

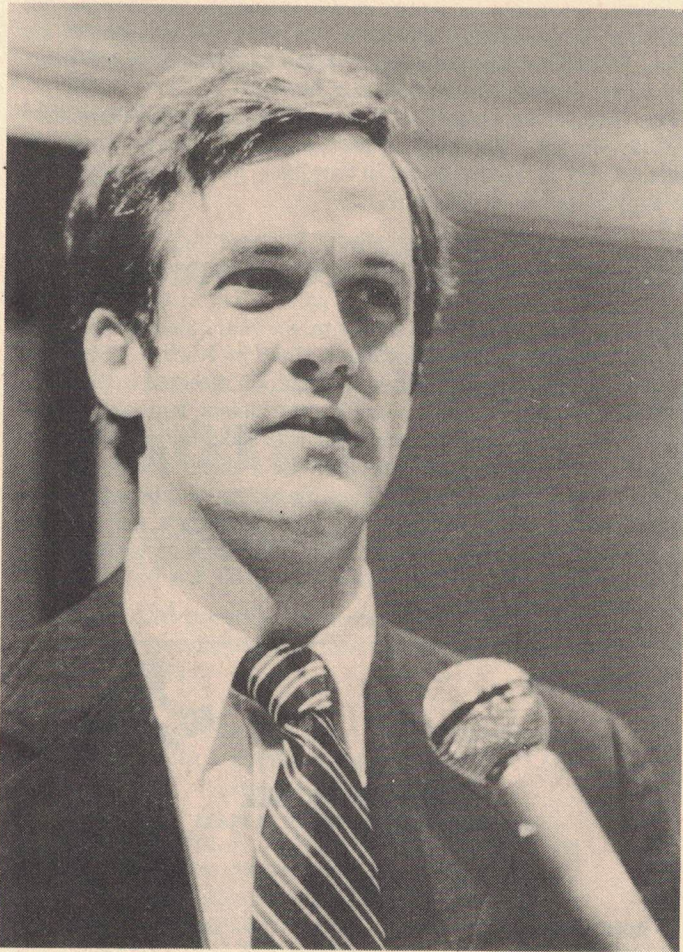
# Santa Clara Libertarian

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## Campaign For Liberty, 1982 Meet the Candidates



**BILL EVERS  
STATE BOARD  
OF EQUALIZATION  
DISTRICT 3**

*"I'm running for this tax board so that the spirit of Prop. 13 and the anti-tax rebellion will govern its deliberations."*

Bill Evers was born in California in 1948. He has B.A. and M.A. degrees in political science from Stanford University. He was the Libertarian Party candidate for Congress from the 12th district in 1980.



**ALICE M. AGOGINO  
STATE ASSEMBLY  
DISTRICT 24**

*"Good decisions don't come by chance."*

Alice M. Agogino is currently an engineering and management consultant in San Jose. She graduated with Distinction from the University of New Mexico with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering and she received a Master of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of California, Berkeley. She has also completed graduate work at Stanford University in Engineering-Economic Systems. Alice has worked as a project engineer with Dow Chemical, mechanical engineer and marketing specialist with General Electric, and systems analyst with SRI International. Alice is currently the Chair of the Santa Clara Valley Section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and was last year's Director of the Women in Engineering Program at the University of Santa Clara. She is also a member of the National and California Society of Professional Engineers, Society of Women Engineers, Pi Tau Sigma, Phi Kappa Phi, Tau Beta Pi, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Alice has lived with her husband, Dan, and son, Adrian, in San Jose since 1975.

# Letters

The following letters are reprinted from the San Jose Mercury:

## Tax on Business Is a Tax on Consumers

Jill Root's proposal to tax industry to monitor and control pollution, which she expressed in a recent letter, contains three major flaws.

1. All industry would be punished (taxed) to pay for the irresponsibility of a few. This is unjust. The industrial concern which does pollute should bear the full cost of the cleanup and pay restitution to all victims.

2. Businesses do not pay taxes. Any tax on business is treated like any other business expense: It is paid out of revenues. Revenues come from consumers and that means you and me. The business tax is a myth. It is nothing more than a hidden tax on consumers, with business acting as an agent for the government.

