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Tabulated Election Results

The table below shows the percentage received by each of the 12 local LP candidates in each city, as well as in unincorporated areas and from absentees (whose votes are not included in the city totals). The numbers in parentheses are the numbers of the districts. All state senate results are from the 12th district; the 11th and 13th were not contested this year. Board of Equalization district 3 includes all of the county. The candidates and their raw vote totals are listed at the bottom of the table.

	Congress	Assembly	Senate	Board of Equalization
Campbell	3.3 (13)	5.0 (22) 4.5 (24)	6.0 (12)	4.8
Cupertino	4.1 (12)	4.6 (22)	---	5.3
Gilroy	3.6 (12)	2.4 (25)	---	3.1
Los Altos	2.1 (12)	3.0 (22)	---	5.5
Los Altos Hills	2.4 (12)	3.4 (22)	---	5.6
Los Gatos	2.2 (13)	4.5 (22)	---	5.0
Milpitas	2.1 (10)	4.8 (18)	6.1 (12)	4.7
Monte Sereno	3.1 (12)	4.0 (22)	---	4.5
Morgan Hill	3.3 (12)	2.6 (25)	5.0 (12)	3.4
Mountain View	4.8 (12)	2.9 (21)	---	6.5
Palo Alto	2.2 (11)	1.9 (21)	---	8.0
San Jose	2.1 (10) 2.0 (12) 2.5 (13)	4.6 (18) 3.8 (22) 3.6 (23) 4.4 (24)	5.0 (12)	4.2
Santa Clara	3.4 (13)	4.0 (23)	---	5.1
Saratoga	2.7 (12) 3.3 (13)	3.4 (22)	---	4.2
Sunnyvale	4.2 (12)	2.5 (21) 3.9 (22)	---	5.1
unincorporated	1.8 (10) 2.6 (11) 4.4 (12) 3.1 (13)	3.7 (18) 2.1 (21) 5.0 (22) 3.7 (23) 4.6 (24) 3.5 (25)	4.9 (12)	5.2
absentee	2.5 (10) 2.0 (11) 3.8 (12) 2.1 (13)	4.5 (18) 2.0 (21) 3.4 (22) 3.8 (23) 3.3 (24) 3.7 (25)	4.1 (12)	3.9
county total	2.1 (10) 2.2 (11) 3.7 (12) 2.7 (13)	4.7 (18) 2.3 (21) 4.0 (22) 3.8 (23) 4.4 (24) 3.2 (25)	5.2 (12)	4.8

The candidates and their vote totals in the county are as follows: CONGRESS—Dale Burrow, 10th, 1029 (2354 overall); Chuck Olson, 11th, 640 (2884 overall); Bill White, 12th, 4698 (6351 overall); Al Hinkle, 13th, 4494. ASSEMBLY—John Webster, 18th, 944 (3394 overall); Russ Fridley, 21st, 1729 (2286 overall); Jeff Smith, 22nd, 4486; Ann

Election Results

by Jeff Smith

The good news is: LP candidates received a record 110,140 votes in Santa Clara County. Dan Dougherty for governor and Jim Wilson for state senate attained balance-of-power positions in their races. The LP-endorsed positions prevailed in all five statewide initiatives. The bad news—most vote percentages were down somewhat from 1980.

Jim Wilson's 5.3 % in the 12th senate district led the county slate. Following were Bill Evers with 4.8% for Board of Equalization, John Webster with 4.4% in the 18th assembly district, Alice Agogino with 4.4% in the 24th assembly district, Jeff Smith with 4.0% in the 22nd assembly district, Ann Justi with 3.8% in the 23rd assembly district, Al Hinkle with 2.7% in the 13th congressional district, Mark Hinkle with 2.6% in the 25th assembly district, Russ Fridley with 2.5% in the 21st assembly district, Dale Burrow with 1.9% in the 10th congressional district, and Chuck Olson with 1.5% in the 11th congressional district. Olson ran in a five-way race with very heavy spending by the Democrat and Republican. Burrow and Fridley ran in four-way races. Most candidates did significantly better in the Santa Clara County portion of their districts.

Statewide percentages were as follows (with county percentages for the race in parentheses): Dan Dougherty for governor, 1.0% (1.5%), John Vernon 1.4% (2.0%) for lieutenant-governor, Martin Buerger 2.0% (2.5%) for secretary of state, Mary Gingell 1.6% (2.3%) for controller, Less Antman 2.3% (3.0%) for treasurer, Bart Lee 2.2% (3.0%) for attorney general, and Joe Fuhrig 1.4% (1.9%) for U.S. Senate.

