

Free Orange County

"If men are to wait for liberty till they become wise and good in slavery they may indeed wait for ever."

Lord Macaulay

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LP Candidate in winnable assembly race *Fairoaks freedom fighter faces pro-tax Republican*

By Eric Sprik

For many years Libertarians have campaigned in thousands of races with no chance of winning. Rather, using the political campaign as a means of publicizing Libertarian issues, we know that *someday* people will have enough of the Republicrats to vote a Libertarian into office.

Libertarian Dr. David McCann entered the race for the 5th Assembly seat knowing he had no chance to win.

Just as we were all prepared to wait a few more years for a major political victory, fate has rocketed Dr. McCann into the spotlight.

After a grinding primary he finds himself facing a lone Republican, a Wilson Tax Increase Republican who has alienated half of his own party, and bled the other half dry with an expensive primary campaign. *There are no other parties in the race.*

Several conservative groups are offering to back Libertarian McCann in order to defeat Republican B.T. Collins. But the Libertarian party must prove that the entire party is behind McCann 100 percent.

David McCann wants to win this historic race to become the first Libertarian to sit in the California State Assembly. He has obtained a first class Campaign Manager, and has a winning campaign strategy.

You have a unique opportunity to make history, too. McCann can win only if you do two things:

1) Make out a check to "David M. McCann for Assembly Committee" and mail it today to McCann for Assembly, 3910 Villa Court, Fairoaks, California 95628.



Dr. David McCann

2) Call Eric Sprik at 714-650-7072. Volunteer your time to the phone bank effort, and other strategic facets of the campaign.

If you do your part, this Libertarian *will win* on September 17.

**Inside: LPC Convention registration form —
Register early and save \$100!!**

From the Chair

One exciting convention after another

By Roger Bloxham

Opportunity is not just knocking, it's kicking in the door! A "Wilson" Republican is all that stands between our Libertarian candidate, Dr. David McCann, and a seat in the California Assembly.

All this is happening in the special election in the 5th Assembly District, just north of Sacramento. No Democrat ran in the primary. The original race was between McCann, a conservative Republican, and the "Wilson" Republican who was the highest vote getter, but not enough to avoid a run-off with McCann.

Our Libertarian candidate is now in a 2-way race with support from Democrats (they don't have a candidate), the conservative Republicans (their man lost the primary), the NRA (for obvious reasons) and of course, the Libertarians.

We can win this one! Your support is vital. Recently elected Libertarian Sandy Webb of the Simi Valley City Council and Aron Starr, former LPC Treasurer and Webb's campaign manager, are part of the organization to elect Dr. McCann. For information contact the McCann for Assembly Committee at 3910 Villa Court, Fair Oaks, California 95628 or call 916-988-7174.

No supper club this month — too much is going on. The National LP Convention in Chicago is shaping up well. We have CSPAN TV coverage for the whole Labor Day weekend. Don't forget to set your VCR to history in the making.

Our own OC vice chair emeritus, David Nolan, will give the keynote speech. Another highlight will be our own OC candidate for U.S. President, Dick Boddie's nomination presentation. Featured will be

OC's David Bergland, former National Chair and candidate for President in 1984.

Also participating in Boddie's presentation will be his father and that activist's activist, Jerry Collette. It will be a great show capped off (if Orange County has its way) by Richard Benjamin Boddie being nominated the LP candidate for President of these United States.

Orange County is hosting the California LP state convention in February 1992 at the Balboa Bay Club in Newport Beach. Details for a special package are included elsewhere in this newsletter. Our convention promises to be one of the hottest entertainment packages ever and a showcase kick-off for our Presidential Nominee. Sign up early and save some bucks.

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A persistent strategy for winning

By Scott Bleser

The unique opportunity that is presented for Dr. McCann in his 5th Assembly District race is exciting, and every Libertarian who can spare an extra dollar or some time to help out would be well advised to do so.

But the rest of us don't have to wait for such an especially favorable confluence of events to break into the political big time.

Anyone who is really interested in getting elected as an "alternative" candidate can follow the example of a socialist friend of mine, Max Nofziger.

When I met Max in the late 1970s he was an itinerant flower salesman, an underemployed English Lit scholar who blew into Austin, Texas on a wind from the Midwest. Max quickly made friends among the "progressive" crowd, people with a generally leftist, environmentalist orientation.

Max is a very likeable and articulate fellow. Despite his perpetual poverty he managed to parlay his personal charm into a grass-roots electoral campaign for the Austin city council. In his first race, which if memory serves was in 1977, Max placed fourth in a four-way race.