3. Today the average worker pays 44 percent of his income in taxes. How much more do we want to punish people for working? The serfs during the Middle Ages were forced to pay only 25 percent of their labor to their feudal lords.

—Mark Hinkle  
San Jose  
(May 10, 1982)

## When Government Gets into the Act

My sympathies to the forlorn Alice Sutliff pictured in your July 4 edition. However, she should not rush to have the city tree-trimmers do their deeds on her property.

My block had an unsolicited visit from those trimmers on June 27. Much to my surprise they were apparently doing some routine trimming. Most of our block has Chinese elms—rather stately old trees which provide full shade to the street and the front yards of most of the houses throughout the summer.

After the county-employed tree-trimmer had done his dirty deeds, one would think that he was accustomed to trimming nothing but palm trees. All major branches up to the height of 25 to 30 feet were simply cut off at the trunk, leaving me and many of my neighbors with trees whose main trunk rose to the heights, and were topped by a crown of foliage. This is not the way Chinese elms were designed.

Luckily, I happened to be on the premises when they made their unsolicited visit. Had I not been on the premises, I'm sure that one of the limbs which rose over my six rose bushes would simply have been allowed to fall onto the bushes, thus crushing them beyond recognition.

In any event, what was crushed beyond recognition was the lawn in the parkway in front of my house. The limbs were allowed to drop, and were left there for a couple of hours while a second truck with a shredder-grinder was called for to receive the branches. With all that weight bearing down on the grass, and the subsequent considerable trampling by the county crew, my hapless lawn hadn't a chance. Heaven knows when it will recover. I'll probably have to replant it.

In any event, poor Alice and all others in the city would be well-advised to pay the extra money for a private tree-trimmer to do the job if they wish their old trees to remain stately, their lawns to remain alive. The \$36 tree-trimming fee may seem a bargain. However, the additional expense generated will more than offset the savings.

In short, it all boils down to something that just a few years ago I never thought would pass from my lips: *never, never* let a government entity do that which can be done by a private entity.

—John Michael O'Connor  
San Jose  
(July 19, 1981)

# Tree Trimming Tale to Be Told at July 15th Meeting

At its regular third Thursday monthly meeting in July the Libertarian Council will hear yet another tale of the struggles of individuals against the heavy-handed, bungling bureaucracy of our city government. The current tale about tree trimming in Willow Glen will be delivered by attorney John Michael O'Connor of San Jose who is attempting to fight city hall (please see letters section) and who will bring us up to date on the details of his battle and what he has learned that could be used in other such fights.

As part of a series of negligent and incompetent acts, tree trimmers employed by the City of San Jose removed all branches from one side of a tree on Mr. O'Connor's property. Naturally, it was the side toward the house and away from the street. To add insult to injury, O'Connor is being held responsible by the city for repairing the resulting damage to the sidewalk in front of his home. Attend the July meeting to assess the chances of one property owner against the powers that be.

The Libertarian Council of Santa Clara County meets at 8:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Libertarian Headquarters, 401 E. Taylor Street in San Jose. There is no admission fee and the public is welcome.

## Future of a Free Society

Mark Sunday, August 15, 2:00 p.m. on your calendar and plan to bring your friends to the Le Baron Hotel on North 1st Street in San Jose. There they will find a presentation directed to those interested in finding out more about libertarianism, featuring Libertarian Party gubernatorial candidate Dan Dougherty and Libertarian Party US Senatorial candidate Joe Fuhrig. Attendees will receive a libertarian perspective on the status of freedom in our society, what it would be like to live in a free society, and how we can get from here to there. Call 408/CRY-FREE or write Libertarian Headquarters, 401 E. Taylor, San Jose, CA 95112, to obtain tickets for this event.

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# Legislative Log

by Mark W.A. Hinkle

The US Senate is expected to vote within a month on Senate Joint Resolution 58, the Balanced Budget Tax Limitation Constitutional Amendment. It has 56 senators as cosponsors and needs 67 votes to pass. The National Taxpayers Union reports that California Senator S.I. Hayakawa is one of the cosponsors, whereas Senator Alan Cranston, rated by National Taxpayers Union as the *worst* spender in the Senate, is expected to oppose it. A large flood of mail may persuade him to see the light, so write early and often.

