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Vermont gubernatorial candidate John McClaughry

McClaughry Cast as a Modern-Day Jefferson

by Matthew Whiting

Vermont, that bucolic little state to the far north, has given us maple syrup, cheese, a Socialist Congressman, and now . . . a "libertarian agrarian distributist Jeffersonian Republican" named John McClaughry. A what?! That's correct. John McClaughry, former member of the Vermont House, two-term state senator and senior adviser to the Reagan administration, is running for the governor's seat. Even in this traditionally liberal state, his challenge is surprisingly not all uphill.

McClaughry has that individualistic, anti-bigness mindset that many native Vermonters share. In 1989 he co-authored *The Vermont Papers*, a treatise calling for a more decentralized form of democracy for the Green Mountain State. McClaughry won critical acclaim from conservatives as well as those on the left for his strong emphasis on local sovereignty. During his years in the legislature he maintained an impeccable libertarian voting record, earning him the recent endorsement of the Vermont Libertarian Party.

In May he sought and received the Republican Party gubernatorial nomination. He now faces incumbent Democratic Gov. Howard Dean. Dean, a middle-of-the-roader and former lieutenant governor, assumed office after Republican Gov. Richard Snelling died of a heart attack six months into his term. In opposing Dean, McClaughry is emphasizing four basic themes: prosperity, accountability, democracy and liberty.

McClaughry says he would make Vermont prosperous now and into the 21st century by rebuilding its economic base. This

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Dick Rutan: On a Voyage to Washington

by Philip Blumel

Aviation pioneer Dick Rutan, who piloted his Voyager aircraft around the world on a single tank of gas in 1986, may make history again by unseating 14-term California Congressman George Brown Jr. in November.

It is expected to be a close race. Both Rutan and Brown are wooing the depressed aerospace industry, a major employer in this corner of San Bernardino County. Rutan is stressing Brown's "tax and spend" voting record and the need for term limits and other Congressional reforms.

Rutan, 54, is an aircraft designer, businessman and a decorated Air Force veteran who flew 325 combat missions in Vietnam.

RLC: How would you describe your general philosophy towards governing and how does it differ from that of George Brown Jr.?

George Brown is a typical tax-and-spend liberal who has mortgaged my grandkids' future down the drain with an incredible, irresponsible debt. Thanks a lot, George.

I think we have to get government off our backs and out of our grandkids' pockets. We need to reinvigorate the free enterprise system and promote economic growth.

RLC: Do you see a trend in that direction within the Republican Party?

I get mixed signals from the Republican Party. I see major shift toward the "family values" philosophy. In my opinion, the energy could be better spent getting the economy going. What's called for is fiscally responsible government.

RLC: Are you finding voters responsive to this message?

Absolutely. The economy is the No. 1 issue. When you don't have a job, you don't care much about a spotted owl or how much aid to give the former Soviet Union - or whether or not someone possesses a "family value."

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CANDIDATE NEWS

California

Tom McClintock's campaign has the momentum going into the home stretch. Fund-raising is going well. Newt Gingrich's GOPAC has targeted the campaign for support. The anti-incumbent mood of the California electorate, the Perot factor and the conservative makeup of the district are seen as working to McClintock's advantage. RLCers who would like to volunteer for the campaign are urged to call McClintock for Congress in Agoura Hills at (818) 879-5907.

Michael Huffington, a fiscally conservative/socially tolerant Republican running in the 22nd Congressional District is a safe bet to win. A millionaire oil man, he has already spent over \$2 million on his race. Huffington recently contributed \$50,000 to the Campaign for Congressional Term Limits.

Two other libertarian-leaning Republicans are in tight congressional races. In Northern California, first-term incumbent Frank Riggs is waging a tough re-election battle. Riggs, a member of Congress' reform-minded "Gang of Seven," recently commented that he holds "libertarian beliefs on many issues." Socially tolerant GOPer Dr. Morry Wacksburg is running an uphill battle in East Los Angeles, a district which includes Koreatown, a substantial Hispanic population and a large gay and lesbian voting bloc. Immigration is a key issue in the campaign.

