

Free Orange County

"God is on
the side not
of the heavy
batallions,
but of the best
shots."

— Voltaire

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Marrou wins Presidential nomination

Nancy Lord of D.C. joins ticket as VP nominee

Andre Marrou won nomination as the Libertarian Party candidate for President at the LP National Convention held in Chicago over the Labor Day weekend. Nancy Lord of Washington, D.C. was chosen as his running mate.

Marrou received the Presidential nod on the first ballot, defeating his principal opponent, Dick Boddie of Huntington Beach, by a five to three margin on the first ballot. The quick win was somewhat stunning considering that most observers had predicted a closer race which would take several ballots to decide.

The VP race was a different story. On the first ballot, Dick Boddie garnered nearly 40 percent of the votes cast, after entering the race at the last moment. Mary Ruwart of Kalamazoo, Michigan, who had been endorsed by Marrou, came in second.

Nancy Lord, who ran for mayor of Washington, D.C. as year, was a close third. Like Boddie, she had entered the contest only hours before the balloting began. Among her supporters were party founder Dave Nolan and 1980 Presidential nominee Ed Clark, whose endorsements were persuasive to many delegates.

Immediately following the first VP ballot, the convention recessed for the Saturday evening banquet. During the course of the evening, word was passed that Marrou did not want Boddie as his running mate.

On the second ballot, held Sunday morning, Nancy Lord vaulted into first place, narrowly ahead of Boddie, as support for Ruwart collapsed. Ruwart then withdrew, and Lord won the nomination on the third ballot.

Delegates from Orange County were highly visible throughout the convention. Dave Nolan gave the Keynote Address, which prompted several standing ovations. Drawing most applause was a remark that

"The Second Amendment is not about duck hunting; it is about the right and the ability of a free people to defend themselves against tyranny."

OCLP chair Roger Bloxham was also highly visible, campaigning tirelessly for Boddie and giving one of his nominating speeches. David Bergland, who could not attend the Chicago meeting, nonetheless made an endorsement speech for Boddie which was videotaped earlier and then played for the assembled delegates.

Large portions of the convention were carried live on C-SPAN, and numerous other media also had reporters on hand. These included CNN, the *Washington Post*, the *Washington Times*, both major Chicago newspapers, National Public Radio, *Playboy*, and dozens of smaller news outlets. Marrou appeared live on the MacNeil-Lehrer news program the day after the convention, and was interviewed for more than 10 minutes.

By one estimate, the Marrou/Lord campaign has already received half as much news coverage as Ed Clark had received by the end of his campaign in 1980.

The party's national "800" telephone number was displayed prominently on the podium throughout the convention, and thus made visible to viewers watching on TV. The result was most encouraging; on Sunday morning, outgoing National Chair Dave Walter announced that more than 6,600 calls had already been received since Thursday, with more than 200 per hour still coming in. The final total is expected to be close to 10,000.

Boddie's plans for the future?

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Bloxham resigns, election called

Roger Bloxham, Chair of the LPOC and long time LPC activist, announced his retirement from the position at last month's meeting, citing business reasons which will take him out of the area. We all appreciate all that Roger has done and we can see the results of his efforts in the recent rapid growth of the LPOC.

An election to fill the vacant Chair position will

be held at the regular meeting scheduled for Sept. 17, 1991. Because Brian Schar, the current Treasurer, is a candidate for the Chair position, it may be necessary to fill a vacancy for Treasurer as well. All those with a streak of responsibility should attend the meeting so that these important positions may be filled by persons with the appropriate qualifications.

New site for state convention chosen

Irvine hotel is larger, convenient to airport

The site for the 1992 state convention, to be held in Orange County next February, has been changed. The new site will be the Radisson Plaza Hotel, at 18800 MacArthur Boulevard in Irvine.

The Radisson Plaza is directly across MacArthur Blvd. from the entrance to John Wayne Airport. The convention will be held on the President's Birthday holiday weekend, Feb. 14-17, 1992.

Convention planners Roger Bloxham, David Nolan, Sharon Ayres and David Bergland took an-

other look at the original site, the Balboa Bay Club, and concluded that it was too small for the LPC. Recent surges in party growth are great news for the LPC but tough on convention planners. Stay tuned for developments.

Notice: Convention help wanted! Political conventions are fun and work, too. Anyone interested in helping put this monster on can call and leave name, address and phone number at (714) 751-9080 (David Bergland's office).

Our rights and our obligation to guard them

Each individual human being has rights, many of them. Some of the more important of these are the right to life, the right to liberty, the right to seek happiness. In other words, each of us has the right to do anything which is peaceful and honest, to acquire property and use it according to our own values. Also, we all have the duty to respect the right of all others to do the same.

People create political governments to secure their rights. Thus, government is merely a tool. People and their rights come first, government second. Government has no authority or just power unless granted to it by the people, by the consent of the governed. Those running the government are agents of the citizens, not their masters.

When any government begins acting in any way harmful to the people and their rights, it is proper for the people to take the necessary steps to change that government, or even get rid of it entirely, and replace it with a system which will protect them better.

