

# Free Orange County

"There are only two classes of men in the United States: those who work for their livings, and those who vote for them."

—H.L. Mencken

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## 1990 Election Analysis

By David Bergland

How should libertarians react to the 1990 election results? Compared to the past, it was a great leap forward. In California we have kept the LP on the ballot by polling at least 2 percent of the vote in any one of the elections for statewide office. Usually only one or two of our candidates squeaked past that threshold. This time, all of them did, with Ted Brown, LP candidate for Insurance Commissioner, receiving 6 percent of the total and the others ranging from two to four percent.

The ballot proposition results were also tremendous. It appears the electorate has finally learned to count. They've begun to ask how much all the environmental proposals and bond issues for prisons, day care centers, colleges, public housing, etc.

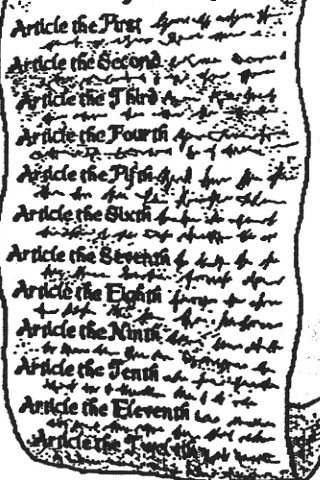
are going to cost. And they decided the costs are too high, voting down nearly all such measures.

Perhaps the best news in California was the passage of proposition 140, which limits the terms of statewide office holders and legislators, cuts the legislature's own budget and ends fat pensions for legislators. This was a proposition which a number of LP members had a hand in drafting and putting on the ballot.

Libertarian candidates for state legislature and Congress in California and other states also received much higher vote percentages than in the past. Many received percentages in the teens and some in the twenties. By comparison, anything over 5 percent was considered a victory in most past elections. Some libertarians even got themselves

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### Bill of Rights



## Volunteers needed for Student Bill of Rights Convention

An estimated 250 high school seniors will be holding a Bill of Rights Convention at the Anaheim Marriot on November 17 and 18, and plans are afoot to expose their inquiring young minds to the ideas of liberty.

The convention is one of six taking place around the United States this month, and the LP is sending emissaries to all six. According to Don Ernsberger, who came up with the idea, our representatives were well received at the first session, held in Philadelphia October 27-28.

Our goal: to get Libertarian literature into the hands of every person attending. These are "tomorrows leaders" — the kids most concerned with Constitutional rights — and we need to reach them before they get "locked in" to one of the old-line parties.

This is a great opportunity for O.C. Libertarians — especially those under 25 — to do something concrete to help spread the message of liberty. If you are willing and able to spend a few hours on either the 17th or 18th mingling with high school kids and handing out literature, please call Dave Nolan at 262-0910.

From the Chair

# We have much to celebrate!

By Roger Bloxham

A new era is dawning for the LP. This recent election and its attendant campaign has brought new recognition and stature plus new members and registered voters.

We, the OCLP, are celebrating these events, in part, with this new newsletter format. It is edited by David Bergland and designed and produced by Scott Bieser.

David had plenty to do with his law practice, his participation in our TV production, "Libertarian Free Forum," and his commitment to the National LP. David, along with Mark Bisaha (our former Newsletter editor and party stalwart) also has been our anchor for our school out-reach program and is printing the 5th edition of his internationally recognized book *Libertarianism in One Lesson*. We do have reason to celebrate.

Our vice chair, David F. Nolan (of the famous NOLAN CHART) has been typically busy. His superb performance and encouragement has Libertarian Free Forum taping shows 10 & 11 on Nov. 8 at the Copely Colony studios in Costa Mesa. David is the moderator and develops the subjects for discussion. As the producer and host I know from whence I speak. Your input to LFF is invited.

Nolan is also coordinating OCLP activities at the "Bill of Rights Convention" at the Marriott in Anaheim, to be held Nov. 17 and 18. If you can and want to participate in our "mingling" format to

acquaint the attendees with Libertarianism, call David Nolan at (714)262-0910.

Jim and Linda Rushing are continuing to develop interest in the OCLP in the south county with a monthly meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Laguna Beach Hotel. This month it's in the friendly Catalina room at 7 to 10 p.m. on the 27th. The address is 425 S. Coast Highway, Laguna Beach. Just show up and enjoy.

New membership applications and checks have been rolling in. I hope one new member will let me introduce him at this upcoming Nov. 20 meeting. He set his annual dues at \$309.64 in commemoration of a singular bit of IRS tyranny. The money certainly does wonders for our budget. We do need the money and dollars received by the OCLP are effective in promoting freedom. Think about a monthly pledge. I look forward to your being at our next meeting, to be held at 149 Broadway in Costa Mesa.