All LP candidates in the county finished third easily except Mary Gingell, who lost third place with 0.0099% of the vote. All other candidates finished third in their entire districts as well as in the county.

The LPC retained statewide ballot status by receiving over 2% in a statewide race. The LP has also apparently gained ballot status in Alaska, Arizona, and Montana, although the vote totals of candidates there were disappointing to some.

Bill Evers received the endorsement of the *San Francisco Chronicle*. Ann Justi was endorsed by a number of community organizations.

Both of Jim Wilson's opponents spent about \$3 per vote. Jim spent less than 5¢ per vote.

Figure filberts can find the percentages by city for local races elsewhere in this issue.

Justi, 23rd, 2660; Alice Agogino, 24th, 3515; Mark Hinkle, 25th, 870 (1954 overall). STATE SENATE—Jim Wilson, 12th, 4786 (8415 overall). BOARD OF EQUALIZATION—Bill Evers, 3rd, 17620 (80220 overall).

The Flat Rate Trap

by Murray N. Rothbard

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Even more repellent are the words of Ronnie Reagan himself, who, in his April 24th radio address to the nation, attacked a "growing group of citizens who have already given themselves a tax cut." (Heavens! A do-it-yourself tax cut! What could be more immoral?) About \$95 billion in income tax, Reagan went on, are not being paid, "enough to balance the budget." In contrast to Rabushka's deluded liberals, President Reagan knows who these shirkers are. They are not in the main "big money operators," but rather participants in the "underground economy." The people in this economy, Ronnie went on, "are, I'm sure, honest people in most of their activities. They just have a double standard where taxes are concerned. [My! How did they arrive at such a standard?] They can be the friendly neighborhood fix-it man, a mechanic, craftsmen, or a member of the professions. They have one thing in common—they prefer to be paid in cash. . . . The underground economy is a kind of cash-and-carry barter system—no checks, no records or bookkeeping and thus no tax. [Tsk! Tsk!] As we struggle to trim government spending, it's hard not to think of how close that unpaid tax could come to wiping out the deficit. If I could paraphrase a line from a well-known poem, 'Breathes there a man with soul so dead who never to himself has said: I owe it to my country and my fellow citizens to quit being a freeloader.'"

It is of course a helluva note when the head of the parasitic freeloaders of the political and bureaucratic class has the gall to smear as "freeloaders" those of us seeking to surrender less of our own money!

We should realize too that the alleged advantage of flat rate in getting rid of IRS Gestapo snoopers is a chimera. For the IRS would now, with a vengeance, be leading a populist egalitarian crusade against all those individualist blackguards who might be escaping payment of their "fair share." The popular wolfpack that the IRS would be leading—to the cheers it would seem, of such libertarian fairness theorists as Rabushka, Milton Friedman, and Ron Paul—would be far more fearsome, because more popularly sanctioned, than what we suffer today.

The root of the evil is what all too many libertarians suffer from: egalitarianism, or the idea of equal suffering. If A is sick, it is "unfair" for B not to be sick too. In the area of health, few would put egalitarianism so baldly, but note that this is precisely the pernicious and resentful reasoning behind the flat rate. X and Y are not paying taxes. Therefore, they must be *made* to pay their "fair share." "Fairness" is therefore defined as equality of suffering, as equality of pain.

The proper analogy is to be found by harking back to, say, 1852. A group of black slaves escape from slavery and make their way north to freedom. They are met, however, by equal-suffering "libertarians" who tell them: "We abhor slavery, and some day we hope to see it abolished. But *in the meanwhile*, it is *unfair* for you to escape while your brothers and sisters remain in slavery. Therefore, we are going to ship you back to join them until all of you can be equally free." Yet this monstrous moral syllogism is precisely at the root of the arguments of our "free market" and "libertarian" proponents of flat rate, and especially of the Jule Herberts who see the crushing of the underground as some sort of transition to tax abolition.

There is another ironic note here: Since 1978, the Libertarian Party, and specifically Jule Herbert himself, have been committed to a program of income tax credits for private school tuition as a way of drastically rolling back the pernicious sway of the public school system. But how will we be able to propose tax credits for

tuition when the heart of flat rate is the eradication of all credits and exemptions?

