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Actor Fred Thompson Seeks Senate Seat

by Andrew Murphy

Fred Thompson won the Aug. 4 Republican U.S. Senate primary in Tennessee, defeating a Religious Right conservative, John Bakker, 62 to 37 percent.

Thompson is a lawyer based in Nashville, Tenn. In his spare time, he is also a Hollywood actor who has appeared in nearly 17 films including *The Hunt for Red October*, *In the Line of Fire* and *Die Hard 2*.

Thompson was Sen. Howard Baker's central Tennessee senate campaign manager and Baker's minority counsel on the Senate Watergate Committee. In 1977, he helped expose in open court the corruption of the Democratic governor of Tennessee, Ray Blanton, a story told in the film *Maria* with Sissy Spacek. He was also counsel to Sen. Barry Goldwater during the Senate investigation of CIA Director William Casey in 1985.

The following interview with Thompson was held in August: **What persuaded a successful Nashville attorney and movie actor to run for the U.S. Senate?**

Because of the direction our country is heading, the debt we are leaving to the next generation. I think it's time to send to Washington the type of people the Framers intended - citizen legislators.

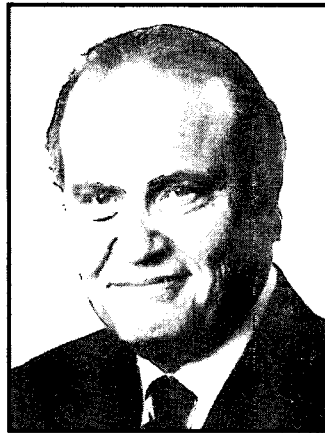
Last year in a Republican Party meeting in Gatlinburg, I heard you say one of the greatest moments in your life was the day Sen. Barry Goldwater called you up to help with the William Casey investigations. What is your relationship with Barry Goldwater and would you consider yourself a Goldwater Republican?

Yes, I have been an admirer of Barry Goldwater since I was in college. I came from a Democratic family but when I read Goldwater's *Conscience of a Conservative*, I was immediately transformed into a Goldwater Republican and have remained so since.

What do you think is the most important thing you can do as a senator for Tennesseans and for the country as a whole?

Term limits. Until we have a citizen legislature nothing much will change - deficit, crime, welfare, etc.

Some conservatives got flustered by your comments on



Fred Thompson

Michigan Mavericks Defeat Establishment

by Mike Neely

Candidates backed by libertarian Republicans won impressive victories in Michigan's Aug. 2 primary election, easily defeating challengers supported by the Lansing Republican establishment.

Suburban Macomb County, home of Michigan's anti-tax rebellion, was the scene of fierce pre-primary campaigning. Establishment Republicans resorted to negative mailings and smear tactics in a desperate, failed attempt to defeat economic conservatives lent critical support by the Michigan RLC.

Anti-tax leader Mike Sessa Sr., a Macomb County Commissioner and outspoken nemesis of Michigan Gov. John Engler, was the number one target of the Lansing establishment. Also targeted were conservative state Rep. Dave Jaye (R-Washington Township) and county commission candidates (including Macomb Taxpayer Association Vice-Chair Philis DeSeale) aligned with the Macomb Coalition of Republicans (MCOR). The *Detroit Free Press* has described MCOR as a "maverick, libertarian-leaning group."

As the Lansing support for the challengers grew, local media characterized the incumbent mavericks as in serious trouble. The *Macomb Daily* called the Jaye race "the hottest contest in Macomb County." The election night totals told a different story.

Sessa captured 56 percent of the vote in a three-candidate field. A vocal critic of Engler's successful March 1994 sales tax increase, he overcame repeated negative mailings. One mailing accused Sessa of not being a Republican; another accused him of supporting a tax increase because he opposed Engler's plan, which also cut property taxes.

Jaye, a maverick conservative, won 43 percent in a nine-candidate field. He easily defeated the handpicked candidate of the Lansing establishment. Among other charges, Jaye was accused of being a "disloyal Republican" for his opposition to tax hikes.

