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## FRANK TALK

By  
Frank Monachelli



Events since last time, everything in this issue, is epitomized by the list of names to your right. The State Convention was a tremendous success, part of the Advocates For Self-Government is now here, and we won a major election victory in Birmingham. As they say you can: 'Read All About It'! There is an even bigger story however.

We ARE getting better at spreading our message at the same time attitudes are undergoing a basic change. More people are beginning to challenge the premise that government is the answer to problems. How many people do you know who still say: 'Rah Rah \_\_\_\_\_ Federal, State, County, or Local, (fill in the blank), government'? People are so disenchanted with, or flat out mad at, political government, they naturally gravitate us.

There is a big difference however between the LP and other opposition groups. All groups attract people out of frustration. Ours however retains all decent people even when they come from opposing ends of the political spectrum.

We all know converting individuals to our philosophy is as easy as 1-2-3. 1. Give people the opportunity to find out about us. 2. A high percentage will take the time to evaluate our beliefs. 3. Of those who do the majority are "sold" when they find out that FREEDOM WORKS AND FREEDOM IS MORALLY RIGHT. Whether liberal or conservative, Republican or Democrat, most people find that they are really libertarian, (and probably always have been).

Our job then is simple. As Dick Boddie says; "Anything worth selling must be sold". We must give people as many chances to discover, then encounter, our beliefs as possible. Basic stuff but any job requires tools. We are getting better at using the tools we have and developing new ones. Consider some examples.

In the Birmingham area the bond vote generated many newspaper stories, and lots of TV and radio coverage. Elections can generate interest. With a record 29 candidates on the ballot Nov. 8th, we have a great opportunity. (We have candidates in all 7 congressional districts. Republicans have 5).

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## WELCOME

TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

JIM BLAKE, DAVE COPELAND,  
JOHN VERNON & B. R. DOOSE  
of Birmingham

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of Alabaster

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of Opelika

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of Auburn

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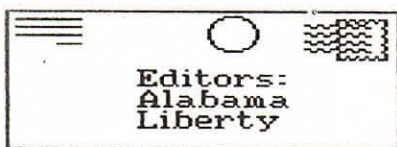


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The average politician is an average citizen (except for a few rotten ones-a few exceptional ones); his number one aim is to get elected or re-elected.

While trying to achieve these goals and while in office he is under pressure by organizations; mostly religious groups to restrict our personal liberties-to outlaw abortion, to censor what we read, to dictate what we can see at the movies and what movies we can rent or purchase. These pressure groups-the Eagle Forum, the Moral Majority, the pro-life organizations, Church groups (Protestant, Jewish, Catholic) badger and harass the poor lawmaker, that he should become an object for our concern and compassion.

So, when we libertarians say "leave us alone-stay out our personal lives" we should not vilify the poor politician as the main enemy of our personal liberties; in fact it is the religious pressure groups and their influence on the lawmakers who are the true villains in restricting our freedom and liberties.

The feminist groups are prone to blame the legislature about their slowness in passing reforms to gain equality. They should blame organized religion and its influence on the lawmakers. Instead of burning their "bras" perhaps it would be more effective to sever ties with organized religion and burn their bibles.

Respectfully,  
Jesse Bailey  
Birmingham, AL

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## PAUL VISIT SETS RECORDS

by Steve Smith

Ron Paul's three-day swing through Alabama was a record breaker by almost any measure.

Media coverage outstripped anything Alabama Libertarians had seen before, and calls are still coming in from new supporters who saw, heard or read about the LP presidential candidate.

March 17. Paul was picked up at the Birmingham airport and sped to his first appointment, a 10 a.m. appearance on WERC radio's morning talk show. During the hour program he discussed drugs, the Federal Reserve, U.S. military intervention and the income tax. Most callers seemed favorably impressed, as did host Bob Gambacurta.

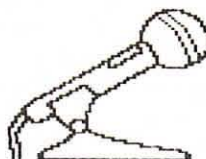
A Channel 13 TV crew showed up at the radio station to film Paul in action, then followed the candidate's entourage to Five Points South. As the camera whirled, Paul chatted with passersby and dropped into an ice cream parlor for a round of handshaking.

Next it was off to Frank Monachelli's house for lunch and more interviews. Reporters joining Paul there included Yana Davis of the Birmingham Business Journal and Mike Cooper of The Advocate, a feisty new weekly. The resulting stories appeared well after Paul had left town, but were by far the best to come out of the visit.

At 2 p.m., Paul was taken to The Birmingham News--Alabama's largest daily--for an editorial meeting. This turned out to be a bit of a disappointment. The two attending editorial page editors seemed genuinely interested in what Paul had to say, but the reporter who sat in (and dominated the questioning) was extremely hostile, going so far as to interrupt Paul's explanation of his drug stand with sarcastic comments about "cheap snorts".

A 3 p.m. meeting at the Birmingham Post-Herald, in the same building, went better. Paul was questioned by the editorial page editor and by Ted Bryant, chief political writer.

Both dailies' stories appeared the following day. The News story was so-so (probably not a bad thing, under the





circumstances). Bryant's Post-Herald story, though, was one of the better pieces of major media reporting on Libertarians ever to appear in Alabama.

After a short rest at his hotel, Paul was taken to Channel 42 TV, where he taped a "Newsmakers" interview that was shown a week later.

