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Sabrin Joins GOP; Ponders Race

Murray Sabrin, the former Libertarian Party New Jersey gubernatorial candidate whose surprisingly popular 1997 campaign may have set the stage for third-party victories in 1998, joined the Republican Party in early January and said he would consider a second foray into electoral politics as a member of the GOP.

Sabrin's comments on a possible new campaign came in an address to the Republican Liberty Caucus national convention Dec. 11-13 in Las Vegas. He discussed the issue of third-party campaigns, including his own, in which he obtained 5 percent of the vote, and that of Jesse Ventura, the successful 1998 Reform Party candidate for governor of Minnesota.

Members of the RLC, a nationwide organization that includes Reps. Ron Paul, Helen Chenoweth, Mark Foley and John Shadegg



Murray Sabrin -- near-spoiler in the NJ Gov. Christie Todd Whitman's 1997 reelection -- joined the RLC in December. Former RLC Executive Director Mike Griffin looks on.

-- received Sabrin's presentation with enthusiasm, and encouraged him to rejoin the Republican Party and to challenge Sen. Frank Lautenberg in the year 2000 as a Republican.

"Because he is passionate about people, Murray belongs in the Republican Party, not on the side-lines of politics," said RLC Chairman Clifford Thies.

His comments were echoed by several others, including RLC officers and elected representatives.

"New Jersey has not had a Republican senator in 20 years, and Murray is the type of candidate who could finally end that unfortunate losing streak," said Thies.

Greg Kaza, a former Michigan state representative who represented that state's 42nd District until this month, commended Sabrin's brave stands on substantial issues.

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Kaza in Senate Special Election Showdown

Former state Rep. Greg Kaza, 1994 RLC Legislator of the Year, is running for the State Senate seat vacated by Republican Michael Bouchard, who was appointed Oakland County Sheriff following the death in late December of Sheriff John Nichols.

Kaza will face a field of lesser candidates in the Feb. 23 Republican primary -- and one serious contender, former state Rep. Shirley Johnson.

Like Kaza, Johnson left the House as a result of the three-two year term limits adopted by the people in a landslide 1992 election. Unlike Kaza, who had worked for the term limits initiative, and promised to serve no more than three terms regardless of its outcome, Johnson has *not* supported term limits.

On almost every issue of concern to libertarians, Kaza is with us, Johnson is not. Some examples:

The Right to Keep and Bear Arms - Johnson voted "no" on a 1995 discharge petition which would have brought Carry Concealed Weapons (CCW) legislation to a vote of the full House. Kaza voted yes. Johnson is rated by the NRA as a "C," which the organization defines as given to those who are not friends of the

Second Amendment, but have taken no explicit steps to attack it, such as introducing gun ban bills. Kaza's NRA grade is "A." His return of stolen guns bill was the only pro-gun legislation to become law from the 1995-96 Republican-controlled House under NRA "C" rated Speaker Paul Hillemonds.

Corporate Welfare - Johnson has voted consistently to pass the pork-laden \$600 million Jobs Commission budget. Kaza dubbed the commission the "Department of Corporate Welfare," and voted consistently against it.

School-to-Work - Related to corporate welfare, Kaza voted "no"

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Murray Sabrin...from page 1

"Murray Sabrin is a principled Republican who understands the importance of cutting taxes, limiting government and defending individual liberty," Kaza said. "He would make a welcome addition to the Republican Party."

RLC Treasurer Mike Holmes, who once served as editor of the Libertarian Party's newsletter, said he was encouraged to see Murray Sabrin make a similar conversion.

"As a founding member of the Libertarian Party in 1972 and as one of the founders of the Republican Liberty Caucus in 1990, I heartily welcome Dr. Sabrin to the Republican fold," Holmes said. "His ideas and participation will help expand and rejuvenate the GOP."

Sabrin, who was enthusiastic about the response of the RLC, said the group's goals of lower taxes, limited government and individual liberty were identical to his own.