How would you like to pay 20 percent more for your beer? You may, if SB 1215 is enacted into law. Congress is considering this bill, inaccurately titled "The Malt Beverage Interband Competition Act." This bill would grant monopolies to beer wholesalers for a brand of beer in a specific territory. The state of Indiana had a law which granted exclusive territories, which it repealed. Two years later, a legislative study reported a 20 percent decrease in the price of beer purchased by the case.

Dear Friends:

Many thanks for your long hours of hard work in putting out the Dougherty for Governor mailing. I appreciate your efforts very much and look forward to thanking you personally.

Thanks again.

Dan P. Dougherty

## NOTES

- **A portable color TV** is needed to be used as a monitor during the video taping of candidate workshops. Please let us know if yours can be borrowed for such events.
- **Slide projectors and projection screens** are also needed for Libertarian Council meetings. If you have one available please call Karen at 408/279-3733.
- **Don't forget to complete and turn in the marijuana petitions** sent to you with a previous issue of SANTA CLARA LIBERTARIAN.
- **Cal-Coast Weatherizing, Inc.**, will donate 5 percent of the total price of any installation contracted by readers of SANTA CLARA LIBERTARIAN to the Libertarian candidate of their choice in the current campaign year. Cal-Coast provides a window and door weatherizing service (see ad in this issue).

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# What Can I Do?

by Ray Strong

I recently heard Leonard Peikoff, in a TV interview promoting his new book *The Ominous Parallels*, say that he did not support the Libertarian Party because the battle is philosophical, not political. He correctly asserted that libertarianism is not a complete philosophy and that engaging in political efforts will be futile until the philosophy underlying our culture is changed. In rejecting political activity, Peikoff overlooks two factors crucial to the success of any movement for liberty in our time.

First, he overlooks the philosophical changes that are already taking place in our culture, due in no small part to the efforts of the libertarian movement and party. Second, he overlooks a psychological need on the part of people holding a goal as radical as a free society for action and measurable progress toward that goal. To choose a goal and then not take action toward its accomplishment is unhealthy, depressing, and damaging to self-esteem.

But given that philosophies of individualism and reason are emerging to fill the current intellectual void, what can those of us who are not professional philosophers do to further our cause? First, we can serve as sources of ideas and examples for others: that means getting each of our individual acts together. Second, we can build a political movement that will facilitate the political changes that will take place as a reflection of more basic philosophical and cultural trends. We can be ready for the opportunities that will present themselves to make our society more free.

Well, what does it take to build a political movement? After all, not all of us have the time or talent to be political candidates or organizers. And even those of us with such talents often find their exercise in conflict with that primary directive, getting our own acts together. But there is much, much more to be done. There are contributions that each of us can make, ranging from simply attending a few meetings and lending moral support to taking a leave of absence from work in order to spend full time on a political campaign.

Here in Santa Clara County our summer activities are just beginning and there is plenty for everyone to do. Besides the usual mailing parties, there are preparations and staffing for our county fair booth, preparations and staffing for the Libertarian Party state convention to be held in San Jose August 14 and 15, and general literature distribution for all the campaigns.

A typical activist this year could volunteer her home for a coffee, spend several hours helping to staff the fair booth, and volunteer to spend one hour a week going door to door in her neighborhood with "Why Vote Libertarian?" brochures. Another activist might spend one hour a week doing telephone follow-up for campaign mailings. Another might be treasurer for a campaign.

All of them realize that the goal of a free society will not be achieved overnight—that there will be many years of the same kind of involvement and that that is the price exacted by years of neglect for individual liberty. They receive some satisfaction from knowing that their contributions advance the cause of liberty. But they need more than the knowledge that their cause is just: they need signs of measurable progress.

I address these remarks to those of you reading SANTA CLARA LIBERTARIAN for the first time: You can give our activists that sign of progress. You can feed fuel to their engine and help prevent the dreaded burn-out. You are uniquely in a position to provide what libertarian activists need by joining them!

Our struggle is not in vain; but the more of us who participate, the easier it will be on all of us. Find out what you can do to help. The job that fits your talents and commitment is waiting a phone call away at Libertarian Headquarters: 408/CRY-FREE. Please let us hear from all of you.

