

ALABAMA LIBERTY

BRIEFS

Party saw great growth in 1990

In the past year the Alabama Libertarian Party had great success in increasing its membership. Jimmy Blake, party chairman, said the organization the party has developed in the past two years has begun to pay off. "We have developed a good infrastructure to follow up on people who express an interest in the party," Blake said. "It's become much easier to convince people to join because our party's image has improved." But those aren't the only reasons he sees for the increase in people calling themselves Libertarians. "We've also had tremendous help from the Democrats and Republicans, who've done such a poor job of running the country," Blake said.

Who were those sharply dressed men?

Several members of the party have recently taken part in Birmingham rallies, taking special care to present an appropriate party image. On Dec. 6 several members participated in a peace rally held on the city's Southside. The rally was sponsored by the Birmingham Committee Against U.S. Intervention in the Middle East. The party also set up an information booth — manned by several sharply dressed members from Huntsville — at a Free Hemp Rally on Dec. 15. At the rally, which was held at Brother Bryan Park, about 40 people placed their names on the party's mailing list. Steve Smith spoke about individual freedom at the rally. "Steve basically told them that we aren't condoning the use of drugs, but we approve of people having the right to do what they want," said Jimmy Blake, party chairman. "One important thing about the rally was that our people showed up dressed in coats and ties, ready to persuade people who might be interested in libertarianism, rather than shock them."

Get ready to cast your vote in '92

In 1992, the Libertarian Party will be on the

state ballot, thanks to a successful petition drive which ended last month. Three professional petitioners — Bobby Ellis, Leonard Weisburg and John Robertson — spent about three months collecting more than 14,000 names on petitions. Jimmy Blake will take the names to the Alabama Secretary of State's office after the members of the new administration take office. One unfortunate thing happened while Ellis, a native of Chicago, was working in downtown Birmingham. Instead of receiving a nice, warm Southern greeting from some young men,

injured, and almost immediately returned to petitioning people for signatures.

New county chairmen named

Rod Templeton and Steve Dow have been named county chairmen. Templeton is the new chairman for Talladega County, while Dow is chairman of Madison County. The two were appointed at the Executive Committee's Dec. 2 meeting.

Committee working on party platform

Five members have been named to the party's platform committee, which will draft the state party's election-year platform. Those named to the committee include Jimmy Blake, Jeff Johnson, Ross Lowe, Charlie Haines and David McElroy. The committee members are in the process of researching and writing the state platform. If finished in time, it will be presented at the Friday, Feb. 8 business meeting during the state convention.

Officer slate to be presented

The members of the committee charged with nominating a slate of officers at next month's state convention were chosen at the Dec. 2 Executive Committee meeting. Those named to the committee are Bob Chapius, Jimmy Blake, Jeff Johnson and Charlie Haines.

Blake rides the airwaves — again

Jimmy Blake was back on the airwaves again

Ex-governor to speak at convention

By David McElroy
Alabama Liberty

When Fob James was presented recently with a basic outline of the libertarian philosophy, he expressed some surprise at its simplicity.

"It just sounds like basic Jeffersonian-Jacksonian principles to me," James said. "But how can you get people to listen to it?"

James' quick analysis of the ideas of freedom have led to his coming to the state convention to talk about something he knows something about: getting acceptance for ideas in the political marketplace.

"I think a lot of people will be fascinated," James said. "I will be

what Gov. James has to say about how to get our ideas across in the political arena," said state party chairman Jimmy Blake. "The governor has had quite a bit of experience trying to deal with monolithic government and dealing with public opinion. I believe that what he can tell us about what he's learned can be very useful to us."

James was a successful business person before he ran for governor of Alabama on the Democratic ticket in 1978. He surprised political observers by winning in his first try for public office. He promised during the campaign not to run for re-election, and he kept his promise by not running in 1982.

He ran unsuccessfully for the Democratic nomination for governor in 1986.

James will discuss his ideas about how libertarians can be more successful in selling the ideas of



Fob James

freedom in Alabama.

Other speakers at the convention will deal with the freedom philosophy as well as more concrete ideas on competing in the political marketplace.