Two Republicans are on record in support of drug legalization. Mark Rowlin, running for Congress in the 6th District against incumbent Democrat Nancy Pelosi, and Robert Wick, running in

the 15th against incumbent Democrat Norm Mineta, have publicly announced support for the policy. For State Assembly, Steve Hall, a self-described "closet libertarian" is running against an incumbent in west San Bernardino. The *Los Angeles Times* recently rated his race as a "possible upset." In south San Diego County, ex-Young Americans for Freedom Director Steve Baldwin is favored to win an open seat, as is libertarian-conservative Bill Hoge in Pasadena.

Incumbent Assemblywoman Tricia Hunter is seeking re-election in Assembly District 80 (Palm Springs). Hunter is pro-choice, in favor of legalizing medical marijuana, supports needle exchange for AIDS prevention and opposes mandatory sentencing laws - yet she toes the conservative line on fiscal matters.

Colorado

Term limits advocate Terry Considine is running slightly behind his Democratic opponent, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, for U.S. Senate. State House Majority Leader Scott McInnes is running for Campbell's former House seat. McInnes is a strong free marketeer. A win would give the GOP a 4-2 advantage in the Congressional delegation.

Longtime libertarian Penn Pffifner won a tough primary battle for State House. Pffifner knocked off liberal Republican incumbent Marleen Fish in District 23 (Lakewood). Pffifner is a former Libertarian Party state chairman. He was recently appointed to the utility Consumer Advisory Board by another former LPer-turned-Republican, state Attorney General Gail Norton. On Aug. 6, the local *Golden Transcript* endorsed Pffifner: "He is economically

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Note from the Editor

In 1990, libertarian Republican Dick Zimmer was elected to Congress from New Jersey. It was a great victory for our movement. While some were skeptical, Zimmer has since proved to be the greatest defender of liberty since Congressman Ron Paul left the House in 1984.

This year we have the opportunity to double, triple and even quadruple the number of libertarians in Congress by electing Tom McClintock and Dick Rutan from California, and Henry Butler from Virginia. Zimmer is a safe bet for re-election which is a victory in itself. But of course we all want more. If McClintock wins it will be a tremendous victory. If Butler wins, we will have an even greater cause for celebration. If Rutan wins as well, it will be nothing less than a complete confirmation of the libertarian Republican strategy.

Of course, there are state races which are also important: John McClaughry's bid for Vermont governor and Bob Hedlund (Mass.), Duncan Scott (N.M.), Bradford Gorham (R.I.), Greg Kaza (Mich.), Penn Pffifner (Co.) and others' races for state legislatures.

In this and other issues we've strived to provide comprehensive coverage of libertarian Republican political campaigns. This issue is entirely devoted to the upcoming election. It is hoped that it will serve as a scorecard of sorts for gauging libertarian Republican victories.

We've worked hard these last couple of years. And we all need to continue to work hard and send those checks in right on up to election day. Then we can sit back in our easy chairs, tune into the returns and hope for the best.

A final word on election results: The RLC Administrative Office will serve as election night (and the day after) headquarters. RLCers are encouraged to call or fax results to (904) 878-4464 on Nov. 3-5.

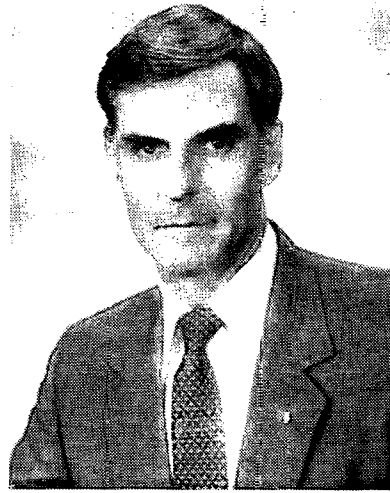
Also, there will be a recorded message giving you a rundown on results at the RLFCF office at (713) 867-9060. Or you can log onto a new libertarian Republican computer bulletin board run by Dave Welliver in Minnesota. GOP-NET, at request @pro-aasgard.cts.com.

