

# ALABAMA LIBERTY

Official Newsletter of the Alabama Libertarian Party



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## Important Meetings Ahead; Nominating Caucus Open to All

### LONG-RANGE PLAN READY

### CONGRESS CANDIDATE TO BE CHOSEN

Back-to-back meetings will be held in Birmingham Saturday, Jan. 14. They are both vitally important.

The first event, a meeting of the ALP long-range planning committee, will be at Charles Haines' office. Charlie is a professional financial planner and he, along with Mark Thornton, have put in many hours working up a long-range plan for the Alabama LP. This is something we've never really had, yet it is essential to achieving our goals.

Alabama Liberty's February issue will summarize the plan. It should be exciting to be able to drive toward our goals with a road map for a change!

Beginning at 6 p.m. that same day, all ALP members are invited to a caucus at Steve Smith's house in Roebuck (eastern Birmingham) to nominate a candidate for the special election to fill the 3rd Congressional seat. The 3rd District covers east-central Alabama and includes Auburn, that hotbed of libertarianism. Jerome Shockley did an outstanding job as our candidate in the November general election. He has indicated, though, he does not wish to run again for the seat, which became vacant with the incumbent's death a few weeks ago.

At this writing we haven't been told a definite yes or no as to whether we still qualify for a place on the ballot. If the answer is no, we may go to court over not having time to petition for this election. In any event we want to have our candidate selected and his or her paperwork in place. This will be a wide-open race in which the Libertarian vote really could make a difference. And with no competition from other elections, we could well attract financial help from Libertarians outside Alabama.

Steve's house is at 1115 Sundial Circle. Call him at 853-9307 for directions.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Jan. 14 | → 10 a.m. → | Planning Committee meeting, Charles Haines' office. ALP long-range and financial plan to be presented and discussed. |
|         | → 6 p.m. →  | ALP nominating caucus at Steve Smith's house to choose a candidate for the 3rd Congressional District race.          |
| Jan. 18 | →           | BIRMINGHAM SUPPER CLUB WILL NOT BE HELD THIS MONTH.  |
| Jan. 25 | → 7 p.m. →  | Huntsville Supper Club meeting. Bonanza restaurant, South Parkway.   |

*Please help make this calendar complete and timely. Call Steve Smith at 853-9307 in Birmingham or write to him c/o Alabama Liberty, PO Box 11514, Birmingham AL 35202. Submit your announcements about upcoming events as early as possible. We especially want to know about supper clubs that may be forming in cities other than Huntsville and Birmingham.*

## Wingo's Traveling Drug-Test Show Heads East

Birmingham's own Bill Wingo travels to Atlanta on the 18th of this month to speak to Georgia Libertarians. He will do his increasingly famous presentation on the perils of drug testing. Perhaps you saw his article on the subject in the most recent Liberty magazine.

If you'd like to hear Bill in Atlanta, call him at 879-4201 for details as to time and place. He and Steve Smith are planning to drive over and may have room for extras (depends on whether he takes the Porche or the Plymouth).

## Birmingham Supper Club Looking for Home

Birmingham's Downtown Libertarian Club needs a new meeting place. The Bonanza restaurant where the group was meeting has gone out of business.

Will someone volunteer to scout possible locations? It can be anywhere in the Birmingham area, although folks seem to prefer Southside or Homewood.



## Newsletter Changes Being Made

**ALABAMA LIBERTY WILL BE  
MORE FREQUENT**

**MOST ISSUES WILL BE  
TWO-PAGERS (LIKE THIS)**

**SOME SPECIAL ISSUES MAY BE  
PUBLISHED**

*Alabama Liberty* is undergoing changes, as you can tell from this issue.

Desta Monachelli did a superb job of putting out the state party newsletter for two or three years. Under her editorship the magazine-like "Big AL" (as it was affectionately known) was praised by

Libertarians around the country for its size, content and spirit. But it wasn't cheap to produce or distribute, especially as we were sending it to a gigantic mailing list neither the party's coffers nor the Monachellis' pockets could long support.

Desta is now taking a well-deserved rest from editing chores. At the same time, your party officers have decided to cut the cost and time involved in producing the *Alabama Liberty*.

Steve Smith is now editing the newsletter, which will come to you once a month. Most issues will be a single sheet in size, like this one. Content, by necessity, will be limited to calendar an-

nouncements and other essential information. The mailing list is being pared back to currently active members and supporters, and recent inquirers. These changes should result in a timely newsletter that is inexpensive and minimally burdensome to produce.

The big "Big AL" is not dead, though. We hope we can still produce one or two magazine-style editions each year, complete with analysis, book reviews, letters, etc., just as in the past.

Your ALP officers and your new editor hope you agree with these changes. Let us know your thoughts.

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## Official Election Results Trickle Out

Between the great election night news blackout and the slow workings of state bureaucracy, accurate Libertarian vote results in Alabama have been hard to come by.

We finally have the following official results for statewide and Congressional races, as reported by the secretary of state. Libertarian candidates and their votes are boldfaced.

President: Bush 815,576; Dukakis 549,506, **Ron Paul 8,460**, Fulani 3,311, Warren 646, Winn 461, write-ins 506.

PSC President: Sullivan 690,396, Allen 484,237, **Steve Smith 22,848**, write-ins 209.

House District 1: Callahan 115,173, Tyson 77,670, **Ken Ament 1,483**, write-ins 37.

House District 2: Dickinson 120,408, **Joel Brooke King 7,352**, write-ins 101.

House District 3: Nichols 117,514, **Jerome Shockley 4,793**, write-ins 3.

House District 4: Beville 131,880, **John Sebastian 5,264**, write-ins 5.

House District 5: Flippo 120,142, McDonald 64,491, **John Palmer 1,989**, write-ins 1.

House District 6: Erdreich 138,920, Caddis 68,788, **William Wingo 1,092**, write-ins 226.

House District 7: Harris 136,074, Bacon 63,372, **Alan Barksdale 1,421**, write-ins 99.

There also were candidates in a number of local and county races. Susan Sebastian received a record percentage of LP votes (for Alabama) -- 12% -- in her two-way school board race. Mark Thornton became Alabama's first elected Libertarian by winning his unopposed race for Lee County constable.

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### ACTION ITEM!

All readers are urged to write a letter to the editor this month opposing the proposed federal gasoline tax hike.

**Important Caucus Meeting Will Be Saturday, Jan. 14th -- Details on Front**