■ John Taylor, chairman of the Libertarian Party of Georgia, will talk about the progress the Georgia party has had in recent years, culminating with the serious campaign waged last year by Carole Ann Rand for governor of Georgia.

■ Dr. Tibor Machan, a philosophy professor at Auburn University, will discuss ideas concerning individual rights.

■ Doug Bandow, a senior fellow with the Cato Institute in Washington, D.C., and a nationally syndicated columnist, will talk about "how government really works."

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Way we dress can determine if we're heard

Just the other day, I saw a television interview that reminded me of how far we had come as a movement. I am not talking about our doubling of membership in the last year, nor do I mean the more frequent media appearances. We should be very proud of these accomplishments, but there is something much more important.



Charlie Haines

Libertarians in Alabama have become better at marketing the freedom philosophy ideas. We have learned that grabbing somebody's lapels and shaking him does not seem to work. Yelling is no longer used as a debating technique. In fact, belittling the uninformed statistics is a method losing its appeal as a conversion tool, but I am getting ahead of myself.

What I saw on TV the other day was a long-haired, messily dressed

example of the counter culture. His arguments were cogent, rational and quite convincing. Unfortunately, his "fresh from Woodstock" appearance was an immediate turn-off, and few viewers paid any attention to what he had to say. It is a shame because he was delivering an important message.

Any leaders of a movement must establish immediate credibility, particularly if they are to appear as a sound bite on TV. Unfortunately, appearance helps establish that credibility, and conventional attire appeals to the lion's share of our population.

Our party had a booth at that same rally. Almost three hundred people took "The World's Smallest Political Quiz," and asked the volunteers questions. There was more activity around us than elsewhere, yet the TV reporter did not want to interview the Libertarians.

Why didn't the reporter want to include us? It is simple. We did not look like kooks. The thrust of the rally was non-conventional, so someone in conventional clothes espousing a rational line of

reasoning would not spice up the report. In fact, some viewers might even consider what the responsible-looking interviewer had to say. The reporter didn't want that to happen.

You will not see any of our Executive Committee members appearing with the media without a coat and tie. (Right now it is an all-male crew looking forward to some women joining it.) Jimmy Blake, for example, always wears a coat and tie to radio interviews. Nobody can see him except the interviewer who will decide if this show is going to dissect a kook or bring out the wisdom of a credible and learned individual.

We want people to realize that we are one of them, so that our ideas are worthy of their consideration. In any sales situation, the buyer must feel that the seller appreciates the buyer's needs and can relate to his situation. The fellow with the head band mentioned before was saying, on the other hand, "I do not fit in with you guys in mainstream America, so my ideas do not either." He said it with his appearance — not his mouth.

I will make one last comment

about appearance and then will move on. I own a business, and the product boils down to trust. I sell financial advice on a fee-only basis, which means I avoid the conflicts of interest generated by commissions. My average client is a millionaire, so of course my office, staff and I all appear in a manner befitting my clientele.

Bow ties happen to be my tie of choice. One day, I read a survey about jurors not trusting attorneys who wear bow ties. If this reaction was accurately reported, my appearance had been sending a message in direct conflict with my product.

What did I do? Did I say, "Consuming public be damned. I am going to show you that someone wearing a bow tie can be trusted?" Hell no! I started wearing regular ties because I wanted to make it as easy as possible for potential clients to learn they could trust me.

We can do the same thing with our answers to people's questions. Once we have them listening to us

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Statement of Principles of the
Libertarian Party

"We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

"Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own, grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

"We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things and hold that where governments exist they must not violate the rights of any individual, namely, (1) the right to life — accordingly we support prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action — accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property — accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud and misrepresentation.

"Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders, and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market."

Don't make me fund any art — obscene or not

When exactly did smut become chic?

I've puzzled over this for some time now, and I still can't discover the answer. And I certainly can't answer the question that follows, "why?"



David McElroy

I was reminded once again that smut seems to be in style when I heard the news report recently that a federal judge in Los Angeles has ruled that some dance group in the city is entitled to collect federal funds which it would have received if it had not refused to sign a pledge not to use the money to produce obscenity. The court case came out of the dispute over whether money from the National Endowment for the Arts could be used to fund pornography and other assorted trash.