"They are in line with what I've been trying to accomplish since I joined the Republican Party 30 years ago," Sabrin said. "I resigned from that party due to Richard Nixon's disgrace to our party as well as to our country and now I am re-joining the GOP in order to help move the agenda of limited government and free market forward in New Jersey and across the country."

He announced he had switched parties at a press conference in early January.

Help Elect RLCers to Office!

To help elect good libertarian Republican candidates like Murray Sabrin and Greg Kaza, send your contributions to the RLC's PAC, the **RLCF**, at **10878 Westheimer 395, Houston, TX 77042**. Individuals are allowed to contribute up to \$5,000 per year although corporate contributions cannot be accepted. The Federal Election Commission requires that we request your employer and occupation information. The PAC financial reports are on file with the FEC in Washington, DC.

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on a 1997 bill to establish a statewide system of "workforce development boards" to channel children into training programs designed by their future employers.

Pork-Barrel Spending - Johnson voted consistently against budget amendments which would have made modest cuts in state spending. Kaza voted "yes" on such amendments.

Personal Liberty - Johnson has supported property forfeiture laws associated with a wide range of crimes, Kaza has consistently opposed them, even when it was politically disadvantageous to do so. Kaza supported repealing motorcycle helmet laws, and won a friend of freedom award from motorcycle riders. Johnson opposed repeal, and sponsored legislation to require helmets for moped riders. Kaza opposed legislation to create new "hate-crimes;" Johnson didn't.

Running beneath the surface of the Kaza-Johnson ideology match is another bout, that between the political machine of Gov. John Engler, and the grass roots muscle of Right to Life of Michigan. Engler's support of Johnson is an open secret.

The governor has no reason to love Kaza, who bucked him consistently in the House, and caused Engler major embarrassment during a protracted 1997 battle over a watering-down of the state Freedom of Information Act instigated by an administration lobbyist. The governor was forced to back down and accede to Kaza's legislation to reverse the change.

Right to Life of Michigan is especially exercised about the prospect of a Sen. Johnson. Not only is she pro-choice, Johnson was a leader in the campaign to preserve taxpayer-funded Medicaid abortions in the 1980s. The 900-lb. gorilla of Michigan Republican primaries is likely to pull out all the stops to defeat Johnson. Kaza is a pro-life Catholic who has been endorsed by Right to Life in past elections.

Prominent on Johnson's campaign staff are Engler administration employees on leave of absence. Although Kaza represented some 30,000 citizens of the 13th Senate district while in the House, he did not live in the district until late December. When Bouchard vacated his Senate seat on Jan. 11, Engler set a filing deadline for a Feb. 23 special election only one week away, Jan. 19.

There was widespread speculation that in setting such an early deadline the governor was attempting to freeze Kaza out of the race, relying on a gray area of the law which makes it unclear whether a candidate must be an elector of the district 30 days before the election or 30 days before the filing deadline.

According to national ballot access expert Richard Winger, editor of *Initiative and Referendum* newsletter, the state Constitution holds primacy in such determinations, and the ultimate decision of eligibility is usually decided by the legislature after the election.

Given that the Senate is unlikely to overturn the results of an election based on an arcane interpretation of an attorney general's opinion, efforts to knock Kaza off the ballot are likely to backfire on Johnson, Engler and their supporters.

The 13th Senate district has GOP voting base of 55 percent, so the Republican primary is likely to decide the next state senator.

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Thought Police

RLCers Cast Light on the 'Shadow University'

The Shadow University: The Betrayal of Liberty on America's Campuses, by Alan Charles Kors and Harvey A. Silverglate; Published by the Free Press; \$27.50

by Alan H. Cousin

A university undergrad is working on a paper late one night in his high-rise dorm room. In the courtyard below, a group of other students is celebrating, chanting, singing. The student working on his paper is distracted; his roommate is awakened. The student opens the window and politely calls for quiet; when the partiers grow

louder, he shouts, "Shut up you water buffalo!" and "If you want a party, there's a zoo a mile from here."