An RLC cadre, including visiting National Director Eric Rittberg, played a key role in the victories, lending critical support to these anti-tax conservatives. Michigan RLC activists worked literally around-the-clock on door-to-door literature drops, mailings and phone calling.

Ed. Note - Mike Neely is an RLC member and small business owner in Macomb County.

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Feedback

Feedback runs in every other issue of Republican Liberty. We welcome your comments and criticisms. Letters should be short and concise and are subject to editing. Letters from dues-paying members receive top priority.

Get 'em Goldwater

Editor:

Three cheers for Barry Goldwater's "I don't give a damn" reaction to the criticism of his views on abortion rights, gays in the military, etc., from ultra-conservative Republican big-wigs.

For much too long, libertarian-leaning Republicans have been chastised by the right-wing zealots in our party for being too liberal. The RLC maintains a platform that will attract support in the years to come if we continue to speak out against both economic and social engineers.

Matthew S. McDonald
Newport Beach, CA

Pro-Gun Stand Critical for RLC Support

Editor:

You noted in your March/April 1994 issue that Sam Katz, running for the GOP Senate nomination in Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts Gov. William Weld are generally libertarian but falter on support for the right of citizens to keep and bear arms.

We should be clear on this: no politician deserves the support of libertarians if they cannot back this most fundamental of rights. Would we support a candidate who is "generally libertarian" but must support a national draft for "public service?" Would we support a politician who is "mostly libertarian" but feels the need to outlaw alcohol, tobacco and other recreational drugs?

No. Other than opposing ever-increasing levels of taxation, no issue is more important to our ultimate liberty than gun control.

These politicians may be "generally libertarian" otherwise, but I'll vote for a liberal Democrat who believes in gun rights before I'll support a Republican unwilling to take a stand.

Timothy Condon
Tampa, FL

Editor:

Recently I received the March/April issue of *Republican Liberty* and, a few days later, your letter soliciting contributions.

At first, I was going to write the Republican Liberty Caucus a nasty letter but, after reading your letter and some of the articles in *Republican Liberty* (particularly the article about the Second Amendment), I have changed my mind. I am once again - tentatively - going to give you my support.

I had come to believe that the only way to go was straight Libertarian Party, that Republicans, no matter how good a game of freedom they may talk, would never be much different from the Democrats-Socialists-Fascists-Clintonistas. Nothing showed me this more clearly than the Republican failure to defend the Second Amendment in connection with the Brady Bill and the "assault weapons" legislation.

I am particularly angry about the stab in the back on the gun issue by my representative, Henry Hyde (R-IL), who answered my letter of protest by telling me how troubled he was as he searched his soul before his "assault weapons" vote. I would be troubled, too, about spitting on the Bill of Rights.

This country desperately needs to return to its founding principles of individual liberty — personal as well as economic — and limited government. I hope you are truly working effectively toward this goal, and that the days of turncoat vermin like Henry Hyde are numbered.

David V. Walden
Des Plaines, IL

Repeal Sodomy Laws

Editor:

After reading *Republican Liberty* for a year, I have to tell you I am very disappointed with the RLC. The organization is clearly Republican first and libertarian a very distant second. You have supported (or written favorably) about George Allen, the new governor of Virginia. Nowhere did you state that Allen said he was in favor of keeping the Virginia sodomy law. Likewise, you published an RLC congressional rating where a lot of really homophobic, prejudiced people placed very high.

I believe the RLC is supporting a number of such people simply because you agree with them on economic issues. At least you should have the honesty to admit these homophobes you are supporting are conservative Republicans. Please stop using the word "libertarian" to describe these prejudiced gentlemen.

I urge you to look at how candidates stand on repealing sodomy laws.

Pedro A. Romanach
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Colorado

Penn Pfiffner Targeted by Establishment

by Eric Field

Colorado State Rep. Penn Pfiffner faces a tough re-election battle. The state Democrats and teacher's unions have singled him out for defeat. Pfiffner first won in 1992 with 50.6 percent. He represents the suburban Denver community of Lakewood.