The ruling is considered a major victory for free expression and the First Amendment. On the other hand, opponents of obscenity see it

as a blow to restoring decency in the country.

Both sides are wrong, though, because they're arguing about the wrong issue.

The way the issue has been framed — both by the "arts community" and the media — the question has become whether or not a bunch of "narrow-minded bigots" are going to tell artists what they can create. On the other hand, too many people on the "morality" side are missing the point as well.

The real question is whether or not it's proper for government to fund art of any kind, obscene or not. So far, most people involved in the issue have conveniently avoided that question.

Think about this: if the average person had a choice in the matter, would he agree to use his own money to hand over to some "artist" to create a display of a crucifix in a container of urine? And taking it further, would the average person be willing to fork over his money voluntarily to any artist, even if he didn't find the work offensive, to create something for use somewhere else by people not of his choosing? Obviously, the

answer to both questions is "no."

There are two public policy questions here, one of which is whether government has the moral right to take money from citizens for uses which they wouldn't voluntarily agree to and the other is whether or not government has a legal right to do the same. The answer to both questions is again "no."

We as Americans have been suckered into believing that if any project can be justified by calling it in the "public interest," it's OK for government to do it. By what perverted logic do we get things such as the renovation of Lawrence Welk's home as a federally funded project? You've heard all the wild spending stories, so I don't have to repeat them for you. The point is that government has decided it can take as much money from you as it wants and do whatever it wants with that money, just so long as you have the opportunity to vote for candidates for public office.

But the way the U.S. election system has become, we have only a contest to see who can out-promise who. Candidates promise to "give" you money which is not theirs and

which they have no right to take or to give. And who are the real victims of this system? The people who are lulled into believing they are going to be taken care of by the all-powerful and all-knowing state.

Whatever happened to the notion that men and women should be allowed to make their own decisions as long as they don't infringe on the rights of others? Have we become so lulled to sleep by politics that we have forgotten that there are limits on what government is allowed to do?

Whatever the legitimate functions of government are — and there can be some disagreements even among those favoring individual liberty — there can be no question that funding the arts is not a legitimate use of tax money.

If I want to help pay for the arts, as I sometimes do, I will make direct payments to an organization in the form of the purchase of tickets and the making of contributions. If there are not enough people who want to support some particular organization — whether it's a theatre company or a

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Convention thrust will be county activities

By **Melissa McElroy**
Alabama Liberty

In 1990, the Alabama Libertarian Party lost something.

But nobody's weeping over the loss.

Last year the party was successful in its efforts to carefully dismantle the "kook" image which has plagued the party in the past. In its place has been built a party of members who sound, look and communicate just as any other Americans who are concerned about our loss of personal and economic freedoms.

We're now a party made up of attorneys, computer programmers, financial consultants, doctors and salesmen. We have seen more positive media coverage of party events than ever before and are more frequently asked to comment on state, national and world events.

In short, we've gained respectability.

And now that we've improved our party's image, it's time to move forward, said Jimmy Blake, party chairman.

And that's what he's hoping to accomplish at this year's state party convention Feb. 8-9 in Birmingham.

Fob James, one-time governor of Alabama, will be the featured speaker at Saturday's luncheon, while Tibor Machan, a philosophy professor at Auburn University, will speak Saturday night. In between, much work needs to be done, Blake said.

"I hope we get some media attention and will come across looking like serious, solid citizens who are committed to a policy of limited government," Blake said.

"I hope we will present a more dignified image than most political parties do at their conventions."

One of the major thrusts of this year's convention will be setting up organized efforts in most of the state's counties.

"We're going to be trying to rally people together to develop local organizations throughout the state," Blake said. "We're hoping the convention will help people to

Alabama Libertarian Party 1991 State Convention Schedule

Friday, Feb. 8 (Business meeting)

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| 6 p.m. | Registration begins, refreshments | |
| 7 p.m. | Officers reports | Jimmy Blake |
| 7:30 p.m. | Party officer elections | Jimmy Blake |
| 7:45 p.m. | Discussion of instructing delegates at national convention | New Chair |
| 8:15 p.m. | Resolutions and new business | New Chair |
| 9 p.m. | Adjourn | |

