

# Free Orange County

"Unquestionably, there is progress. The average American now pays out twice as much in taxes as he formerly got in wages."

—H.L. Mencken

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## High schoolers think the LP is 'rad'

By Steve Marczeski

After reading the "ad" for young Libertarians to introduce our principles to high school students, I jumped at the chance. The job was simple—attend the Junior Statesmen of America convention regarding the Bill of Rights. The Junior Statesmen (or JSA) is a group of high-school students interested in politics and government. "Easy enough, I'll just mill around and be subversive", I thought to myself.

I reached the Anaheim Marriot, at 8:30, and was amazed at the number of JSA members there were attending. Over a thousand students mobbed the lobby, all waiting to be registered, get their papers, and head off to meetings (Reminds me of a well-oiled bureaucracy). After hanging out for an hour, I started to worry, "Where are the other Libertarians?"

I headed over to the table where the student coordinator of the convention was sitting. After introducing myself, I asked if there was anyone else here from the Libertarians. He said his name was Todd Hitomi, and told me that there wasn't any Libertarians around that he knew of, but to hang out a little longer. He also introduced me to the adult supervisor, who was really cold, uncaring, and down right hostile, and said that we could not set up an exhibit (although not in so many words). Todd apologized, and seemed very friendly and receptive, even offering a chance to speak for 5 minutes to the convention. At that time I ran into Gail Lightfoot, and got all sorts of propoganda, literature, and what not.

After receiving the literature, I staked out my post. I had still not hooked up with any other Libertarians, when all of the sudden, I looked over my right shoulder. There, sitting in the chair, wearing a "War is the food of the state" button, was Mark Muskrath. Relieved, we talked for a few seconds, got

the large (and now famous) Nolan Chart sign, and set it up. We were instantly mobbed by students wondering what we were doing. We handed out tests, gave away little sticky dots for them to plot on the board where they scored. It was really comforting to find that most of them scored in the libertarian quadrant, and some were even "A students" (100 personal freedom/100 economic freedom).

We handed out most of our literature by mid-afternoon. I was exhausted, and called Roger for "reinforcements." He said he would call people, and send them right over. Refreshed, I jumped back into the fray. We handed out more literature, put more sticky dots on the board, and talked to more people.

I met a young gentleman who was so enthused about liberty and Libertarians that he literally "bought the shirt off my back." I had a Libertarian shirt on, and he offered me \$10 for it. I agreed, and we exchanged goods, on which I "capitalized" on the idea by explaining to him how what we had done was committed to a contract, and was moral, although not smiled upon by the government.

Overall, the experience was a tremendous success. I learned more about liberty there by speaking to people about it, and I felt a sense of accomplishment in it. Try going out and speaking about libertarianism...you'll be amazed what you know.

Coming up...

### California LP Convention

The 1991 CLP convention will be held Feb. 15-18 in Monterrey at the Holiday Inn Resort Hotel. For details see the enclosed insertion, and come to our next meeting!

From the Chair

Dont let the Soviets win the Liberty race

By Roger Bloxham

Eastern Europe and Orange County are going libertarian!

Czechoslovakia already has a libertarian President. The former leader of the LP of Canada (a Polish/Canadian citizen) came in a strong second in a three-way election in Poland and is now in a run-off election against Lech Walesa (a socialist) for President of Poland.

There is even a Soviet Libertarian Party. A member was recently in New York and Los Angeles explaining through her interpreter to LP members that she expects to be elected to the City Council in Moscow.

Back here in Newport Beach, "determined Libertarians" are being blamed/credited for the election of John Hedges to the City Council. It seems Hedges has been caught taking some refreshing positions on private property and the right to privacy.

MEMBERSHIP!

One of the most important things each of us can do is maintain our membership in both the LPC and the National LP. Please check the address label on this newsletter for your membership expiration date. Use the membership application form to renew if your membership is close to expiration — and sign up a friend.

Membership numbers affect our representation at the 1991 LP Presidential Nominating Con-

December Meeting Agenda

- 6:30 Open the door
7:00 Mtg to order and treasurer report.
#1 Special introductions and recognitions.
#2 Updates on OCLP activities.
reports from:
A) Vice Chair David Nolan
B) David Bergland, Nat. Chair Emeritus, LP
#3 New business
#4 Old business
#5 Announcements
8:00 Social hour

vention in Chicago, our biggest ever, nationally televised event scheduled for Labor Day weekend. LPOC membership numbers determine our delegate strength at the 1991 LP of California convention set for February in Monterey, at which delegates will be selected for the National Convention.

Leading libertarians seeking the LP Presidential nomination will be a main attraction at the upcoming LPC State Convention. Orange County's own Dick Boddie is an announced candidate as is Andre Marrou, the 1988 Vice Presidential candidate.

Make your plans now to attend the LPC Convention. In addition to the presidential candidates, there will be important business relating to the future structure of the LPC and our platform. It will be a great event and a good time with other libertarians. So come to this month's county meeting to help with our planning. 1991 promises to be our biggest and best ever.