Next, the candidate was driven to Birmingham-Southern College, a private liberal arts school, for an evening speaking engagement. The campus newspaper had headlined the visit on its front page, and 80 people came to hear Paul amid the Old South trappings of the Stockham "Women's Parlor". Channel 42 anchorperson Marianne Mathews came personally (another first!) to interview Paul and several audience members for her 10 o'clock broadcast. The spot was excellent, right down to the startling but impressive statement by Ms. Mathews that the Libertarian Party "has already elected three Congressmen from Alaska."

March 18. Paul was up early to tape a brief interview at WBHM, Birmingham's public radio station. Then it was off to Montgomery.

First stop in the capital city was the headquarters of the Alabama Radio network. Paul was interviewed for a news spot that would be supplied to some 80 radio stations around the state.

Next stop was WACV radio for a talk show hosted by a crusty character named Bart. An aging hippie in appearance, he astounded the Libertarians by asserting, in a pre-show chat, that the drug problem could be solved by locking up every user, even if that meant the arrest and imprisonment of millions of Americans. The show itself went rather well, with most of the callers full of praise for Paul and the things he was saying. The station's TV affiliate had a camera crew there filming as Paul fielded callers' questions.

Last stop in Montgomery was a joint editorial board meeting of the Montgomery Advertiser and the Alabama Journal. Attended by about eight editors and reporters, the session was long, lively, and friendly. A story on Paul and his libertarian positions appeared next day in the Advertiser-Journal's combined Saturday edition.

Back in Birmingham that evening, Paul

spoke at a reception hosted by a local libertarian physician. Among the attendees were the husband-wife owners of a popular health food store, and Paul's spirited defense of the right of individuals to use alternative medical therapies seemed to score a hit with them.

March 19. Paul kicked off his Saturday rounds with an interview by a reporter for Alabama Forum, a gay community newspaper. Then he was the guest on a two-hour talk show broadcast over WDJC, a Christian radio station.

Paul capped his Alabama swing with an appearance at the Alabama LP convention Saturday night. Convention attendance was excellent--especially considering it was AEA week, and many people were out of town. Almost 90 people attended the banquet where Paul was the featured speaker. TV stations 6, 13, and 42 covered the event.

Ron Paul departed Birmingham early on Sunday morning, promising that he would return to Alabama before the end of the campaign.



## ACTION ITEMS

Today whenever libertarians speak out people listen. Most folks are disgusted with big government and are drawn to us automatically whenever two things occur. First our ideas must be heard and secondly the message must be delivered well.

Ron Paul is unsurpassed at delivering the message. Everyone can all pitch in and help obtain forums for him.

There are two ACTION ITEMS from Paul Headquarters this month. Sharpen up your 'golden pencil'.

Oprah Winfrey Show  
P.O. Box 909-715  
Chicago, IL 60609

Phil Donahue  
30 Rockerfeller Plaza  
Room 827  
New York, NY 10112

We understand Phil and Oprah are upset about the boxes and boxes of letters they are getting about Ron. Perhaps your letter will be the 'Straw That Breaks the Camel's Back'. Write today.

STUDENTS: U. Magazine is conducting a nationwide presidential preference poll. Call 1-800-662-5511, give your university name, and say you would like to vote in the poll.



# BODDIE WOWS 'EM! MONEY POURS IN

by Steve Smith

Dick Boddie certainly knew how to win the hearts of his Alabama audience.

"Birmingham, Alabama, is one of the places I said in 1960 that I would never, ever go back to", he began, eliciting a roar of laughter from the Alabama LP banquet crowd. "I've learned that as you grow older, many of those 'nevers' come back to bite you in the behind."

Boddie, who is black and who uses that fact to great effect in his appearances before libertarian crowds, came to Birmingham to conduct a fundraiser for Ron Paul and the ALP.

The president of a California company called The Motivators, Boddie kept the laughs coming throughout the event, and in the end over \$3,000 was raised.

"I'm like Rev. Ike", he said. "Rev. Ike comes directly at you and says, 'if you want to take a vow of poverty, take your vow of poverty and send me your money.' I'm telling you people up front that I want your money."

Boddie said Libertarians became spoiled in 1980, because they had a vice-presidential candidate who was a multimillionaire and who poured part of his fortune into the campaign. He said Libertarians are finally learning they have to dig deep into their own pockets if they are going to have an impact on national politics.

Boddie punctuated his performance with impressions of Ronald Reagan, Jimmy Carter, and Jesse Jackson. It quickly became clear that Jackson is not one of Boddie's favorite human beings.

"OUR TIME HAS COME!...Now what the hell does that mean? But it's working. That shows you how bad this thing has gotten.

I've had friends say, 'Dick, one black man shouldn't be putting down another black man that way.' Well, I say, anyone who is that much of a crook, I'll put him down face to face."

Boddie believes that Jackson has been a phony from the start. (The King assassination). He offers lots of facts to prove it.

"That dude got \$7 million through Farrakhan last year from Moammar Khaddafy." He recommended the book Jesse Jackson and the Politics of Race for a true picture of Jackson.

Boddie said his own premises about politics and economics are at the opposite pole

from Jackson's. "I believe that those who do more should get more and those who do less should get less. Isn't that incredible for a black dude? I also believe that success is not sinful. I do not believe that poverty is a virtue, or that poor people can do a damned thing for other poor people."

Boddie briefly discussed temperament types a subject now of much attention in some libertarian quarters. Some movement notables such as David Bergland and Marshall Fritz, believe libertarian ideas must be couched in different language to appeal to different temperament types. (On Sunday morning Dick presented an in depth seminar on this topic and "Libertarianism in 30 Seconds". About 20 fortunate attendees were exposed to some fabulous material).

"We have defined the best political system ever in the history of mankind, but because most of us are intuitive thinkers, we want to discuss the issues until they turn to butter under the trees like the tigers in Little Black Sambo," Boddie said.