Each of us has the duty to be vigilant against government abuse of its power, to speak out, to take action to correct such abuses, so that all Americans might live in abundance and harmony, without fear of government tyranny.

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Boddie plans U.S. Senate run in '92

By David Bergland

Dick Boddie of Huntington Beach, recently returned from the Libertarian Party National Convention in Chicago where he unsuccessfully challenged for the LP Presidential nomination, was in high spirits as he reflected on the experience and his plans for the future. We thought LP members in Orange County might like to hear from Dick about those subjects, so we asked him.

"First, I want everyone to know how much I appreciate the support at the convention from the California delegation, especially those from Orange County. There were four ballots and I never lost California. That was a victory for me."

Dick campaigned for many months for the presidential nomination, traveling to 30 states, and making a positive impression on many libertarians with his ability to energize crowds and communicate libertarianism. Although this was not enough to get the presidential nomination, it caused his supporters at the convention to "draft" him into seeking one of the two California U.S. Senate seats which will be open for election in 1992.

"Now we are taking action to set up an effective political organization for a Boddie for Senate effort," he states. "My campaign manager, Jerry Collette, has scheduled an organizing meeting for September 28, 1991 at the Travelodge Hotel near LAX. We want everyone who's interested to attend. They can call Jerry at (818) 909-9445."

Boddie emphasizes that this isn't just for 1992. "We are also going to work on a long range strategy

for another presidential nomination campaign in 1996."

Boddie makes it clear that he is in the libertarian movement for the long haul. "My experience traveling and at the national convention has shown me that the American people are ready for something different -- a libertarian communicator. As a U.S. Senate candidate from California I will still be able to travel and speak all over the country. Political candidates just have more access to the media. I will use that to help the LP and the presidential campaign."

On this point, Boddie wants it understood that he is a team player. "I definitely will be doing whatever I can to support the Andre Marrou — Nancy Lord Libertarian Presidential campaign," he said.

Never one to rest, Boddie has some other libertarian irons in the fire. He has been in discussion with other libertarians regarding the creation of an organization tentatively titled "Liberty Coalition." Its purpose will be to serve as a clearing house of information for groups with interests coinciding with libertarian ideas, such as gun organizations, anti-tax groups, home schoolers, midwives, etc.

"The idea is to get people in these groups to join the Liberty Coalition, which will in turn funnel helpful, i.e., libertarian, information to them," Boddie said. "There is a paradigm shift toward libertarian views and solutions coming. Many people in such groups have a sense of this. We want to help make it happen with the Liberty Coalition."

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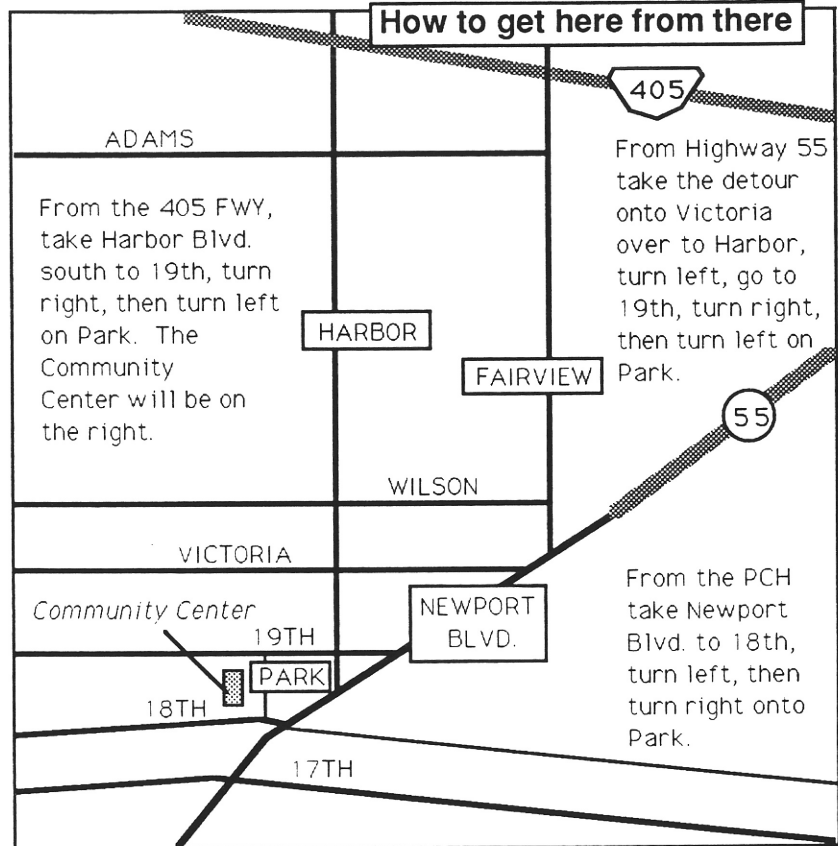
The Orange County Libertarian Party will meet Tuesday, Aug. 20 at The Neighborhood Community Center in Costa Mesa, located at 1875 Park. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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 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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