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# Register, Recruit and Raise Funds

By Sharon Ayres

If the choices were mine to make, what activities would I have the Libertarian Party engage in to further its aims in California and Orange County? The following are three activities I believe are important for a successful Libertarian Party.

First would be a drive to register Libertarian voters. Why? Because as a serious political party we can and should maintain the requisite number of registered Libertarians necessary to maintain statewide ballot status, in addition to retaining such status by way of vote totals received by one of our candidates for statewide office. People, especially the media, look at the numbers of registered Libertarians as indicators of our political strength and commitment. It is important for Orange County Libertarians to contribute to such a drive because the overall strength of the LP in California is reflected in the political contests here. Make no mistake, when people cast their votes for Libertarian candidates in Orange County those votes are in some way influenced by voters' perceptions of the LP as a whole.

Another activity would be a membership drive. This venture is much easier when the organization: 1) maintains a telephone number with an answering machine so people who wish more information can contact us; 2) follows up inquiries with literature; 3) prints a monthly newsletter; and 4) schedules activities, such as regular meetings, so that new members can get involved. You can see that all four are important components of an effective

membership drive. Those who inquire about the LP are our best prospective new members. In Orange County the Libertarian Party is making this a reality.

A third undertaking, one that should be in operation at all times, is an effort to raise money in order to fund the above activities and various others. Sending out appeals for funds in letters that would also provide information about LP activities and events, establishing a monthly pledge program, reminding current members to pay their dues, these are just some of the aspects of successful fundraising. Without funds no business can survive.

To some extent the LP is a business. We are selling the politics of freedom. We are selling our ideas and our candidates to a public that does not have to buy. That they *should* buy, that their failure to do so may ultimately have terrible consequences, is beside the point. Any physician who has tried to get a patient to stop smoking, lose weight, and start an exercise program because failure to do so dramatically increases the risk of ill health will tell you that people do not always do what is good for them.

Our job is to let people know there is an alternative to the status quo. And our job is also to make that alternative, the Libertarian Party, as attractive as possible. Why? Because once we have their ideological agreement, we need them to agree that the political process is an important avenue through which change can occur. For that we need more activists. For that, a few extra ribbons on our ideological package may make the difference.

## Membership Application

Libertarian Party of California

I hereby certify that I do not believe in nor advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals.

signature \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_

- I am voluntarily setting my dues at:
  - \$25  \$50  \$100  \$250  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- I want to join but I can't afford the above. I am setting my dues at \$15.
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# Meeting Time & Place

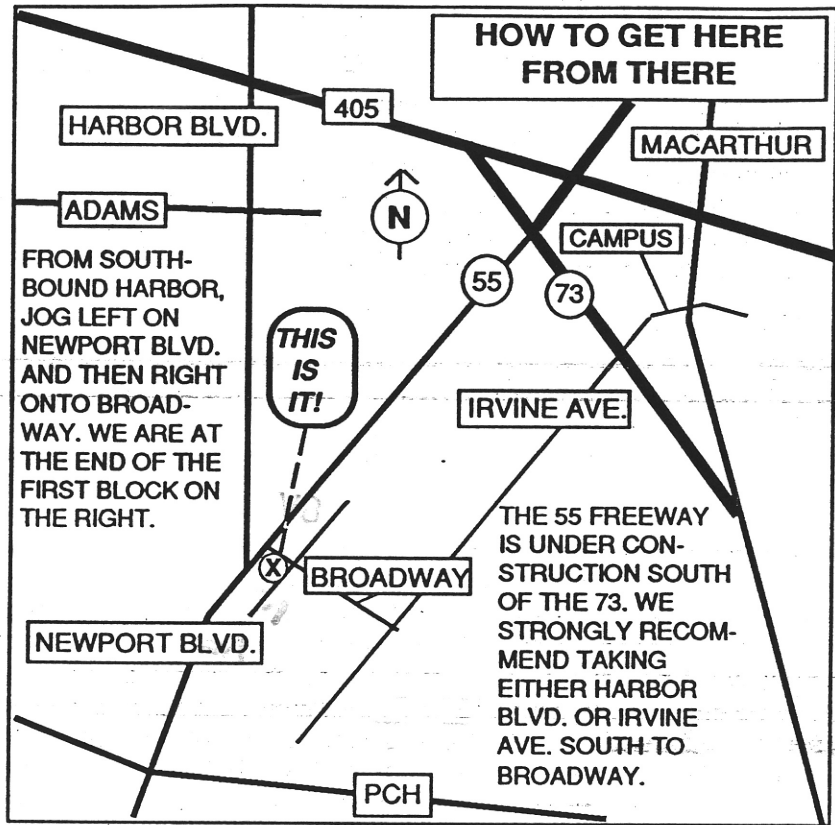
The Orange County Libertarian Party meets the third Tuesday of each month at 149 Broadway in Costa Mesa. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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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