Bad luck. The celebrants are a group of black women. The student is charged with racial harassment; despite his sincere apologies and assurances that he meant no offense, during months of arbitrary, duplicitous, and one-sided disciplinary proceedings, he is threatened with expulsion. Only a lawsuit and public exposure of the university's abuses save him.

With this story, RLCers Alan Charles Kors and Harvey Silverglate begin their book, *The Shadow University: The Betrayal of Liberty on America's Campuses*.

In 1981, when I graduated Harvard College, political correctness on campus seemed like a passing fad. I was surprised and dismayed to learn from Kors and Silverglate how permanent this fad had become at Harvard and elsewhere.

Speech Codes and Thought Reform

The authors have sampled "verbal conduct" codes from across the country, which essentially guarantee the right of women, minorities, and homosexuals not to be offended.

The "water buffalo affair" is only the one egregious example of multicultural militancy run amock. The student charged with racial harassment was an orthodox Jew, educated in Hebrew, and the Hebrew word he loosely rendered as "water buffalo" really means nothing more than an unruly person. He was charged because the offended women, and university administrators, thought water buffalo were from Africa. They aren't.

In this case, at the University of Pennsylvania, the student finally prevailed. In others, however, students charged with violating codes based on how the listener interpreted the offending speech (or gesture, or glance) are forced to attend diversity and sensitivity training.

Not only offenders, but newly minted freshmen as well, receive

the indoctrination. At many universities, minority freshmen are guided to special orientation sessions just for them, and from there to special cultural centers just for them. Adherents of traditional Western cultures, or cultures that require serious scholarship to be understood, are excluded from this "inclusive" community-building. Kors and Silverglate call all of this "thought reform . . . reminiscent of the Cultural Revolution in China."

Arbitrary Discipline

Alas, speech codes are only the tip of the chilling effect cast on campus life. Inherently unfair disciplinary procedures, discipline sometimes lacking any procedures at all, and "confidentiality" rules applied to keep the repression secret, flesh out a harrowing travesty on the freedom and equality that colleges and universities profess to pursue.

Here again, Kors and Silverglate have sampled disciplinary guidelines from across the country. There is great variation in the details, but nearly all lack impartial

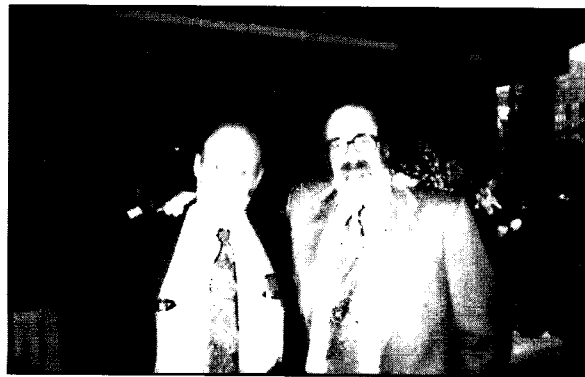
fact-finders and decision makers (like a judge or jury in a court of law), relying on administrators already partial to the university's side in the charges. Nearly all keep the proceedings secret and the records (if any are made) confidential. Many do not allow accused students representation; almost all demur at involving lawyers; there are no rules of evidence, and the use of hearsay is rampant. In some cases, the accused are not even allowed to confront their accusers.

But at least these are proceedings. Just as there may be discipline without proceedings, sometimes, when administrators sympathize with the culprits, there is no attempt at discipline at all. At Dartmouth College, a whole press run of the conservative *Dartmouth Review* was stolen. College administrators found no fault with the theft, because they considered the Review "litter."

Marcuse and his Henchpersons

According to Kors and Silverglate, colleges and universities encourage group identity in the name of multiculturalism. Women, members of racial minorities, and homosexuals are cosseted, while whites, males, and heterosexuals are marginalized. Kors and Silverglate show that it's not an accident; it's not unintentional bias stemming from ignorance or illogic; it's conscious and intentional.

