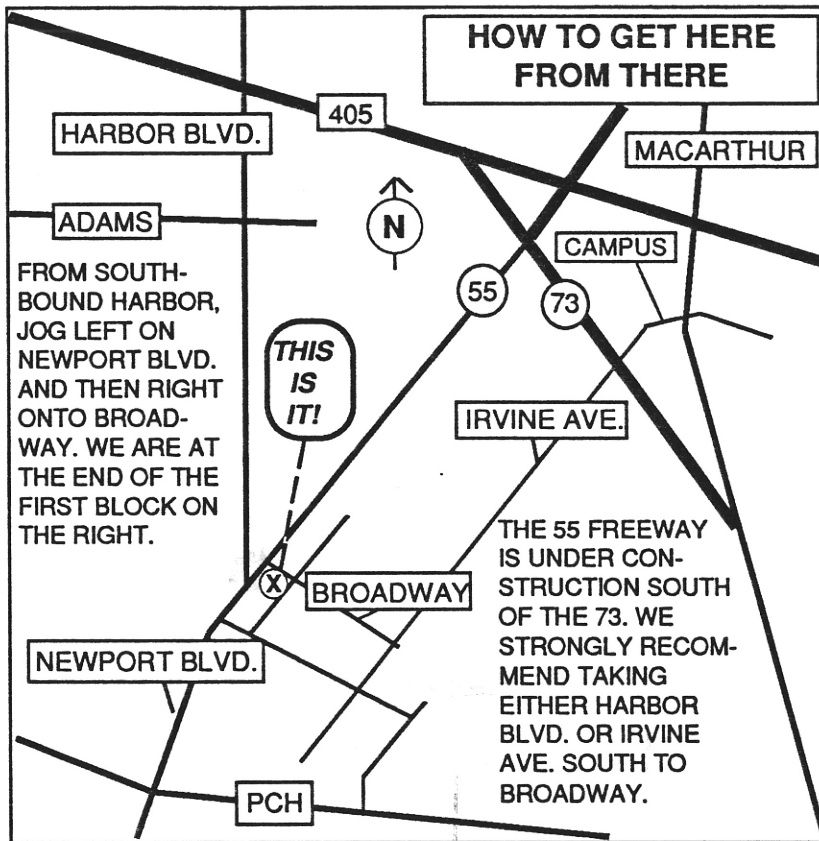
The Orange County Libertarian Party will meet Tuesday, April 16 at 149 Broadway in Costa Mesa. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

For up-to-the-minute details concerning the next meeting please call party Chair Roger Bloxham at (714) 642-2002.

South County Meeting

Libertarians in the southern party of the county also meet the fourth Tuesday of each month in Laguna Beach.

Jim and Linda Rushing organize these meetings at the Laguna Beach Hotel, 425 S. Coast Highway. This month the meeting will be in the Catalina Room from 7 to 10 p.m.



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