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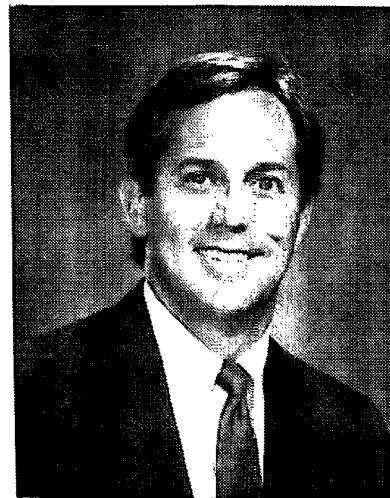
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for U.S. Congress
(California, District 24)



Dick Rutan
for U.S. Congress
(California, District 40)



Dick Zimmer
for U.S. Congress
(New Jersey -District 12)



Henry Butler
for U.S. Congress
(Virginia - District 11)

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1992 Libertarian Republican Candidates

The Republican Party is entering a new era, and below are some of the candidates who are making it happen. Each of these candidates receive the full support of the RLC for their commitment to the libertarian ideals of fiscal responsibility and tolerance.

Arizona

John McCain (LL) U.S. Senate

Arkansas

Jim Keets (LL) State Senate

Frank Gilbert (LR) Grant County Coroner

California

Frank Riggs (LL) U.S. House (Dist. 1)

Bill Richardson (LL) U.S. House (Dist. 4)

Mark Rowlin (LL) U.S. House (Dist. 6)

Ted Bundesen (LL) U.S. House (Dist. 13)

Robert Wick (LL) U.S. House (Dist. 15)

Tal Cloud (LL) U.S. House (Dist. 19)

Michael Huffington (LL) U.S. House (Dist. 22)

Tom McClintock (LR) U.S. House (Dist. 24)

Moory Wacksburg (LL) U.S. House (Dist. 31)

Ed Royce (LL) U.S. House (Dist. 39)

Dana Rhorabacher (LL) U.S. House (Dist. 45)

Chris Cox (LL) U.S. House (Dist. 47)

Dick Rutan (LR) U.S. House (Dist. 40)

Mike Iddings (LR) State Senate (Dist. 13)

Kitty Hederick (LL) State House

Bill Hoge (LL) State House (Dist. 44)

Steve Hall (LL) State House (Dist. 62)

Steve Baldwin (LL) State House (Dist. 77)

Tricia Hunter (LL) State House (Dist. 80)

Colorado

Terry Considine (LL) U.S. Senate

Scott McInnes (LL) U.S. House (Dist. 3)

Wayne Allard (LL) U.S. House (Dist. 4)

Penn Pfiffner (LR) State House (Dist. 23)

Connecticut

Gary Franks (LL) U.S. House (Dist. 5)

Delaware

Michael Castle (LL) U.S. House (Dist. 1)

Florida

Mark Foley (LR) State Senate

Tom Feeney (LL) State House

Georgia

Paul Coverdell (LL) U.S. Senate

Illinois

Rich Williamson (LL) U.S. Senate

Phil Crane (LR)

U.S. House (Dist. 12)

Maryland

Alan Keyes (LL)

U.S. Senate

Larry Hogan (LL)

U.S. House (Dist. 5)

Massachusetts

Paul Cronin (LL)

U.S. House (Dist. 5)

Bob Hedlund (LR)

State Senate

Michigan

Greg Kaza (LR)

State House (Dist. 42)

Minnesota

Chris McDonald (LL)

State House

Mississippi

Rita Martinson (LL)

State House

Missouri

John Carley (LR)

U.S. House (Dist. 4)

Montana

Dave Rye (LL)

State Senate

New Hampshire

Judd Gregg (LL)

U.S. Senate

*Calvin Warburton (LR)