At considerable length, the authors analyze the work of social



RLC members Harvey Silverglate and Alan Charles Kors, authors of *The Shadow University*

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RLC Wins Big in Las Vegas



Above: California RLC Chair Laura Crockett listens to Jim Hudson, staffer for Sen. Paul Coverdell of Georgia. Right: RLC National Secretary Laura Kotelman



Above: Florida RLC Chair Jeff Palmer and RLC Executive Director Tom Walls enjoy the strip. Left: Robert Poole, Reason Foundation President



by Mike Holmes, senior editor

Republican Liberty Caucus members gathered on Dec. 12-13 at Harrahs on the strip in Las Vegas to celebrate the success of the caucus, to learn from a variety of commentators about strategy and tactics, and to enjoy the fellowship of libertarians from across the country amid the neon and glitter.

Held just upstairs from the huge casino at Harrahs, RLCers listened to successful libertarian Republican officeholders describe their battle stories and conduct official business at the RLC's biennial national convention.

RLC Chair Clifford Thies and Treasurer Mike Holmes reviewed the year and announced that 1998 had been the most successfully financially ever, with healthy growth in the past decade for both the RLC and the related RLFCF PAC.

The first of four panels during the convention centered around the theme of Assessing the 1998 Elections, which was kicked off by Texas RLC chairman Lonnie Brantley. Lou Villadsen recounted her experiences as a member of an elected land use board in southern California which actually ended up abolishing itself. Former RLC Executive Director T. Mike Griffin recounted his heroic 1998 campaign for the Maryland House of Delegates, emphasizing the nuts-and-bolts of a state legislative campaign.

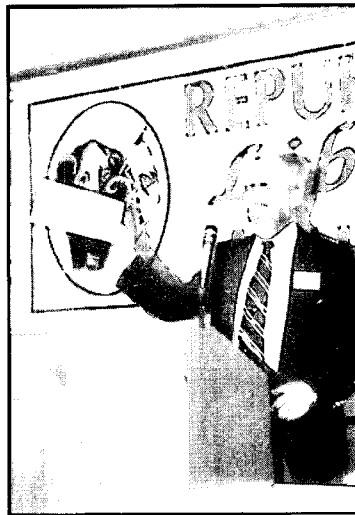
Wrapping up the session was former New Jersey gubernatorial

candidate Murray Sabrin, who attained national prominence as the Libertarian Party candidate who nearly cost Christine Todd Whitman her position in 1997. Sabrin told his campaign story and also announced his joining of the RLC and his impending re-registration as a Republican.

Following an eloquent introduction by Virginia RLC activist Rick Sincere, U.S. Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX) made a dramatic appearance. Rep. Paul began by blasting the current GOP embrace of unconstitutional police powers under the so-called War on Drugs. Rep. Paul also shared a number of interesting stories about his recent experiences in Congress and spent over a half hour answering questions from the audience.

While certainly a hard act to follow, Clifford Thies managed to end the morning session on a high note by awarding to Reason Foundation president Bob Poole Jr. a Lifetime Achievement Award for Liberty, the third granted by the RLC, in recognition of his more than 30-year career in founding *Reason* magazine and establishing the premier libertarian think tank in America.

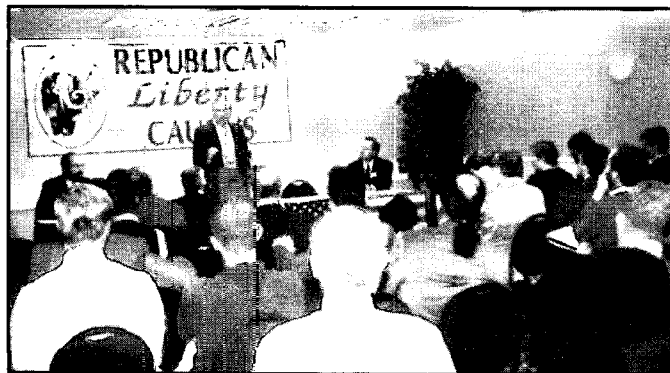
Below: Carol Thies and Carolyn Turin chat between convention programs. Right: MA RLC Chair Alan Cousin shows off his Chapter of the Year award.