It is true that the various current proposals are modifications of rather than pure flat rate, but our analysis of the pure model will suffice to dismiss the alleged "ideal" that is being advanced. The major modification accepted by virtually all flat-raters is to exempt the poor, proposing an income floor of somewhere between \$3,000 and \$10,000, below which no one pays income tax.

But the exemption of the poor raises more problems than it solves for the flat-raters. For if the poor are to be exempt from flat rate because of hardship, then what of the catastrophically ill? And what of the unlucky? Etc. Why is being poor worse than being stricken with a severe illness and therefore entitling one to special treatment?

Secondly, the exemption of the poor puts a far higher tax burden on everyone else, and imposes a far more severe burden on the already burdened, fleeced, and exploited middle class. Thus, again according to CBO estimates, the most popular floor of \$4,500 for a single person, and \$9,000 for a married couple, would result in an across-the-board flat tax of nineteen percent—a rate already sufficiently high to jeopardize whatever attractiveness an eleven percent flat rate might have. With this nineteen percent flat rate tax, the gainers particularly would be the highest income class of over \$100,000 per year, and also the over-\$50,000 bracket, plus all those making less than \$10,000 a year. In short, the poor and the rich would now be the beneficiaries, at the expense of soaking even more highly the middle class in the \$15,000-\$50,000 bracket. The soaking of the middle class has, of course, been the familiar theme of the alleged welfare state. And yet *libertarians* are now falling into the egalitarian welfare-state trap!

But that is not all: For the real intention of the flat-raters is not to stop at the same overall level of taxes that is now oppressing us. For the original aim of the flat-raters was to *increase* the total tax take. The increase, as Milton Friedman, one of its original proponents, wrote in his *Capitalism and Freedom*, would result from the reduced incentives for operating in the underground economy.

But these supply-side attempts to finesse the underground economy are bound to fail. Now that the inhabitants of that economy are used to paying little or nothing, they will not cheerfully move to pay nineteen percent. No, the real purpose of flat tax is to lead a moral crusade to stamp out the underground economy and thereby to balance the budget on the backs of these free men and women.

No, as libertarians we must be the first to sound the cry for the alternative: not equal suffering, but an ever wider area of freedom. We should hail the underground, applaud all tax shelters, credits, and deductions, and strive to widen them ever more until all of us are exempt from taxation. We must widen the area of freedom, the area where each man's home is his castle, free of IRS looting and surveillance. Tax lawyers and accountants are not parasites, or rather, their "parasitism" is strictly the product of the tax system. To say that they are parasites is to say that fences, locks, etc., are wasteful and parasitic. That would be true *if there were no crime*, just as tax lawyers and accountants would be wasteful and parasitic *if there were no taxes*. But unfortunately taxes exist, and these counselors are our front-line defense against taxation. If there were no taxes, the market would speedily take care of tax lawyers and accountants.

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Membership Report

by Karen Huffman

The delegate membership deadline is Dec. 18, 1982. The number of delegates that Santa Clara County (CLC Region 7) is entitled to send to the state CLC Convention to be held in Alameda County on the weekend of Feb. 19 will be determined by the number of current members on Dec. 18. If you wish to be a delegate to the CLC Convention or to be a local CLC officer or CLC executive committee representative your membership must be current as of Jan. 20, when the annual Region 7 Convention is held.

The Santa Clara County CLC has had the largest Council membership since September 1979. We now have 179 members and would like to continue our tradition of the largest membership, but we have to have a lot of renewals between now and Jan. 20 to do so. As of Oct. 30, Region 7 had 32 members whose membership has been in a lapsed state for 60 days (the drop point) or less. There are an additional 113 memberships that lapse between Nov. 1 and Jan. 20.

Your membership expiration date (or subscription expiration, if a non-member) is on the mailing label (upper right hand corner) of both the California and the Santa Clara County Council. On CLC labels it appears as: S2 82-12-31. On Santa Clara Council. On Santa Clara County labels it appears as: Exp 12/31/82. (Both are examples—yours may be slightly different.)

All new memberships and renewals should be sent directly to our local office at 401 East Taylor St., San Jose, CA 95112, so that our local records will be up to date and new members will be added to the mailing list immediately. Memberships are forwarded weekly to the CLC secretary, Bob Lehman, in Los Angeles. If you have any questions about membership or renewals please phone Karen Huffman any afternoon (noon to 6 p.m.) at 408/CRY-FREE.