The Feb. 23 edition of the *Rocky Mountain News* featured Pfiffner under the headline "Lawmaker a 'small L libertarian.'" The article stated "He was a member of the Libertarian Party for most of the 1980s. Now a Republican . . . Pfiffner is respected as a man of his convictions." The article went on to summarize his philosophy as "the right to swing your fist ending at the tip of my nose."

He was also portrayed as a Ross Perot-style maverick not

easily categorized. "He tried to bring the most conservative Republicans together for a free-market caucus, excluding - and angering - moderate Republicans." Tom Tancredo of the Independence Institute commented, "Sure, his ideology has inhibited his ability to pass legislation . . . but that's a voice that needs to be heard."

In his re-election bid, Pfiffner is highlighting the following:

Controlling Taxes

- Opposes new taxes.
- Supports tax and spending limits.
- Opposes big government.

Fighting Crime with Harsher Penalties

- Advocates convicted felons working to pay for incarceration and restitution.
- Advocates fewer prison amenities.

Working to Improve Education

- Supports parental choice and control.

As a legislator Rep. Pfiffner has delivered on his promises. He earned the "All-Star" rating from the Colorado Union of Taxpayers for opposing taxes. He also authored a law reducing prison idleness and putting prisoners to work. Other priorities have included transportation deregulation, privatization and tort reform.

This time around Pfiffner has the entire local GOP united behind his candidacy. However, the Democrats are pulling out all stops for November. His campaign is a classic "shoe leather" effort, with heavy emphasis on precinct walks. Volunteers are needed. But money is the critical factor. Those wishing to help should contact Cliff Nolte, Pfiffner's campaign manager, at (303) 988-3717.



Rep. Penn Pfiffner

Hugo Teufel Fights for Liberty "For a Change"

by Claire Diaz

Hugo Teufel, the Republican candidate for Northwest Denver's state senate seat, is telling voters "It's time for a change."

The diverse district, with people from all economic, cultural and ethnic walks of life, is classic liberal Democrat. Teufel hopes for a victory by promoting limited and efficient government which respects and represents the economic and civil liberties of all his constituents. He believes such a message can unite all the district's voters.



Hugo Teufel

Teufel faces a 20-year Democratic incumbent at the general election on Nov. 8. On Aug. 9, the incumbent faced his first primary challenge in 20 years. About 30 percent of the district's Democrats voted against him and in favor of the

Hispanic challenger. Teufel's goal is to capture those dissatisfied voters, as well as the Hispanic-American, gay and lesbian, Republican, unaffiliated and Libertarian voters.

Teufel's campaign theme - "Time for a Change" - stresses the need for a change from big government solutions to social problems. It is time for a change from eviscerating economic liberties and selectively protecting civil liberties. It is time for a change from one-party politics, 20-year incumbencies and Republican neglect of the urban voter.

Teufel believes that the community will identify with him and his background. He was born to a Hispanic mother and first generation German-American father. His parents divorced when Teufel was young. He was thereafter raised by a single, working, Hispanic mother. He worked hard to pay for his education - receiving a bachelor's degree in economics from Metropolitan State College in Denver and then a law degree from the American University in Washington DC.

After he completed a clerkship with Chief Judge Loren Smith of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Teufel returned to work at the Denver office of a national law firm, where he focuses on lawsuits against the government by individuals and businesses. Teufel is married to Claire Diaz, also an attorney.

The district would be an important victory for both Teufel and the Republicans. The Republican Party has long written off the district and most of the city as unwinnable, whereas the Democratic Party has taken it for granted. Win or lose, Teufel's campaign will force attention back to Northwest Denver and to the issues most important to his community.

As Teufel says, it is surely time for a change.