# Calendar

## STUDENTS FOR A LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY 1982 NATIONAL CONVENTION

**Friday, July 9 through Sunday, July 11.**

This convention will feature parties, workshops, business sessions, luncheons, debates, films, panels, a banquet and an anti-draft rally. Two Santa Clara County CLC members, Bill Evers and Murray Rothbard, will be featured speakers. Location: University of Wisconsin at Madison. Fees: \$5 to \$75 depending on the type of package and number of days. For additional information write the sponsor, Students for a Libertarian Society, at 2262 Hall Place NW, Washington, DC 20007, or telephone 202/965-6997.

## SAN MATEO COUNTY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday, July 12. 7:30 p.m.**

This month's meeting will feature Howard Creighton, Libertarian Party candidate for the 6th Congressional District (Northern San Mateo County part of the district). Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month in the Seven Oaks room of the A.P. Giannini branch of the Bank of America at Third Avenue and El Camino in San Mateo. Information phone: Lyn Sapowsky at 415/368-8148.

## EASTBAY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

**Thursday, July 14. 7:30 p.m.**

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. Location: San Francisco Federal Savings & Loan at University and Shattuck in Berkeley. Information phone: Tod Mikuriya at 415/843-0279.

## SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

**Thursday, July 15. 8:00 p.m.**

This month's meeting will feature John Michael O'Connor, San Jose attorney, speaking on how to tangle with city hall. Location: 401 E. Taylor Street (corner of 10th & Taylor) in San Jose. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. Information phone: 408/CRY-FREE.

## ASSOCIATION OF LIBERTARIAN FEMINISTS (ALF) FUNDRAISER

**Saturday, July 31. 7:30 p.m.**

## Giant Flea Market

at

## De Anza College

Stevens Creek Boulevard and  
Stelling Road in Cupertino

**August 7  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

For information or booth reservations call 996-4946

Sponsored by DeAnza College Student Body

A fundraiser for ALF will be held at Libertarian Books and Periodicals at 1800 Market Street in San Francisco. A \$5.00 donation will be requested at the door. Refreshments and munchies will be available. For more information phone Eric Garris at 415/864-0952.

## EIGHTH ANNUAL LIBERTARIAN PARTY BOOTH AT THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY FAIR

**Thursday, August 5 through Sunday, August 15.  
Daily hours: 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.**

We have reserved the same booth that we have had the last two years (in the center aisle where the two other major political parties have their booths). This booth in Exposition Hall at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds at 344 Tully Road in San Jose has cost \$500 so far this year. County Fair attendance is around 500,000. If you wish to help with this major project send your \$\$ to: 401 E. Taylor St., San Jose, CA 95112 and/or phone 408/CRY-FREE if you wish to help with the staffing of the booth.

## LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL BOOTH AT THE DE ANZA FLEA MARKET

**Saturday, August 7. 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).

## LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF CALIFORNIA CONVENTION

**Saturday, August 14. Noon-5:00 p.m. Banquet 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, August 15. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

The convention will include Libertarian Party candidates, Dan Dougherty, Joe Fuhrig and others, workshops, guest speakers, floor sessions, a banquet (featuring a Bill White roast), a Sunday pancake breakfast, and other special events. The Libertarian Council will hold an Executive Committee meeting on Sunday. Location: Le Baron Hotel at 1350 North 1st Street (between Highways 17 and 101) in San Jose. Many volunteers are needed for this major project. If you are willing to help with small or large tasks please phone the Taylor Street Headquarters at 408/CRY-FREE.

## SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

**Thursday, August 19. 8:00 p.m.**

Next month's meeting will include Patrick Hazel, the Republican challenger (in a nonpartisan race) for the First District Supervisorial seat still held by Democrat Suzanne Wilson. He will be speaking on "Battling the Building Code Bureaucracy." Location: 401 E. Taylor St., San Jose. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. Information phone: 408/CRY-FREE.

*Additional announcements of events sponsored by and/or of interest to Bay Area Libertarians are requested. Deadline is the first of each month. Send announcements to SANTA CLARA LIBERTARIAN, 401 East Taylor Street, San Jose, CA 95112-9990*