State House

*Finlay Rolthaus (LR)

State House

New Jersey

Bob Franks (LL)

U.S. House (Dist. 7)

Dick Zimmer (LR)

U.S. House (Dist. 12)

New Mexico

Duncan Scott (LR)

State Senate (Dist. 19)

North Carolina

Art Pope (LL)

Lt. Governor

Richard Miller (LR)

State House (Dist. 18)

Winslow Hoffman (LR)

State House

Ohio

*David Sams (LR)

Madison County Prosecutor

Rhode Island

Bradford Gorham (LL)

State Senate

Texas

Jim Broyles (LR)

U.S. House (Dist. 11)

David Hobbs (LL)

U.S. House (Dist. 12)

Dick Armev (LL)

U.S. House (Dist. 26)

Vermont

John McClaughry (LR)

Governor

Jim Douglas (LL)

U.S. Senate

John LaBarge (LL)

State House

Virginia

Henry Butler (LR)

U.S. House (Dist. 11)

Washington

Rod Chandler (LL)

U.S. Senate

West Virginia

Bob Gould (LR)

State Attorney

Libertarian Republican (LR) - A Republican candidate who has either demonstrated or espoused strong support for libertarian principles, and/or has used the term to describe his or her beliefs, and/or is formally associated with the libertarian wing of the GOP.

Libertarian Leaning (LL) - A Republican candidate who has demonstrated or espoused strong fiscal conservatism, and is generally moderate on social issues.

*Member of the Libertarian Party running as a Republican.

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conservative. He supports . . . the Taxpayer Bill of Rights. He is also opposed to both the governor's tax increases and . . . is pro-choice. Get out there Penn Pfiffner, you have an important message: smaller government." Pfiffner now faces Democrat Lance Wright.

Florida

State Rep. Mark Foley of Hypoluxo is challenging liberal Democrat Eleanor Weinstock for State Senate. The newly created district stretches from the Palm Beaches west to Ft. Meyers. The race is critical. Democrats hold a slim 21-to-19 majority in the upper chamber. Foley, 38, is one of the most fiscally conservative House members, having co-sponsored an alternative "no new taxes" GOP budget for '92. The Florida RLC is organizing a final weekend precinct walk for Foley. FL RLCers are urged to contact Tom Lundy in Orlando at (407) 568-4666 for details.

In Orlando, east to Melbourne, Rep. Tom Feeney is seeking re-election. Feeney also co-sponsored the alternative budget. He has also introduced legislation to permit public and private school choice.

New England

In Massachusetts State Sen. Bob Hedlund (Weymouth) is seeking re-election. Hedlund, an RLC Advisory Board member, is stressing job creation through economic growth. The Democrats have targeted the race. His opponent is a classic "Dukakis liberal." New England RLCers wishing to help should contact: Hedlund for Senate in Hingham at (617) 740-4920. Paul Cronin is challenging incumbent Chet Edwards in the 5th District. Cronin has been described as "fiscally conservative/socially tolerant" Republican in the William Weld mold.

In nearby Rhode Island, former legislator Bradford Gorham is seeking a State Senate seat in Providence. Gorham is longtime friend and philosophical companion of Roger MacBride.

Last year two Republican New Hampshire state legislators joined the Libertarian Party. Calvin Warburton of Raymond and Finlay Rolthaus of Merimac bolted the GOP citing the party's lack of commitment to holding the line on taxes. Now both have made somewhat of a return to the GOP. Warburton and Rolthaus had their names submitted as write-ins for the GOP primary nomination. (Many other NHLers are undertaking this strategy as well). Both won without opposition. Thus, their names shall appear on the ballot under both the Libertarian and Republican columns. Since the districts are solidly Republican they are favored to win re-election. Both will serve in the Legislature as members of the Libertarian Party, but technically they will be elected as Libertarian-Republicans.

In Vermont, libertarians are supportive of Secretary of State Jim Douglas' bid to unseat Democratic U.S. Sen. Patrick Leahy.