Arizona

AZ RLC Makes Primary Endorsements

by Terrence Allen

On July 21, the Arizona chapter of the Republican Liberty Caucus held a meeting at an Italian Restaurant in Tempe. New officers for the organization were selected, and candidate endorsements were decided upon for the 1994 election season.

The Arizona Republican Liberty Caucus is pleased to announce the endorsements for the Sept. 13th Republican primaries. They are as follows:

CD 1 - Linda Rawles

CD 4 - John Shadegg

CD 6 - J.D. Hayworth

LD 24 - Becky Finger

State Supt. of Schools - Lisa Graham

Each of the above candidates, through their actions or pledges, have made a solid commitment to the libertarian principles which define the RLC. After careful review and consultation with many candidates we feel the above slate will be the most unequivocal in their opposition to big government and the most capable in battling its expansion if elected.

RLC volunteers plan to be particularly active in helping to elect these individuals during this election season. Volunteers will be assisting in precinct walks, mailings, policy formation and fund-raising. RLC member Jeff Singer already serves as health care policy advisor to the Hayworth campaign.

The following is a list of the Arizona RLC state governing board:

Terry Allen, chairman (Tempe)

Dr. Jeffrey Singer, vice-chair (Phoenix)

Dr. Joel Colley, secretary (Phoenix)

Roy Miller, treasurer (Phoenix)

Fred Thompson...from 1

abortion and Roe vs. Wade. Would you like to explain your position on abortion?

Government should stay out of it. No public financing. The ultimate decision must be made by the women. Government should treat its citizens as adults capable of making moral decisions on their own.

What is your position on health care? Do you favor the John Chafee-type of managed health care or the Phil Gramm/Cato Institute market-oriented plan of tax reform and medical savings accounts?

I favor the Cato Institute plan moreso than Sen. Gramm's. The Gramm plan has individual mandates in it. I'm opposed to any mandate in health care reform.

In 1950, the average American family paid 2 percent of their income to the federal government. In 1994, the number is now 25 percent of income. As a senator, what would you do to help reverse this regressive tax system?

Middle class tax cuts, something President Clinton promised while running for president. Furthermore, personal exemptions should be raised so they can keep pace with 40 years of inflation. The exemption rate should be about \$8,700 for a family. Yet currently, it's not even half that.

What is your position on gun control?

I oppose gun control.

Most Americans agree that education in this country is in need of a major tune-up. What do you think needs to be done to revitalize American education?

Education is a local and state issue not a federal one. Schools need to stress the basic studies and values that made our public school system something to be proud of. Experimentation in education is needed: charter schools and school choice.

With the demise of the Soviet Union and the Cold War, where should America's foreign policy go from here?

We have no foreign policy now. I think we are cutting back our military too quickly. A new post-Cold War foreign policy must first and foremost define and articulate this country's national interest.

One of your major themes is the streamlining of the federal government. Could you give a few quick examples of where you would like to see the budget cut?

Enact the recommendations of the Grace Commission, cut legislative branch costs by 25 percent, a 10 percent across the board cut in government overhead, establish bipartisan support for finding cuts in all federal programs.

In the last few years there has been a lot of talk about reforming the political process. What do you think needs to be done - term limits? Reforming the Federal Elections Campaign Act? Public financing of elections? Let voters back home set congressional salaries?

Term limits - two full terms for Senate and six for the House. I am opposed to any sort of public financing of elections.

What role should the federal government play in reducing crime?

On the state level, states must find ways to lock up for good recidivist criminals who are the ones responsible for so much crime. On the federal level, the Feds need to stop passing off to states unfunded federal mandates which are leaving states little or no money to build prisons and find innovative ways to stop crime. The current crime bill in Congress I would be against. The bill is a farcical pork-barrel package.

Who are your political heroes?

Barry Goldwater, Ronald Reagan and Howard Baker.

Michigan

Kaza Wins Primary

RLC Advisory Board Member State Rep. Greg Kaza (MI) won his GOP primary with 84 percent. Kaza was opposed by former legislator T.J. Wilkes in the heavily Republican District of Troy/Rochester Hills.