"Now I'm not an intuitive thinker, I'm an intuitive feeler. We're the ones who write the songs, we write the poetry, we rap, we play the music. We share the ideas with the 76 percent of the masses who are sensory, who have to see it, hear it, touch it, smell it, in order to believe it."

He urged libertarians to reach more of the "feelers" who will then sell libertarianism to the rest of the population.

Boddie said he was first drawn to libertarian ideas in 1958, when he read Rand's Atlas Shrugged during his sophomore year in college. "Everybody thought I was crazy, I said yeah, this is the book. This is the finest thing I've ever read."

He scored his biggest hits of the evening with a series of one-liners. Among them: "Democracy is two wolves and one sheep voting on what to have for breakfast," and "The question of the day is, do TV evangelists do more than lay people?"

Tentative plans have been made to bring Boddie back to Alabama soon. Dick is perhaps the greatest salesman in the freedom movement today. If we can convince him to move here permanently, Alabama would become a leader. A favorite in the race to become the first libertarian state.





# DANGER, OPPORTUNITY AHEAD, SAYS RON PAUL

by Steve Smith



Events are coming together to make 1988 a good year for libertarians, but there is danger, too, Ron Paul told an Alabama LP convention crowd during his recent visit.

"People are realizing the government can't continue to pass out wealth they no longer have," he said. "We've destroyed our money and on top of that we've borrowed to the hilt. How long will foreigners be foolish enough to send us their cars while we send them our paper?"

He said libertarian arguments are beginning to have appeal not only for those "who deal on principle," but also for those who realize "there is a limit to how far we can go."

"Ronald Reagan recognized this in his early campaigns, that the liberal agenda wasn't working. Now he's done a good job of showing that the conservative agenda isn't any better. No wonder we as libertarians can expect more support this year. There are a lot of people who are disillusioned and disenchanted."

He warned though, that times are precarious. "If we do have a national economic emergency, there are powers already granted to the president that all he has to do is declare an emergency and literally he can become a dictator within minutes," Paul said. "That's scary."

He said the bright spot is that libertarians are already on the scene, with programs and policies to recommend that could avert a turn to dictatorship. "We are here, we are in place, we've done our job. The status quo will not be maintained politically or economically. The interventionist, planned society will come to an end. The question is, will we be able to make people look at our view?"

Paul gave his speech to a packed banquet room at the Holiday Inn in Homewood. Perhaps aware that many in the crowd were newcomers to libertarianism, he traced the growth of the movement and his personal odyssey that led him finally to give up on the Republican Party as a vehicle for limiting government.

He spent some time on Nixon's imposition of wage and price controls in 1971, which was the catalyst for the formation of the LP later that year. He also discussed the impact it had on him.

"I was attending a local Chamber of Commerce legislative action committee at the time, and it was a total shock to me that the national Chamber of Commerce, the spokesman for business people, endorsed the wage and price controls. Not only that, the general market was euphoric; the stock market went up 34 points. And I thought, boy, something's wrong with this country if everybody's welcoming a socialist economy."

He termed today's economy "interventionist" with only "elements of socialism." But he noted, "There is always a point when you can take an interventionist economy and hurtle it over into socialism. That's what happened with wage and price controls."

Paul ended his talk on an optimistic note with a quote by the late Leonard Read, founder of the Foundation for Economic Education.

"He said, 'In every society there are persons who have the intelligence necessary to figure out the requirements of liberty and the character to walk in its way. There is a scattered fellowship of individuals, mostly unknown to you and me, bound together by a love of ideas and a hunger to know the plain truth of things.'"

"I believe that's the case," Paul said, "and we need to extend ourselves and find these people. They will respond."



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## PATRIOT VS. IRS

by Desta Monachelli

Meet Jim Lewis. He lives in Old Saybrook, Connecticut and was a salesman for a bookbinder. He was the Libertarian Party's vice-presidential candidate in 1984 and is a Constitutional scholar. He is honest, intelligent, sincere, serious. And he has not filed a tax return for three years.

There's the rub. The IRS has found another honest, hard-working citizen to victimize. Jim Lewis was put on trial. Now Jim would have a chance to explain in court why he did not file and why taxes are immoral. Perhaps the story might even make its way into the media which it did.

According to The Connecticut Libertarian who covered the trial extensively, Judge Ellen Burns, granted a pre-trial motion by IRS, "to exclude all evidence to the effect that the Income Tax was unconstitutional..". Also "the only defense he would be allowed to present was that he had had a good-faith misunderstanding of the Law: that the 'willful' element in the charge was missing." In other words, no constitutional arguments in court, and all he can present is proof of income and a sincere belief that he was not required to file.

Jim defended his position on taxation by reasoning that if the 16th Amendment had been properly ratified (which it was not--see The Law that Never Was--ed.), neither the amendment nor the Revenue Acts passed later ever changed the underlying principle that the federal government has no authority to tax the income of the citizens of the several states directly. Furthermore, the subsequent acts never defined people residing in the 50 states as citizens of the U.S. but rather defined U.S. citizens as people living in federal districts and territories. Also there are problems with the applications of the concepts of sources of income in the wording of the amendment and to whom those words apply. Jim attempted to enter 70 books which supported his testimony, but Prosecutor Levine successfully prevented that with an objection, according to the newsletter. It continues about Levine, "He tried to make Jim out to be a protester who did not like the income tax, rather than a student who sincerely believed it inapplicable. He questioned his motives again, implying that Jim had been

living comfortably off taxes the jurors had been honestly paying." (Correct me, if I am wrong, but is that not what the entire IRS bureaucracy does?). Jim rebutted that it was not the \$13,000 "saved taxes" but a sincere belief in the knowledge that the current method of taxation is wrong.