New Jersey

Rep. Dick Zimmer was recently rated "the most fiscally conservative member of Congress." According to the National Taxpayers Union, the sum total of all the bills co-sponsored by Zimmer in 1991-92 would have cut spending by \$31.2 billion annually. No other Congressman matched Zimmer's total, and no other New Jersey Congressman even came close. Previously,

Citizens Against Government Waste rated Zimmer as a "taxpayer's best friend" for opposing wasteful spending. Recent votes by Zimmer have included a vote in favor of abolishing the Selective Service agency and against cable television regulation. His libertarian record is proving difficult to challenge. Zimmer is heavily favored to win re-election against former Democratic town councilman Frank Abate, and four third-party challengers. His district, made up of Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth and Somerset counties, includes 60 percent new territory.

In the Zimmer mold, State Assemblyman and New Jersey Republican Party Chair Bob Franks of New Providence is seeking the seat left open by retiring Republican Congressman Matt Rinaldo (Dist. 7). In the Legislature, Franks has pushed urban enterprise zones and the right of initiative and referendum for New Jersey voters. In his campaign he is stressing opposition to Congressional perks and unnecessary regulations, and support for a balanced budget amendment and line-item veto.

Texas

David Hobbs is running in an extremely tight race against incumbent Congressman Pete Geren of Dist. 12 (Ft. Worth). Geren, seen as a "rising star" in the Democratic Party, managed to bounce three checks and was named by the National Taxpayer's Union as one of the worst abusers of "free" franked mail. Given the anti-incumbent mood of Texas voters, Hobbs running on anti-Washington themes could pull an upset.

In the Waco area, RLCer Jim Broyles is waging an uphill battle against Democratic incumbent Chet Edwards. NTU rated Edwards as the 10th biggest spender in Congress. Broyles is running a hardcore, principled libertarian effort. He has attracted the support of former libertarian Republican Congressman Ron Paul of Lake Jackson. Paul, who had endorsed Broyles is tentatively scheduled to appear with him at a Taxpayer Action Day rally in Waco on Oct. 17.

Other States

In Maryland, small businessman Larry Hogan is putting a scare into longtime incumbent Congressman Sten Hoyer (Dist. 5). Hogan has blasted Congressional perks and advocates term limits, balanced budgets through spending cuts, and tax credits for businesses to provide health care. He is pro-choice on abortion, but opposes government funding in most instances. Washington pundits are watching this race closely. In Delaware, Gov. Michael Castle is running for the open Congressional seat. Castle, in the Pete Du Pont mold, is a classic supply-sider and limited government advocate.

Latest polls show libertarian Republican Bob Gould in a dead heat 35 to 35 with his Democratic opponent for West Virginia state attorney general.

In North Carolina, in addition to GOP libertarian Rich Miller who is running for the Legislature from Fayetteville, Winslow Hoffman of Lagrange is making an effort. Hoffman, a staunch capitalist and enthusiast of philosopher Ayn Rand is making his second attempt for the State House - this time for an open seat.

Rep. Rita Martinson, a fiscally conservative/socially tolerant Republican is seeking re-election to the State House in Mississippi. In Arkansas, former legislator Jim Keets is running for State Senate in south Little Rock. He is opposing liberal incumbent John Pagen.

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Rutan... from 1

RLC: In your campaign literature it says "Dick Rutan for Congress," but after reading it it sounds like it should say "Dick Rutan against Congress." What do you see is wrong with the U.S. Congress and how would you try to change it?

I'm against what they do and how they do it. I see gridlock, patronizing and a stifling seniority system.

RLC: Do you favor term limits?

I support them, of course. It's the only way to get them out of there. I used to think we could vote them out, but you can't. They've changed the rules to their favor. They've made it virtually impossible to defeat them . . . People should go to serve, not to cash in.

RLC: One critical issue that divides many Republicans is abortion. What is your position?

No federal funding for abortion clinics. It's none of the federal government's business. I support the 10th Amendment and what it has to say on this issue.