Saturday, Feb. 9

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| 8 a.m. | Registration begins, refreshments | |
| 9 a.m. | Opening remarks and business meeting report | New Chair |
| 9:30 a.m. | Review of last 12 months and what the future holds | Jimmy Blake |
| 10:30 a.m. | Break | |
| 10:45 a.m. | Why Georgia state party has experienced enormous growth | John Taylor |
| 11:45 a.m. | Lunch | |
| 12:15 p.m. | How to sell libertarianism to Alabamians | Gov. Fob James |
| 1:15 p.m. | Break | |
| 1:30 p.m. | Media Panel | Various |
| 2:30 p.m. | Presidential candidate and delegate presentations | Various |
| 4 p.m. | Break | |
| 4:20 p.m. | Election of national convention delegates | New Chair |
| 5 p.m. | Visit booths | |
| 5:30 p.m. | Break | |
| 7 p.m. | Banquet dinner | |
| 7:45 p.m. | (Topic to be determined) | Tibor Machan |
| 8:45 p.m. | Closing remarks | New Chair |

Two days of discussion, reports planned

Convention set for Feb. 8-9 in Birmingham

■ Convention will kick off with a business meeting on Friday night, followed by a busy Saturday agenda.

The 1991 Alabama Libertarian Party state convention will be held on Feb. 8-9 at the University of Alabama at Birmingham's University Inn.

University Inn is located at 951 8th Street, which is near Five Points South. (See map at right.)

The convention will begin with a business meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 8. Coffee and soft drinks will be served during the meeting.

At this meeting officers' reports will be given and the party will elect new officers. Delegates for the national convention will also be chosen and resolutions will be considered.

On Saturday, Feb. 9, several events are scheduled, including an

arian word in Alabama.

Because a substantial financial commitment must be made to the in advance, the convention committee asks that those planning attend register as soon as possible. Charlie Haines, party treasurer, asks that registration fees and checks (or credit card authorizations) be received at the party office no later than 1 p.m.

Other notes

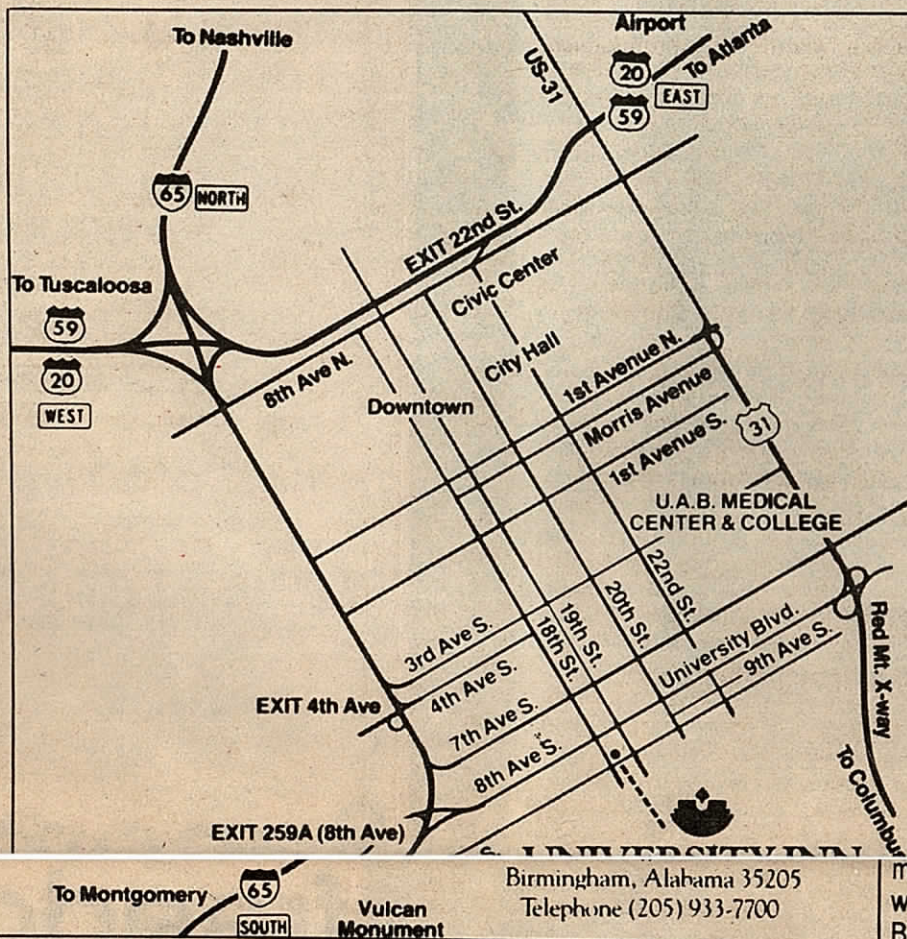
Something you want during convention?