The Connecticut Libertarian feels the newspapers in the area were favorable and understanding of the case--far more than the jurors who had been charged by the judge that, "she and she alone was directing what jurors should take as the Law." In other words, no jury nullification. The verdict was guilty. CL wonders if the jury members were worrying about being audited by IRS if they came in with the "wrong" verdict. We wonder, too.

On April 6th, Jim was sentenced to one year in jail with a two-year suspended sentence plus \$4,000 in fines. He will be required to pay the \$13,000 in back taxes. There are no plans to appeal the decision. According to American Libertarian, "Federal prosecutor Douglas Levine had requested that as part of his sentence, Lewis be required 'not to associate, speak or belong to organizations which support tax protests.'" The judge rejected that proposal, fortunately.

Jim Lewis has joined the league of prisoners of conscience. He lives by the Constitution and is a good man. He went up against the IRS, the American Gestapo, and had to endure the frustration of seeing it triumph. He stood on principle and lost... Or did he? Now we know his story. We have seen a shining example of courage. We have added yet another name to hurl at posterity when it clamors, "Why didn't people stop the madness?"

If you would like to write to Jim or contribute to ease his expenses his address is:

Jim Lewis  
2 Neponset

Old Saybrook, CT 06475

Your grandchildren will cherish the cancelled check, made out to this 20th Century Freedom Fighter.





# ADVOCATES REPORT PG 7



by Steve Smith

Great news! The Advocates for Self Government, based in Fresno, Cal., has moved part of its operation to Alabama. The Advocates have decentralized and under the new plan there are three separate divisions. The Editorial Division, responsible for publishing The Liberator newsletter and producing other written material is the part that has come to Alabama.

Yours truly was appointed Publications Director, at the Board of Directors meeting held April 22-24, at Bass Lake in Calif.

You're probably familiar with the tremendous work the Advocates is doing in reaching new people with the libertarian message and training current libertarians in how to be more persuasive. I believe bringing the Advocates Editorial Division to Alabama is a coup, comparable to getting the Von Mises Institute here.

The Advocates has been one of the most innovative and successful organizations in the libertarian movement. Tried and true programs will continue and be augmented by exciting new ideas. Two examples:

The first Seminar One ever held in Birmingham was a success. Of the six non-libertarians who started with the group, three declared themselves libertarians by the final session. The number might have been higher, but a couple of the most diligent attendees missed the last session due to illness.

Across the country, 31 new libertarians were discovered or created in the first wave of seminars, held in 12 cities in nine states and Canada. A second wave is now finishing up, and a third wave is soon to begin.

Marshall may be right when he calls Seminar One "the closest thing yet to a magic wand" for finding new libertarians.

A project that every Alabama libertarian will want to consider is Operation New-Map. Set for July 15-17 in Atlanta this project will call national attention to the inadequacy of the left-right spectrum. Operation New-Map dovetails with Summit 88 which is a marathon of workshops and other events to help people become better communicators of the freedom message. New-Map's goal is to distribute 100,000 copies of the World's Smallest Political Quiz during the weekend preceding the Democratic Convention. Just imagine the reaction from Dan Rather & Co.

For more information, call me at 853-9307.

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We can expand interest in our philosophy as the next 2 pages and other inserts show. Try:

Paid ads: One insert has a basic ad which will print nicely as small as 3 column inches. Try a few insertions in your local paper.

Letters to the editor: Look at what Mark, Bobbie, and Yana have done with some time and a few stamps. Their letters in the Birmingham dailies had a combined readership well in excess of 1 million people. That much space, as paid advertising, would have cost \$1,000+.

Hand-outs: Our new brochure is gorgeous. Buy some, and get into the habit of passing them out to everyone you meet. Give them away quiz side up and you will find everyone wants one. Most importantly people READ them! Comments already received include: 'I never knew what I was, and now I know I am a libertarian.' 'I handed one to my teacher, and he gave the quiz to my entire class'. Or my personal favorite so far, 'Do you have more copies? WOW! And of course as brochures are given out coupons, are showing up at the P.O. Box. The new brochure is the best hand-out we have ever done. Check your local paper to see how much it would be to insert them. Or buy some and let some of our volunteers hand them out at festivals fairs and other events. Buy some today. \$5/100 or \$30/1,000. UPS shipping included.

Smaller newspapers: They are interested in us. On the next page you will see a front page story Mark got. Space prevented running the front page story Lynda Harbac generated, in the Shelby County Reporter. The headline was 'Libertarians lend new look to campaign' and the sub-head was 'FIRST IN A SERIES'!

Lots of other possibilities exist. The important things to remember are: Stay true to our philosophy, don't presume to speak for all libertarians (we are all after all individualists), AND do something. That way we can spread the message in so many diverse ways everyone in the state will have had the chance to hear about us, one or more times. When that happens we win.

CONFIDENTIAL TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE. Bravo for your efforts during the last legislative session. Never have the standards you set for greed, incompetence, and chicanery, been so high and met so well. No group in Alabama has done as much to contribute to the growth of the Libertarian Party. We tip our hat to our 'partners in progress' toward a libertarian Alabama. Keep up the good work, especially during your special session. Realize however that a state income tax increase is not part of the deal. If you try to pass that some of you will not be reelected. That is a promise from the ALP.