RLC: Were your opponents in the primary pro-life or pro-choice? Did your pro-choice stance hurt you?

I guess they were pro-life; but when I asked them if they felt it should become federally criminalized, they said no. That's a pro-choice position. So I don't think they knew what they thought about the issue.

RLC: What do you think Congress needs to do to shrink the budget deficit? Raise taxes?

Raise taxes? That's the short-sighted mentality of George Brown. But if you tax people any more you're going to get less money. You can't do that. Another option is to reduce spending, but

that's not enough. We've got to let the economy expand and get more people working. We've got to get the government out of the way.

RLC: Would you support a balanced budget amendment? Yes.

RLC: Do you favor more restrictive or more liberal laws regarding personal gun ownership?

I am an ardent supporter of the Second Amendment. The laws on the books are blatantly unconstitutional. Can I put it any stronger than that? No matter how you feel about the issue, this is the constitution which we live by. Look at the constitution - it's not a privilege, it's a right.

RLC: Do you approve of the current federal strategy against drug abuse, or do you feel we should be looking at alternatives?

I think we spend a lot of money on three fronts: long range interdiction, local law enforcement and education. We should reduce the first two significantly and double the last one. As long as you have customers, you're going to have this problem. I think the first two have been by and large ineffective.

What authors or statesmen do you feel have influenced your political perspective?

P.J. O'Rourke, Barry Goldwater and [U.S. Supreme Court] Justice Louis Brandeis. Brandeis said "The greater danger to liberty lurks in the insidious encroachment of men with zeal, well meaning but without understanding." In this simple sentence, he says it all.

Ed. Note - Philip Blumel is a freelance writer and editor living in Gainesville, Fla.

McClaughry... from 1

means sunsetting taxes, absolutely no tax increases, dissecting the budget to examine how the state spends its money and reducing regulation to make Vermont a good place to do business.

Accountability is vital to good government, McClaughry says. He wants to devise ways to let the people know what the state government is doing and how it affects them.

On democracy, McClaughry says "I will work to bring political power back home to our communities, where citizens can make decisions democratically on those matters properly within the province of the legislative process."

On liberty, McClaughry looks to one of his political heroes for guidance. "As governor, I will put the portrait of Thomas Jefferson, the apostle of liberty, on my office wall, as it was in my office in the White House, to continually inspire me to work to enlarge the liberties of our people, not steadily snatch them away."

Ed. Note - John McClaughry is a charter member of the Republican Liberty Caucus, and currently serves on the RLC Advisory Board. He needs the immediate support of libertarian Republicans nationwide! Those wishing to lend support should send contributions to John McClaughry for Governor, P.O. Box 1526, Montpelier, VT 05601, or call Bill Olenick at (802) 223-0820 to volunteer.

Candidates... from 5

Keets described his views as basically "libertarian" in a previous race. In Missouri, RLCer John Carley is challenging Democratic incumbent Ike Skelton for Congress. Carley recently purchased a full-page ad in the *Lebanon Scoop* calling for the repeal of the 16th Amendment to the Constitution, all federal drug laws, and support for the absolute right to keep and bear arms.

In Michigan Greg Kaza's opponent for State House (Rochester Hills) has undertaken a smear campaign. Kaza's liberal Democratic opponent sent out mailings to senior citizens highlighting libertarians' support for abolishing social security and cutting Medicaid, neither of which are pertinent to a state house race. Also, a mailing was sent to teacher's union members claiming that Kaza's support for school choice would destroy public schools. Kaza is getting the real message out to voters by continuing his aggressive grass roots effort. The district is Republican and, despite the attacks, that should give him the edge.

Chris McDonald, 22, is running for the Minnesota Legislature in Minneapolis. He is an advocate of school choice and for abolishing the state income tax. RLCer and Minnesota Young Republicans Co-Chair Dave Welliver is serving as campaign manager. In Montana, FLJA supporter and libertarian-conservative State Senator Dave Rye is seeking re-election in Bozeman.