As will be available during Alabama Libertarian Party convention Feb. 8-9 in Birmingham. Booth tables will be 26". Cost of a booth is \$100, which covers refreshments. Meals are extra. For more information on reserving a booth, call the party office at (205) 933-1776.

Other hotels located in walking distance

need to stay at another

How to get there



University Inn is located near I-65 and U.S. 31. This map shows the hotel's location in relation to major roads, as well as downtown Birmingham.

Details:

■ The Alabama Libertarian Party convention will be held Feb. 8-9 in Birmingham at University Inn.

■ Cost for a party member to attend complete convention, including refreshments during breaks, a lunch buffet and banquet dinner on Saturday night is

\$55 per person. Cost for a full-time student for full convention is \$45. Cost for a member or non-member for Saturday night dinner only is \$30 per person. Cost

for spouse or date to attend full convention is \$55. Cost for spouse or date to attend Saturday night dinner only is \$30 per person.

hotel in the vicinity of University Inn, there are two nearby hotels. Pickwick Hotel, located in the heart of Five Points South, is at 1023 South 20th St. The hotel's phone number is (205) 933-9555. The Radisson Hotel is located at 808 South 20th St. The phone number there is (205) 933-9000. Both hotels are within walking distance of University Inn.

When it's time to relax, there's lots of things to do

For those who wonder what there is to do before and after

the convention, there are many attractions near the University Inn. For starters, there's Southside, a mix of old and new shops featuring books, records, clothing, collectibles and other items. There are also several restaurants — offering a variety of prices and selections — within walking distance of the hotel. Other city attractions include the Birmingham Zoo, Vulcan and several shopping malls.

Want to help out during the convention events?

Anyone who would like to volunteer to help during the

convention is encouraged to call the party office at (205) 933-1776. All types of help are needed and would be appreciated.

Interested in being a national delegate?

The state party is only allowed to send six delegates to the Libertarian National Convention, which will be held in Chicago. Those delegates will be elected during the convention. Anyone who would like to be considered as a party delegate is asked to check the appropriate box on

Reserve hotel rooms soon as possible

■ University Inn is located on Birmingham's Southside, near the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

The University Inn is located just off I-65, near the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Room rates are \$42 for singles and \$48 for doubles, plus 7 percent tax. Those in Birmingham who are making reservations may dial 933-7000. Those calling from outside of the Birmingham area may dial 1-800-888-5673.

The hotel has reserved a block of rooms for the convention until Jan. 29. After that date, they cannot guarantee room availability.

When making a room reservation, it is important to let the hotel know that you will be attending the Alabama Libertarian Party convention.

Anyone arriving by plane may call the hotel from the courtesy

will dispatch a courtesy van to transport you to the hotel at no charge.

The hotel has 170 rooms and suites, as well as a courtyard pool. There is a lobby lounge and a complimentary hors d'oeuvres bar after 5 p.m.

The hotel offers complimentary transportation to the University of Alabama at Birmingham campus and to and from the Birmingham airport.

Better send in those resolutions quickly

In order to be considered at the state convention, all resolutions must be received by the party headquarters by Jan. 27. They must be typed and ready to be copied and distributed. Resolutions may be mailed to: Alabama Libertarian Party, P.O. Box 11514, Birmingham, Alabama 35202.

Alabama Libertarian Party 1991 Convention Registration Form

Check appropriate box(es) below:

- ☐ I will attend the convention. (\$55)
- ☐ I am a full-time student: I will attend complete convention. (\$45)
- ☐ My spouse (or date) will attend the convention. (\$55)
- ☐ I will attend only the sit-down dinner Saturday evening. (\$30)
- ☐ My spouse (or date) will attend only the sit-down Saturday evening. (\$30)
- ☐ When I made reservations, I told the clerk at the University Inn that I would be attending the Alabama Libertarian Party convention.