I agree wholeheartedly with your comments last Saturday concerning the disgusting way in which this state honors Thomas Jefferson with a holiday for state workers. I have an idea for a change which I think Alabamians should consider and one which I feel Mr. Jefferson would appreciate.

My idea is to allow government employees and bureaucrats to take the day off from "work." Then the names of all state employees would be placed in a hat. The entire state media would be invited to Montgomery to report on the 1,000 names which would be drawn from the hat.

Every state employee whose name is pulled from the hat would lose his job, with the money returned to Alabama taxpayers.

Admittedly, my idea has some flaws. For example, it would not actually cut the state government much. However, it would certainly bring a great deal of attention to Thomas Jefferson's birthday, and would remind people what he stood for, what the American Revolution was all about and what their American heritage is or was all about.

Mr. Jefferson was a libertarian who fought for individual liberty and responsibility and against big, intrusive government. He is the founder of religious freedom and the most important founding father of this country.

I think Mr. Jefferson would be appalled at the idea of using his birthday as an excuse for giving state employees the day off while taxpayers toiled in the productive workplace to pay for such government-worker vacation time.

In the Declaration of (our) Independence, he said of the then current government, "he has erected a Multitude of new Offices, and sent hither Swarms of Officers to harass our People, and eat out their Substance."

Wouldn't it be nice to close some of those "Offices," and send some of those "Officers" home permanently as a birthday present to Mr. Jefferson in 1989?

Mark Thornton,  
404 Blake Street,  
Auburn.

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## Man wants to win job, then lose it

By Karen Thacker  
Staff Writer

It's not often that someone runs for public office who wants the job for which he's running abolished.

But Mark Thornton of the Libertarian Party is running unopposed for Lee County constable, hoping to draw attention to what he calls "just another government position."

"If it's not necessary, let's get rid of it," said Thornton, a graduate teaching assistant of economics at Auburn University. Libertarians call for the elimination of all but the most essential governmental functions. Among the party's goals, Thornton said, is "to cut the number of government employees and number of government expenditures."

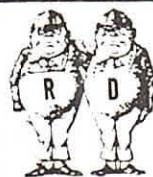
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Lee County last elected a constable in 1972. Constables had served summonses and complaints issued by justices of the peace, Probate Judge Hal Smith said. Though justices have been abolished, most counties may still elect constables — if anyone opts to run for the post.

Some counties have active constables, said Thornton. They serve papers for sheriffs and other officers. But Smith said Thornton probably wouldn't do a thing.

That doesn't phase the libertarian. He assumes he won't get paid anyway.

And besides, his main reasons for running are to see the post eliminated — and to bring attention to his party.



### FED UP WITH THE REPUBLICANS? HAD IT WITH THE DEMOCRATS?

You are not alone! Millions of Americans — including many of your neighbors — are switching to the Libertarian Party this year. The LP stands for the American ideals of tolerance, individual liberty and responsibility and voluntary solutions to problems. For a free information pack, write:

**ALABAMA LIBERTARIAN PARTY**  
PO Box 11514 Birmingham, AL 35202  
or call 322-2991 or 853-9307

Pvt. Pol. Adv. Alabama Libertarian Party, Frank Monacelli, State Director

### Need clearer thinking

As Tax Abuse Day (April 15) approached, I was surprised to see a report in the April 7 Post-Herald that some pollsters found a majority of Americans favor subsidized housing for the needy. Although I question the poll's validity, it does reveal a continuing problem with unclear thinking about government-funded programs.

I have a modest proposal that I think will greatly clarify the issues involved. Let's all agree that whenever a phrase such as "the government should provide ..." or "Congress should fund a program to ..." arise in discussion, that we simply substitute the phrase "the gov-

ernment should take your property and earnings by compulsory taxation in order to provide. ..."

I think my proposal would not only clear up confusion but would also have the beneficial side effect of shortening most political speeches. As further tonic against tax abuse I recommend the Libertarian Party and presidential candidate Ron Paul.

Bob Chapuis  
1601 Ashwood Lane

Columbus Ledger-Enquirer



# Let's defeat 'Pork Barrel: The Movie'

On May 10, Birmingham voters will go to the polls to decide the fate of a proposed 5-mill increase in property taxes in the city. Proceeds from the tax would be used to float a \$110 million bond issue.

City officials want to use the money to pay for two new museums, expansion of current museums and repairs on public schools and parks. These are the same city officials who wasted millions of tax dollars on the defunct Turf Club, and city-sponsored loans to favored small businesses.

It is not a record to have confidence in.

But beyond that, the city fathers and mothers have played this episode of "Pork Barrel: The Movie" in more than a little makeup and behind more than a few clouds of smoke.

## Too costly solution

Your editorial calling for vehicle inspections is an example of the type thinking that has generated a heavy burden of bureaucracy and regulation in our society. Many people, exemplified by your editorial, have a first reaction of calling for more government regulation whenever they perceive an unsolved problem.

Your solution would force taxpayers to fund another layer of overpaid bureaucrats who would only "work" from 9 to 5, forcing most people to miss work while waiting in the inspection line. If inspections are delegated to service stations (as in some states) the convenience is cancelled out by the mechanic's incentive to find something needing adjustment. Your solution would raise the cost of government and the cost of transportation, lowering the standard of living for us all.

Instead of calling on the same people who give us potholes in the government roads, why not try the Libertarian solution and leave the government out of it. The idea that inspections would improve safety is not credible. It is well known that very few accidents are caused by mechanical failure compared to the number caused by speeding, drinking, potholes, etc. Safety could also be improved by lowering the speed limit to 15 mph but it would cost too much.