Below: Lou Villadsen of the Reason Foundation discusses Virginia Postrel's new book.



Right: U.S. Rep. Ron Paul, former chairman of the RLC, fills in his fellow RLCers on the inner workings of Congress.



Right: Michigan State Sen. Dave Jaye talks with Nevada Gov. Kenny Guinn as the convention wraps up.



Surprised and gracious, Poole thanked the RLC. He then related a very upbeat picture of the current status of the privatization movement, which he and *Reason* pioneered in the early 1970s and which has now become a recognized successful world wide phenomenon.

He also noted that, much like the RLC's relentless incrementalism in politics, privatization of state services requires a long term outlook and the realization that to be successful, you need to both provide real incentives for stakeholders of existing institutions and the ability to neutralize the intellectual and financial interests opposed to change.

RLC board member and business lobbyist Laura Kotelman chaired the post luncheon panel, which centered around federal legislative strategies. Ron Paul staffer and longtime Washington insider Norman Singleton provided an entertaining overview of life inside the beltway as well as current legislative initiatives underway by Rep. Paul and others with a pro-liberty outlook.

Replacing the current income tax system with a retail sales tax was the subject of Sherman Unkefer, southern California representative of Americans for Constitutional Action.

Rounding out the panel was RLC general counsel Alan Turin, who relayed a number of his experiences as a Florida attorney in the

cause of liberty, including his recent attack on the Florida "bottle Nazis," Florida's state beer bottle regulators.

The final panel of the day on state initiatives was chaired by RLC board member Laura Crockett, who provided an insiders account of efforts to have the northern Los Angeles city portion of Ventura County secede from the city and its school district.

Kansas Taxpayers Network chair Karl Peterjohn of Wichita followed with his description of the history and operations of that non-partisan taxpayer's watchdog group and its efforts to inform voters about candidates' voting records.

Georgia political insider James Hudson was up next, and he began by describing his pioneering 1992 Libertarian Party Georgia U.S. Senate race, where his endorsement of Republican Paul Coverdell was a deciding factor in the run off election, leading to his joining the GOP and his current role as a surrogate campaign speaker for Sen. Coverdell. He also provided a candid account of the political influence of the Georgia Sport Shooting Association, the state's NRA affiliate.

Newly elected Michigan State Sen. David Jaye rounded out the panel, with an eye opening account of his transition from state representative to state senator.

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Forbes: Why Republicans Lose

"Let's not mince words: Bill Clinton isn't some invincible political wonder boy... He is a walking, talking monument to the failures of the Republican establishment. Twice the Republican establishment has faced Bill Clinton, twice they have abandoned conservative ideas, twice they have lost. And if we allow ourselves to be seduced by the siren song of these mushy moderates, make no mistake: they will take us down to defeat once again. ...A party that loses sight of its values and principles, loses elections."

-- Publisher Steve Forbes, addressing attendees at the annual CPAC convention in January.

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theorist Herbert Marcuse and his followers. Of these, the name of Catherine McKinnon, the radical feminist legal "scholar," may be the most familiar.

But they all have much in common: They believe that American society is built on oppression of women, homosexuals, and minorities by heterosexual white men; they believe that the rights guaranteed by the Constitution inherently favor that order of things; and they believe that the only way to redress the balance and obtain justice and equality is to turn the oppression back on the supposed oppressors. There's even a name for it: "progressive intolerance."

Marcuse's social theories, as such, are plausible enough. The problem is -- and Kors and Silverglate show -- that the same arbitrary rules that oppress one person one day can be turned against the oppressor the next day.

The only way to guarantee any kind of justice for anyone is with equal rights for all, equally enforced. Marcuse and his henchpersons brook none of that.