Also:

- ☐ I would like to join the party, so please send me an application.
- ☐ I intend to be a candidate for delegate to the national convention.
- ☐ I would like to be considered for a position in the state party.
- ☐ I would like to help with the convention.

(Please Print)

Name _____ Business Phone () _____

Address _____ Home Phone () _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Congressional District _____ County _____

Name of spouse (or date) _____

☐ Check enclosed in the amount of \$ _____; made out to "ALP"

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Credit card number _____ Card expiration date _____

Signature _____

Occupation* _____ Employer* _____

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Become a freedom fighter.

Come join your fellow patriots as we discuss ways to wrestle control of our lives from the clutches of government.

Attend the state convention on Feb. 8-9 and find out what part you can play in this quest. Send in this registration form now to reserve your spot at the biggest meeting of the year.

See you in Birmingham.

Have you taken the
World's Smallest Political Quiz
yet? If not, here's your chance.



Read up with
Left/Right labels?

Use the improved
political compass to
test your identity. Take the
WORLD'S SMALLEST POLITICAL QUIZ

Circle Y when you agree, M for Maybe or unsure, N for No.

Are you a self-governor on **PERSONAL** issues? 20 10 0

- Military service should be voluntary. (No draft) Y M N
- Govt. should not own or control TV or the press Y M N
- Repeal regulations on sex by consenting adults Y M N
- Drug laws do more harm than good. Repeal them Y M N
- Let people immigrate and emigrate freely Y M N

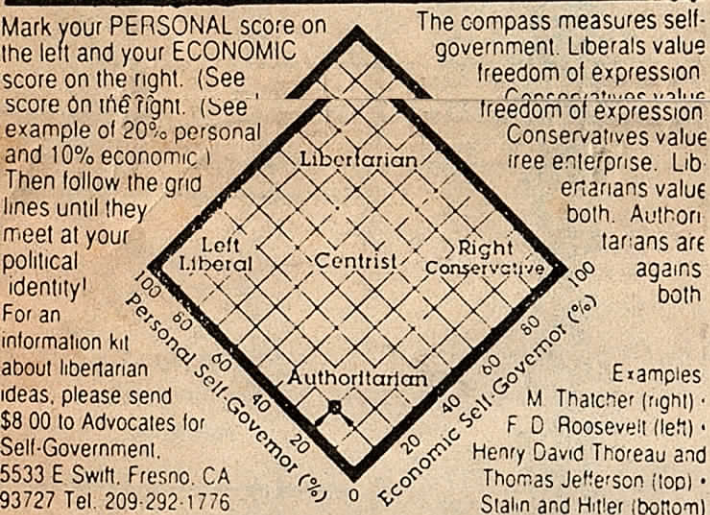
My PERSONAL self-governor score: add 20 for Y, 10 for M, 0 for No

Are you a self-governor on **ECONOMIC** issues?

- Farmers should farm without quotas or subsidies Y M N
- People are better off with free trade than with tariffs Y M N
- Minimum wage laws eliminate jobs. Repeal them Y M N
- End taxes. Pay for services voluntarily Y M N
- Europeans & Japanese should pay their own defense Y M N

My ECONOMIC self-governor score: add 20 for Y, 10 for M, 0 for No

How to use the Self-Government Compass



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Bonus Insight: Take this quiz for any politician

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symphony or a dance group — it will go out of business. That's how reality works.

But what about when some group is failing because people just plain don't want to support it? Is it right for government to take your tax money and give it to the group? My answer, and that of most people, is "no."

If you want to make a donation to fund the arts or to fix up Lawrence Welk's home or study the sex habits of the red-billed woodpecker, then do it.

Just don't force me — and every other American — to help you do it.

But just as the "arts community" is trying to force everyone to pay for what it wants to produce, those on the other side of the issue want to force their views on everyone as well. Many of those who believe that this garbage is offensive go far beyond just wanting to make sure government doesn't fund it. Many of those want to simply ban it outright, using their own judgements as the standards about what will and will not be allowed.