Please, in the future, focus your do-good impulses on private charity.

Bob Chapuis  
1601 Ashwood Lane



MORNING

MAIL

Item: The brochure promoting a yes vote carries the names of the mayor and council of Birmingham and the city seal. City officials say they didn't pay for it. Roy Hatch of the mayor's office said "leading businesses" paid for it, but he declined to say which businesses.

Who are those businesses and why do they support a property tax hike? Considering they will be paying much higher taxes (nonresidential property is

taxed at a higher rate), could it be those businesses have direct interest in the bond issue? Say, an interest that goes beyond the usual "civic mindedness?"

Into the bargain, many small businesses and homeowners may leave the city. We will get two new pharaoh's tombs for the mayor to inscribe his favorite names on, and some new bushes at city parks. School children will be taught badly in air-conditioned classrooms in September and May, rather than taught badly in un-airconditioned ones.

That is "progress?"

Vote for real progress ... for cancellation of this performance of "Pork Barrel: The Movie" ... by voting no on May 10.

S.D. Yana Davis  
907 38th St. South

## Nicaraguan voters have more choices

A recent column by William Raspberry called for trying to increase voter turnout by facilitating the voter registration process.

This is not the answer.

I believe there is a stronger reason why so many Americans avoid involvement in the political process.

Most would-be voters are frustrated by the problem of trying to pick the lesser of two evils between the same old Democrats and Republicans.

The ballot laws (which have been written by the Democrats and the Republicans) are designed to keep new parties and independents off the ballot.

I urge Mr. Raspberry and others who want greater participation and fair treatment of minor parties to support H.R. 1582.

This is a measure in Congress that will greatly reduce the barriers that currently shut out new parties and their supporters from the electoral process.

It is a shame that American voters have fewer opposition parties on their ballot than the voters in Nicaragua.

Bob Chapuis,  
1601 Ashwood Lane,  
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# WHAT'S UP, FRANK?

by Desta Monachelli



By now, everybody in Birmingham knows how Frank Monachelli has been spending his time. He began by reading a brochure put out by the City of Birmingham to promote the upcoming bond issue vote, and, LO AND BEHOLD, no disclaimer

on it to tell who paid for the printing and distribution of it. The taxpayers? A bank that might underwrite the bond? Other interested parties? It seems history repeats itself, because last time we were due for a tax increase, the city ran huge, one-page ads in the newspapers and each announced that they were a "Paid Political Advertisement by The City of Birmingham." Now, there are laws against a governmental entity using taxpayers' money to lobby on public issues; since the government is supposed to represent all the people--including the ones that are for lower taxes.

Frank addressed the City Council on 4/19. He explained to the imperial collective that the law calls what they had done a "corrupt practice" and firmly elaborated on the legal implications of having distributed what he called "this informational gem." He also suggested that for the brochure to be truly informational, the city ought to include all the information and get its facts straight. He also thought it would be nice if the city would tell the people that the routine five-year county wide tax re-assessment is going on, and that, alone, will raise taxes even if they vote 'no' to the bond issue.

He refreshed the council's memory about the electioneering last time with a copy of its ad from the Birmingham News. He told them, "I want the city government to change its actions and stop taking partisan stands on election issues." He concluded with five requests instructing the council on a legal and moral course of action.

William Bell, Council president, reminded him that his five minutes were up, but he did allow Frank to finish his statement, thanks to Jeff Germany's saying he'd like to hear. Linda Coleman suggested to Frank that he should be at the federal agencies petitioning for funds for the city. Quick

on the uptake, Linda. Antris Hinton wanted Frank to know that she understood that he represented a political philosophy, and that the council "has no part of that!" Right! We defend freedom. Roosevelt Bell declared that the council is not being partisan about the election issue, because it was not Democrat or Republican. Frank, of course, had to tell him that 'partisan' meant taking a side according to his dictionary.

After careful examination of the blank faces of the council members, Frank concluded that he had given them their chance, and the possibility that they were going to ignore his requests crossed his mind. He and a faithful few then marched to the U.S. Courthouse to file a federal lawsuit against the mayor and the city of Birmingham. The suit stems from the fact that the first amendment rights of the members of the Alabama Libertarian Party and others who oppose the official line have been violated, because we have to spend our funds and time to advance our point of view, and the city has been using the people's funds (ours included) to advance its point of view. There are also violations of the state election code which are included.

Efforts have been begun to defeat the bond issue on May 10th by the Party. Frank has publicly challenged William Bell to a public debate in the forum of Bell's choice. No reply. Members have also been attending neighborhood meetings, to present our side of the issue. They are being well received. 170,000 copies of a special issue of Common Sense have been printed, 165,000 of which were inserted in the May 6th editions of The Birmingham News.

This hard-hitting issue, (enclosed in this edition of Alabama Liberty), states our case to the public in an informative and entertaining style. Libertarians and non-libertarians alike have financially backed it, and have pledged to distribute the remaining 5,000 copies. Frank has literally "pounded the pavement" moving people to action. The media have played their roles in covering the various stories generated. In the process the ALP has demonstrated its commitment. But more than that, members and the people who have joined with us have shown that alliances with diverse, but like-minded, people are not only possible but advantageous to everyone.



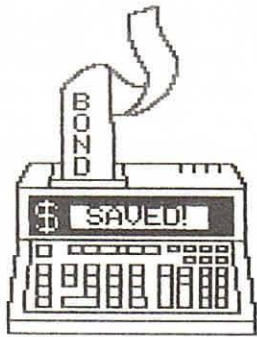
# BOND ISSUE ANALYSIS

by Desta Monachelli

5 MILL PROPERTY TAX YES-36.3% NO-63.7%

EVERY item in the bond issue was defeated including a school tax renewal which would have extended an existing tax.