The Authors' 'Holy Crusade'

Alan Charles Kors is a professor of history at the University of Pennsylvania. He brings to the book his broad experience advising students charged with infractions (including the accused in the "water buffalo affair"). Again, be it noted, he only advises them because they are not allowed actual representative counsel.

Harvey Silverglate is a criminal defense lawyer and civil liberties litigator in Boston. He brings to the book deep knowledge and incisive analysis of statute and case law affecting First Amendment rights, academic freedom, and the contractual obligations of colleges and universities to their students.

Together, Kors and Silverglate help achieve what they say must be achieved: laying bare the zealots' and bureaucrats' hidden abuses of power and exploring the avenues of redress available.

At the book's launching in September last year, Silverglate labeled the fight for liberty on America's campuses "a holy crusade." Indeed, where the minds and lives of America's future are being shaped, the struggle against thought control can be nothing less.

Alan H. Cousin is chairman of the Massachusetts chapter of the Republican Liberty Caucus.

Vegas!...from page 5

Saturday evening was intentionally left free from convention related activity so participants could sample the legendary Las Vegas night life.

Everyone returned safe and sound the following morning, if not a bit lighter in the wallet. There were no reports of any unexpected weddings at the midnight Elvis chapel.

After hitting the breakfast buffet conventioners opened up the Sunday session with nomination of RLC board members. The following nominations were proposed and voted upon unanimously: RLC Board members chosen were returning members Clifford Thies, Tom Walls, Laura Crockett, Mike Holmes and Alan Turin.

New Board members elected were Rick Sincere of Virginia and Rob Booth Jr. of Washington state. Booth has been the RLC's data base manager and Sincere has been working on legislative liaison projects for the RLC. Elected to RLC Board Alternate slots (which had been vacant during the past two years) were former RLC Board member Laura Kotelman, Nevada RLC chair and political consultant Charles Muth, and Massachusetts RLC chair Alan Cousin.

At the conclusion of the Sunday morning panel discussion, the RLC Board selected its officers: Thies re-elected as chair, Holmes re-elected as treasurer, Turin re-elected as general counsel, and Booth elected as secretary. Tom Walls remains RLC executive director.

The final convention panel centered on the theme "Victory 2000" and was kicked off by Mike Holmes, who argued that the libertarian Republican message of the RLC is the "wave of the future" for the Republican Party as libertarian viewpoints are being internalized by the American body politic.

Retiring Michigan State Rep. Greg Kaza then followed with some sound advice and useful lessons learned during his six year tenure in Michigan politics, particularly in the area of coalition building and the need to stick to fundamental principles.

RLC Executive Director Tom Walls outlined a number of successful endeavors undertaken by the RLC during the year and described his plans for increasing the political visibility and effectiveness of the caucus.

Wrapping up the session was local resident Charles Muth, a former Clark County (Las Vegas) GOP chairman as well as a paid consultant to the state GOP.

Muth colorfully illustrated the right and wrong ways for libertarians to gain effectiveness as well as to gain political victory. He focused on the mechanics of sound campaigning and in working within existing political frameworks. His presentation was a prelude to the post luncheon Campaign Workshop presented by Muth.

As a surprise dramatic wrap up to his presentation, he introduced the new Nevada governor-elect Kenny Guinn and his wife. Guinn graciously welcomed the RLC to Nevada and shared some political philosophy.

Following a brief recess, 11 resolutions were debated and modified in detail by the convention and the resolutions committee chaired by James Hudson and Laura Crockett.

In addition to the good time enjoyed by all, attendees came away newly energized and enthusiastic.

The recounting of successes and practical politics in states across the nation, and the insights of principled officeholders from the local, state and federal level, truly gave substance to the work of the caucus.

RLC Notes

'Voices' Goes Online to Cover Florida Legislature

Following state politics in Florida is not easy.

There is no popular publication outside of Tallahassee that follows the state legislature in detail. While numerous lobbies publish weekly executive summaries for their respective constituencies, there is no counterpart for the general citizenry.