In a free society, though, we're not going to take either of these positions. If somebody wants to produce something that's artistic garbage, that's his right — just as long as I don't have to help pay for it.

Giving people freedom to make their own choices isn't always pretty, because sometimes they are going to make what you and I consider to be wrong choices. But allowing people to make their own choices is better than any other system available, because any other system involves somebody dictating to those people what they can do.

Freedom is the best thing for all of us, even if we make the wrong choices. So let's let artists make their own choices about what to create.

But let's let them find their own way to pay for it.

David McElroy is editor and publisher of The Demopolis Times. This column originally appeared in The Demopolis Times.

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because of our appearance, we need to let the listener know we wear the same intellectual clothes as they. Tell them we all want better education, safer roads, better medical care and drugs, more reliable products, safe sources of energy, housing for the poor and jobs for the disadvantaged, just to name a few. Once they realize we are wearing white hats too, they will be more likely to hear and consider our approach to these issues.

Come to the convention dressed for the media that will be there. If

you are interviewed, let the audience know that you care about the same issues that are important to them. Discuss issues that present us in most favorable light. Do not try to tackle the unattractive issues in the little time allowed.

We have the best political and philosophical product that anybody has to sell. We only need to dress it up in a way that more people will want to try it on for size.

See you at the convention in all your sartorial splendor.

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realize that this is an organization worth committing themselves to. We're going to try to develop a solid foundation for developing an organization for the party to grow in all counties of the state."

Blake said he's hoping that those who attend the convention will carry the enthusiasm from the convention back to their areas of the state.

"We want to present a unified image and make ourselves accessible to most of the people of Alabama," Blake said.

We love mail.

And phone calls and faxes.

So why not drop us a line, give us a call or fax us a note to let us know what's going on in your area. All the news needs to be in Alabama Liberty, and we'd love to print it.

But we can't if we don't know about it.

So, the next time you have an announcement, recruit a new member, hold a Seminar 1, speak at a local civic club or just want us to announce that you've opened a new business, let us know.

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early November. He spent most two hours on the air on RC talking about the situation in the Middle East on Tim Lennox show. Blake scheduled to spend only one hour on the show, but rest was so great that the show ran almost an hour longer.

Freedom team' debates legalization

But three months ago Jimmy Ke, Mark Thornton and Tibor

Machan participated in a drug legalization debate at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. The three debated Larry Langford, mayor of Fairfield; Sam Donaldson, U.S. District Attorney and Rev. Leroy Ezell of Birmingham. Following the debate, which was oftentimes filled with nonsensical statements and illogical arguments by their opponents, Blake said the freedom team was more than a little letdown by the poor

competition. The three pro-legalization debaters told those gathered that drugs are dangerous, people are stupid to abuse them, but that they should have the freedom to make their own choices about drugs. A videotaped copy of the debate is available from the party for \$10. The tape is not copy-protected. In fact, people are encouraged to copy as many as possible and distribute them. All proceeds from the sale of the tapes go to the party.

Membership

BECOME A FREEDOM FIGHTER . JOIN TODAY.

Alabama Libertarian Party — membership form

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PAYMENT METHOD

Select One:

- ☐ JOIN STATE AND NATIONAL PARTIES PLUS PLEDGE: I would like to make a monthly pledge. Also, please use the first ☐ \$30 for state and national membership or ☐ \$15 for state membership (select one). My monthly pledge amount is \$_____, and my payment method is selected below.
- ☐ JOIN STATE AND NATIONAL: I would like to join both the Alabama Libertarian Party and the National Libertarian Party for \$30 in annual dues. My payment method is selected below.
- ☐ JOIN STATE ONLY: I would like to join only the Alabama Libertarian Party for \$15 in annual dues. My payment method is selected below.
- ☐ PLEDGE: I cannot join right now, but I would like to make a monthly pledge of \$_____. My payment method is selected below.
- ☐ SUBSCRIPTION ONLY: I cannot join or contribute right now, but please keep me informed by sending *Alabama Liberty*, the quarterly newsletter. My \$8 annual subscription payment method is selected below.

Also:

- ☐ As a full-time student, my state membership is only \$5. National membership stays at \$15.
- ☐ Please send me more information on libertarianism.
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