Not only was the Black turnout low (and nearly 20% of them said 'no'), but the protest vote needs to be considered. Many of Mayor Arrington's support group stayed home, because they do not need nor can they afford more taxes. The problem for them was that they did not want to oppose a man many people admire, the mayor.



What it all boils down to is that people ALL people are angrier than many politicians realize. The bond vote was a money issue. The people are tired of the notoriously bad investments special deals and tax exemptions that go to annexed areas and privileged companies who

could pay into the tax base rather than free-loading on the rest of us.

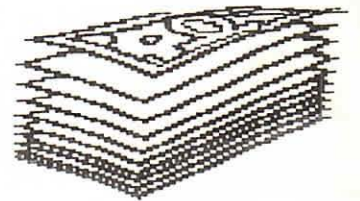
While we struggle to make ends meet in our personal lives, we are told we must also be for some collectivist view of "progress". How does one define progress--especially in a diverse country such as ours? Who has the right to decide how much should be paid for out of the public coffers for someone else's opinion of what "progress" is--and for how long do we spend it before it becomes a bottomless pit?

Libertarians see progress as the sum of goods and services we need and want as provided by the free market system. The bottomless pit becomes a bottom line. And the people decide how progressive and efficient that good or service is every time they buy or do not buy it. EVERY DOLLAR IS A VOTE EVERY TIME A TRANSACTION IS MADE OR NOT MADE. Furthermore, every dollar a politician takes through a coercive system of taxation is a dollar less that the individual has to spend freely on the projects he feels are progressive and deserving.

With the defeat of the bond issue, people now have retained a little more of their earnings to spend on sewers, schools, or whatever else may come along--and they can do so with an intimate knowledge of their own individual economic circumstances.

It is also important to realize that part of the message sent on May 10th is that when the public entrusts its money to a public official, we want it to be spent on the things it is allocated for and not trips, tracks, and teams. Libertarians insist upon this important point all the time--not just the month before an election. An example, just last month the school teachers realized that the South is hot, and about 1/4 of the schools need to be air conditioned. Perhaps the comedian that was hired to entertain them at the Civic Center over AEA break could have staged another Comic Relief if that had been a "burning issue" at that time. Air conditioning was a red herring for two reasons: It is mainly the oldest schools that do not have AC, and these buildings, built with high ceilings, were designed to be cooler. Secondly, some schools would have been completed through individual school fundraisers. That cannot happen now because parents are told that any gift to a school, in excess of \$500, must go to the Board of Education. So once again we find bureaucrats blocking progress. Instead of people solving their own problems, with options from window units to a complete central system, the politicians wanted us to pay 3-4 times the cost, which is what the payback on a long term bond would be.

Libertarians ask nothing from the people's pockets as the politicians do. No one should be forced to pay for something he does



not believe in nor for that which he cannot afford. It is based on the Golden Rule. I, one individual, do not like to be forced; therefore I morally cannot force others. I can only use reason and then try to persuade others to support what I feel is right. That traditionally, is how charities and churches do it. Why can't all levels of government?

Many of you know our son, Francis. At 16 years of age, he has left the dependent and secure world of childhood. He is now planning his future in the belief that he will make a comfortable and happy living if he works hard. He believes he will be free to do whatever he wants to do as long as he respects the rights of others. He does not yet understand the impact of taxes and force. Let's hope the voters of Birmingham have begun to move toward a city our children will never need to.





By STEVE SMITH

Who would ever have thought a public university in Alabama would become a hotbed of free market--yea, libertarian--thinking and teaching?

Yet that is what Auburn University has become, mainly over the past half-dozen years, and mainly due to the presence of the Mises Institute.

The Mises Institute was founded in 1982 by Lew Rockwell to advance scholarship in free market, Austrian economics. It found an academic home at Auburn a few months after its founding.

Some might wonder how the Mises Institute ended up at Auburn. Undoubtedly the influence of John Denson, a trustee of the university, played a big part. Here is what he has to say about his own interest in bringing the Institute to Auburn (from a prospectus for the Institute):

"Personally, this is a dream come true. About 20 years ago I read *Human Action* and *Atlas Shrugged*, then eagerly sought out the other works of Mises and Rand. Naturally, this opened the door to the whole spectrum of libertarian thought...The lectures, seminars, publications, and other activities that will now emanate from Auburn University and the Mises Institute will be a major step toward the establishment of a free market system."

The Institute has an editorial board and an entrepreneur's council, and the list of their members reads like a *Who's Who* of libertarians and free market advocates. It includes Murray Rothbard, Walter Block, Burt Blumert, Joe Fuhrig, Mark Skousen, F. A. Hayek, Henry Hazlitt, Henri LePage, Robert Kephart, Yale Brozen, and many others. Ron Paul is the Institute's Distinguished Counsellor.

The Institute receives no money from the university, which should please libertarians. All of its operating funds come from gifts and pledges, plus the sale of educational materials. Contributions are tax-deductible.

So what does the Mises Institute do? It supports Ph.D. graduate students in free market economics, primarily through the awarding of fellowships. It also gives

grants to faculty member at Auburn and elsewhere to encourage research in Austrian economics.

The average libertarian probably will be most interested in the Institute's publications. These include the *Journal of Austrian Economics* and *The Free Market*, a newsletter. The latter is especially recommended to anyone seeking ammunition for economic debates with non-libertarian friends and acquaintances. The writing only occasionally strays above the intelligent layman's head, and some of the articles--such as Rothbard's "Ten Great Economic Myths" (published in 1984)--are intellectual dynamite.