### November 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

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# Election analysis —from page 1

elected. One example: Sandi Webb came in first in the Simi Valley (Ventura County) City Council election. And that's a city with a 100,000 population. Congratulations Sandi! Thanks for showing us it can be done.

The Massachusetts LP received a tremendous boost with the passage of their proposition to reduce the signatures necessary for ballot access by 75 percent. This will save the LP about \$40,000 in ballot access costs in future presidential elections.

All the news is not good. Alaskans passed an initiative which recriminalized marijuana, which had been legal for personal use. In Oregon, an edu-

cational tax credit initiative was defeated. In several states, initiatives to cut or limit taxes were rejected by the voters. (But in the states where tax increases were on the ballot, voters said no to that as well.)

One message of 1990 is that the libertarian revolution has reached a new plateau. We are in better position than before, but we still have a long way to go. The challenge now is to lose no ground and design strategies and tactics to move further. We all want liberty. Our job is to demonstrate to others how great a benefit liberty will be to them as well.

*David Bergland is editor of Free Orange County*

## Fly the deregulated skies

On a per passenger mile basis, the safety record of American commercial air carriers is steadily improving. But, there are so many more passengers being carried and all safety breaches get such wide notice, it may seem that safety is a greater problem than it really is.

As for overcrowding, the parts of the market which are still under government control are the cause of the problems. Almost all airports are owned by governments.

The Federal Aviation Administration handles air traffic control. Technologically advanced air traffic control systems already exist, but the FAA bureaucracy refuses to install them. Private companies already handle air traffic control more efficiently at smaller airports, but it will take a change in the law for them to expand their service into major airports.

## —Scott Who?

My name is Scott Bieser and I let Roger Bloxham talk me into helping David Bergland produce this newsletter. The way it works is, David gathers all the information and turns it over to me, and I assemble it into a newsletter on my trusty Macintosh SE.

I became a Libertarian in 1976 during the Roger MacBride Presidential campaign. I was publications editor for the Texas LP in the early 1980s, producing **free Texas** and other materials for that state's LP. I have also had cartoons published in the *American Libertarian* and *The Pragmatist*.

I live with my wife Melissa and son Sean in Newport Heights, and work for a computer game company in Santa Ana.

## 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ date  
signature

- I am voluntarily setting my dues at:
  - \$25  \$50  \$100  \$250  Other \_\_\_\_\_
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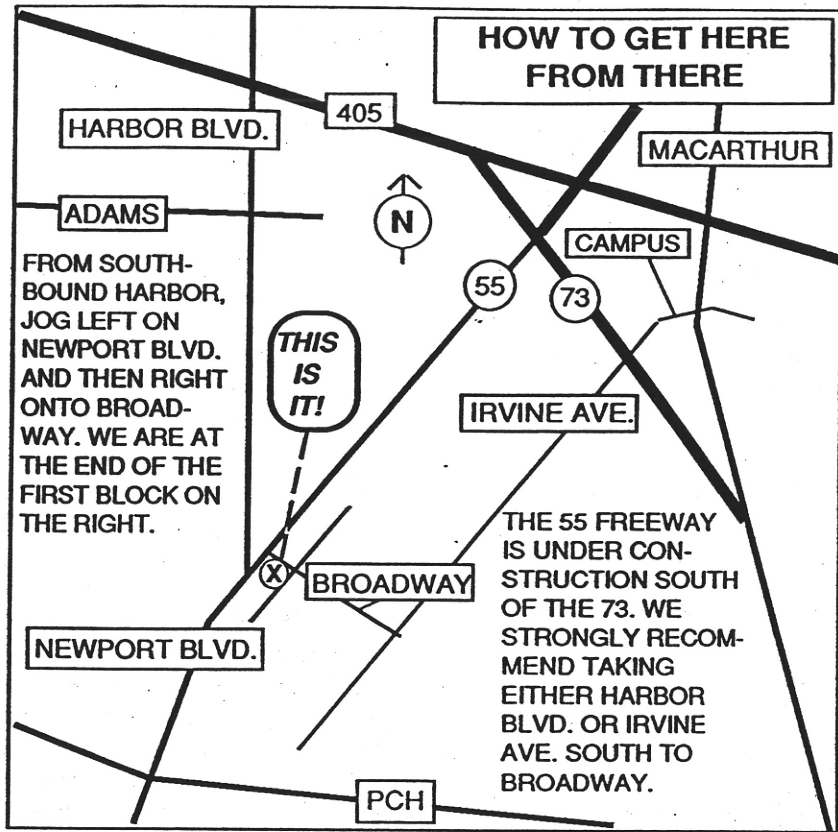
The Orange County Libertarian Party meets the third Tuesday of each month at 149 Broadway in Costa Mesa. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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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 such thing as  
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