Endow A Chair

These names of famous libertarians have already been chosen:

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| Frederic Bastiat | Karl Bray |
| Ed Clark | Dante DeAmicis |
| William O. Douglas | Freedom = I Won't |
| Albert Gallatin | John Galt |
| Tom Glass | Karen Huffman |
| Thomas Jefferson | Timothy Leary |
| Lazarus Long | Ludwig von Mises |
| David Nolan | Chuck Olson |
| Ayn Rand | Howard Roarke |
| Murray Rothbard | Adam Smith |
| Jimmy Stevens | Ray Strong |
| Bill White | Robert Anton Wilson |

Others are still available. Endow a chair at Libertarian Headquarters for only \$50 and choose the name of one of the remaining heroes and heroines. Send your choice and a check for \$50 payable to the Libertarian Council to 401 E. Taylor St., San Jose, CA 95112.

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The Flat Rate Trap *continued*

And so that is what we must do: not fall into the trap of flat rate, but strive to abolish the blight of the income tax—that dread invader of our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor. And if we must make transition demands short of abolition, they must never raise taxes for anyone. By all means let us slash drastically the tax rates on the rich; but also we must slash taxes for everyone else: the poor, the sick, the middle class, the homeowners, etc. Let us compete with each other in lifting the burden of taxes wherever we can, until total abolition is achieved.

Calendar

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, November 18. 8:00 p.m.

This month's meeting will feature a summary of the November election results. Our local candidates will also tell us about "The Best and Worst Moments and Other Memorable Experiences of Their Campaigns." LOCATION: 401 East Taylor Street (corner of 10th & Taylor) in San Jose. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. Information phone: 408/CRY-FREE.

SPIRIT OF LIBERTY

Thursday, December 9. 7:30 p.m.

This month's meeting will feature a showing on videotape of the anti-IRS movie *Harry's War*. Anyone wishing for a congenial evening of trading IRS "war stories" is welcome. Refreshments will be served. Admission \$3.00. Location: Libertarian Headquarters, 401 E. Taylor St., in San Jose. Fee: \$5.00 (first time is free) admission. For information phone the sponsor, Don McCoy, at 408/225-0473.

LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL BOOTH AT THE DE ANZA FLEA MARKET

Saturday, December 4. 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed, especially in the morning to staff our permanent information, voter registration and merchandise booth in Aisle F at the De Anza Flea Market in Cupertino. Help us raise money to support local projects by talking to the public about libertarianism and current issues. Donations of books and other fast-selling items are needed and may be dropped off at the flea market or at our Taylor Street office. Location: De Anza College Parking Lot C, Stevens Creek Boulevard and Stelling Road in Cupertino. For more information or to volunteer call 408/CRY-FREE (noon-6 p.m. weekdays).

EASTBAY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, December 9. 7:30 p.m.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. Location: Society of Friends education building on Vine near Walnut in Berkeley. Information phone: Tod Mikuriya at 415/843-0279.

SAN MATEO COUNTY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, December 13. 7:30 p.m.

This meeting will feature discussions and decisions about San Mateo County CLC business. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month in the Seven Oaks room of the Giannini branch of the Bank of America at Third Avenue and El Camino in San Mateo. Information phone: Lyn Sapowsky at 415/368-8148.

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SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, December 16. 8:00 p.m.

In accordance with long-standing tradition, next month's meeting has been canceled in favor of attending the annual Holiday Open House Party. See the listing below for details. Location: 401 E. Taylor St., San Jose. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month except December. Information phone: 408/CRY-FREE.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 18. 5:00 p.m. til midnight.

You are invited to June Genis's annual Christmas Open House at her home in the La Honda Woods. If you do not know how to find it call her for directions at 415/851-7664 (evenings).

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL CONVENTION

Thursday, January 20. 8:00 p.m.

This meeting will feature the Annual Libertarian Council Convention. We will be electing regional officers, representatives to the CLC Executive Committee and Delegates to the CLC State Convention to be held in Alameda County in February. Location: 401 East Taylor St., in San Jose. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. Information phone: 408/CRY-FREE.

Giant Flea Market

at

De Anza College

Stevens Creek Boulevard and
Stelling Road in Cupertino

December 4

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For information or booth reservations call 996-4946

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