That is going to change during the 1999 legislative session. For the last eight years, RLC members George and Philip Blumel have published a nonpartisan quarterly newsletter titled *Voices of the Florida Taxpayer*, which follows primarily state issues from a free market perspective. This year, their work is expanding with a new subscription-only email publication called *Voices Online*.

"*Voices Online* is going to be a weekly executive summary for free market activists and candidates in training," said Philip, chief editor. "It will follow the major themes, issues and personalities of the legislature -- as well as providing useful background material."

The news service is available only to full subscribers to *Voices* and dues-paying members of the Republican Liberty Caucus of Florida and the Libertarian Party of Florida.

The legislative session begins March 2, but the service began in

January offering 1998 session wrapups and pre-1999 session background.

To receive *Voices Online*, send your name and email address to pblumel@ix.netcom.com. Please state whether you are a paid-up member of the Florida Republican Liberty Caucus.



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John Gizzi, in his Dec. 18 column in *Human Events*, noted U.S. Rep. Mark Foley's assignment to powerful the Ways and Means Committee:

"For three-termer Foley, the road to this assignment was long and hard. A firm free-marketeer who [is on the Advisory Board of] the Republican Liberty Caucus (a national libertarian group), a former real estate broker and a restaurateur, Foley has won applause on the right for his amendment to provide speedier deportation of aliens who commit crimes and his ongoing fight to close down Bill Clinton's make-work Americorps program."

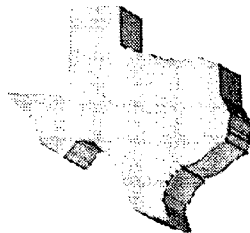
Texas RLC Taps New Ad Board Member

Houston area RLCers enjoyed fajitas, beer and politics at a Friday evening get together on Jan. 15, hosted by Chris Cook and the Texas RLC.

RLCers received an inside peek at the Texas legislative process courtesy of State Rep. John Culberson, who represents Houston's far west side.

Culberson also discussed at length his participation in a lawsuit (along with Republican State Sen. Buster Brown) to end federal judicial control of the Texas prison system, which has been in effect since 1992. With the aid of several key Texas federal legislators, Culberson and Brown managed to insert language in a federal appropriations bill which limits the authority and ends federal control once certain objectives have been met. This legislation allowed Culberson and Brown to sue federal judge William Wayne Justice seeking an end to his one-man control of the Texas prison system.

He also indicated that he was in the process of obtaining support for a year 2000 bid for the 7th Congressional District seat, now held by House Ways and Means chair Bill Archer, who is retiring after this current term.



Texas RLC chair Lonnie Brantley asked Culberson if he would join the RLC Advisory Board and received a positive response. He joins Texas state Rep. Suzanna Gratia Hupp and retiring State Sen. Jerry Patterson as members of this group.

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Bill Eggers, formerly of *Reason* magazine and RLC-supported CA Assemblyman candidate has moved to the Austin area in a position with the George W. Bush campaign.

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Eric Dondero Rittberg, RLC founder and a Ron Paul staffer for over 10 years is now president of Portside Language Services, a translating company based in Freeport, Texas. We received an encouraging report from him about his adopted home.

Rittberg says a new libertarian community is forming in an old historic town: Freeport, TX. The town is located on the Texas Gulf coast about 50 miles south of Houston. It a largely Hispanic town surrounded by water.

Why Freeport? Maybe because it is in the heart of U.S. Rep. Ron Paul's district and both his office and numerous supporters live nearby. Perhaps also, because the formerly decaying downtown is enjoying a rebirth, with a lot of artists and other free spirits moving into refurbished homes and starting new businesses.

Bob Bass, owner of many of the properties downtown, is an artist and longtime Libertarian. Bass and Rittberg, along with other libertarian Republicans and Libertarian Party members, are active in the revitalization effort.

More libertarians are invited to check out and perhaps move to the area. For more info, call Rittberg (409) 849-2494.

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