The Institute also sponsors seminars, though most are held outside Alabama. These are often advertised through direct-mail flyers and ads in such places as *Reason* magazine.

One can only speculate on the impact the presence of the Mises Institute has had on the intellectual tone of Auburn itself. It must be exerting some influence, judging from the growing "infestation" of libertarian faculty not only in economics, but also in the philosophy department (Tibor Machan, for example).

Readers of *Alabama Liberty* owe it to themselves to learn more about this fount of libertarian scholarship, in our back yard no less. Write to the Mises Institute at Thach Hall, Auburn University, Auburn, AL 36849. Ask for a list of their current publications, and drop them a few bucks while you're at it. (Ask if they have any copies left of "The First Five Years, 82-87. It's an excellent overview of the Institute that also provides some basic information on Ludwig von Mises himself.)

## BIRD BRAIN ?



Bandit, the Monachellis' Libertarian parrot, is in the process of learning the slogan, 'SMASH THE STATE! VOTE LIBERTARIAN!' This comes right after a triumphal rendition of 'WHO IS JOHN GALT?'

Of course if things do not work out for the good of freedom, Bandit may have to apply his special talents to learning things such as, 'All animals are equal, but some are more equal than others' and 'Who was Joe Stalin?'





by Steve Smith

As with rock 'n roll, so with libertarian books: oftentimes the golden oldies are best. That's true of Walter Block's feisty masterpiece from 12 years ago. *Defending the Undefendable*; The Pimp, Prostitute, Scab, Slumlord, Libeler, Moneylender, and other Scapegoats in the Rogue's Gallery of American Society.

Do libertarians write books like this anymore? Now that our ideas are gaining a bit of respect, it seems the last thing we want to do is shock anyone. For the most part I applaud the flies-w/-honey approach to winning others to our side, but the ol' libertarian macho flasher inside me sure gets goosebumps over a book whose cover proudly proclaims "Something to Offend Everyone."

Block throws buckets of ice water in his reader's face, and laughs while he's doing it. Yet there is method to his rudeness. By tackling libertarianism's hard cases, successfully for the most part, he makes the rest a cakewalk. If a person comes away from this book convinced that blackmail and libel should not be treated as crimes, how much resistance will he be able to put up to the idea, say, of selling the post office?

At first blush, *Defending the Undefendable* appears to be mainly about the civil liberties side of libertarianism. In reality it's just as much about economics. In instance after instance, Block not only shows (with watertight logic) why people have a right to scalp tickets, strip-mine coal, and charge "outrageous" prices for food sold in ghetto stores, he accompanies each example with a mini-lesson in how the free market works. Besides all that, he's funny as hell.

The book is further enlivened with a liberal sprinkling of Rodriques cartoons. Few of them are thigh-slappers, but they all help drive home the points Block is making. I do recommend the one on page 150 for a good belly laugh.

Read *Defending the Undefendable*. An occasional dose of this kind of shock therapy is good for the libertarian soul.

## Dear Libby



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I'm sick and tired of this drug problem we have. The crazy Libertarians want pushers on every corner, and everybody on drugs! The stars tell me that there should be a Drug Enforcement Agency guy on every corner to eliminate this problem!

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NR: Drug enforcement agents to do what? Enforce drugs? First of all, drug addicts who are victimizing the rest of us need humane, educational, and medical treatment. Second of all, for the small percentage of the population that is pathologically involved with drugs, it is not necessary to institute a police state to handle the problem.

Libby is concerned about a more infectious addiction that is much more widespread. It was recently discovered in the U.S. and is called the Power Addiction Yammer Syndrome (US-PAYS). Pays has reached epidemic proportions and is caused by the S.O.B., Type 1 virus. The official name is the Save our Bureaucracy virus, and it is extremely virulent. In the initial stages a sufferer, such as a low-level official, wants an office. Then the disease progresses through various stages of delusions of grandeur; until demands are made for cabinet posts, the presidency, etc. In some cases, even nobility is the objective. In any event, the more power the person attains, the more he wants. In the U.S., this is extremely addictive to some people. Unfortunately, the government is forcing everyone to work with these people, increasing the risks involved. Some of those afflicted kill, but most just steal. Fortunately, Libertarians are naturally immune; so there is every hope that a cure, or at least a vaccine, can be found by the year 2000. Another strange effect of this addiction is that it also affects the non-afflicted causing anemia of our wallets and spirits resulting in feelings of helplessness and depression.

This is a far more deadly epidemic, and we as individuals need to focus on this problem first, when we solve the riddle of US-PAYS, the proper course of action with other addictions will become more apparent.

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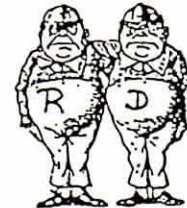
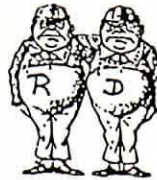
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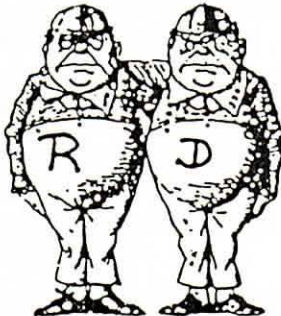
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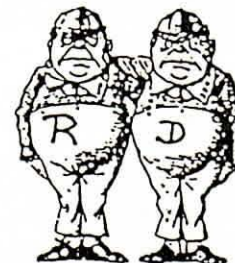
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