He ran for city council again in 1979 and for Mayor in 1981, each time earning progressively larger vote percentages.

In 1983 Max ran for a city council seat, and polled a large enough vote to cause a runoff election. At this time the major news media came to regard him as a serious political force, for he had gradually developed a political following among various envi-

ronmentalists, slow-growth, and "alternative lifestyle" political organizations.

In Max's 1985 council race he made it into the runoff election, and defeated the establishment candidate. Max won re-election in 1989.

Winning a city council seat in Austin is comparable to winning a council seat in Anaheim, Santa Ana, or Huntington Beach, or a County Supervisor seat, or a State Assembly or Senate seat, or possibly even a U.S. Congressional seat. It's high time a Libertarian stood up and got seated.

The lesson of Max Nofziger's success is that persistence pays, and coalition building gets results. In Orange County we can tap into a large local reservoir of anti-tax resentment, and appeal to our neighbors' sense of individualism, which seems better developed here (outside of Irvine, anyway) than most places.

A few of us have a real knack for political campaigning, and working with outside groups that share some of our interests. Those Libertarians should give some thought to a longer-term strategy of running to win, if not this election, then the next, or the one after that, or the second one after.

Get yourself known, to the media and the groups you hope to bring over. Get voters accustomed to seeing your name on the ballot. The more they see you, the more "real" you become to them. Use the time to sharpen your skills and broaden your knowledge, and share that knowledge with fresher candidates.

And then soon some of us can join Dr. McCann in the State Assembly.

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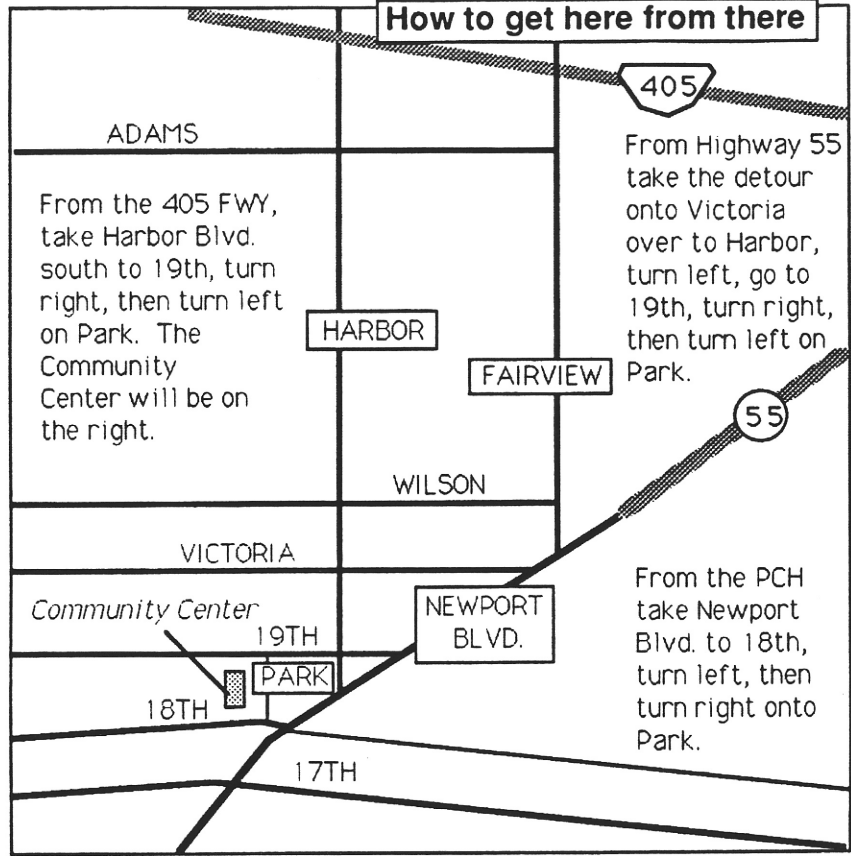
The Orange County Libertarian Party will meet Tuesday, Aug. 20 at The Neighborhood Community Center in Costa Mesa, located at 1875 Park. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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

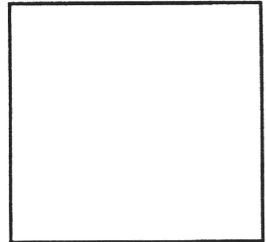
South County Meeting

Libertarians in the southern part 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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