Dresch on Rebound

Libertarian Republican Steve Dresch is seeking to regain his former State House seat in the Upper Peninsula. In May, Dresch lost a special election by less than 100 votes.

PAC Aiding Liberty-Minded Candidates

by Mike Holmes

In its slightly more than two-year existence, the Republican Liberty Federal Campaign Fund (RLFCF) has raised more than \$15,000 for liberty-minded GOP candidates for local, state and federal office. Despite the "federal" in the name, the RLFCF has contributed over a third of its funds to state- and local-level candidates supported by the Republican Liberty Caucus.

The RLFCF is governed by a special group of trustees, all of whom are major donors and also supporters of the RLC itself. Roger MacBride is the PAC president and trustee, in addition to being chair of the RLC. Clifford Thies is PAC secretary and trustee and vice-chair of the RLC. Bill Hunscher is the third PAC trustee and Mike Holmes is treasurer of both the PAC and the RLC.

By the end of August approximately \$2,500 will have been disbursed for this election season to a variety of federal and state level candidates across the nation. While the PAC receives a steady stream of \$500 per plate fundraiser invites from Washington DC based Republicans, RLFCF contributions are targeted towards candidates who have been personally recommended by local RLC contacts and organizations. In many cases, the candidates have previously worked with the RLC or have been helped by RLC activists in their localities.

The largest RLFCF contribution so far this year (\$500) is to help Tom McClintock's pioneering race for California state comptroller, an important office which includes tax collection. Tom was aided by the PAC in his 1992 congressional race defeat. He has rebounded to run a vigorous and principled statewide race this year in accordance with his official ballot designation as "taxpayer advocate."

The high-profile Huffington senatorial race and Wilson gubernatorial re-election bid will cost many times what the comptroller's race will, but McClintock's past service as a principled state assemblyman makes him the most popular statewide candidate among California's numerous and influential right wing, many of whom are less enthused about the other statewide races.

The first RLFCF contribution of the year went to the newly created Georgia Republican Liberty Caucus Campaign Fund, started by the Georgia RLC to fund state and local candidates. This contribution along with other individual contributions went to assist Guy Milner's bid for the Georgia GOP gubernatorial nomination. Milner led the first round of balloting and won the runoff with a convincing 59 percent. He now faces incumbent Democrat Gov. Zell Miller.

The RLFCF has made contributions to five congressional races so far with \$250 each to Jack Metcalf (2nd-WA), Linda Rawles (1st-AZ), J.D. Hayworth (6th-AZ), John Shadegg (4th-AZ) and Mark Foley (16th-FL). There are also federal races in Arkansas, California, Texas and Tennessee which may be funded depending upon available resources.

All the congressional races funded so far have September primary dates and the RLC-backed candidates all look strong, according to recent reports. However, even when libertarian candidates don't succeed, the PAC still makes a strong statement about the direction we want to see the GOP take.

Also targeted for contributions are Texas Lt. Governor candidate Tex Lazar, Massachusetts State Senate candidate Bob Hedlunds

and Colorado State House candidates Penn Pfiffner and Hugo Teufel. Additional non-federal candidates will also be considered depending upon funding availability.

Competition for RLFCF funds is greater than ever, which is an encouraging trend reflecting the greater visibility of both the RLC and the affinity for libertarian Republican ideas within the political marketplace.

Individuals may contribute up to \$5,000 per year to the PAC, and contributions should be payable to "RLFCF." Monthly pledges are especially important because they provide for regular income and a contribution reserve during non-election periods. Please send your contributions to: Republican Liberty Federal Campaign Fund, 10878 Westheimer, Suite 395, Houston, TX 77042.

Tennessee Chosen for Site of First RLC Convention

by Michael McCroskey

Greetings from the Great Smoky Mountains! We are very excited to be hosting the first Republican Liberty Caucus Convention on Nov. 11-13 in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Many are not aware that the Smoky Mountain National Park is the most visited national park in the United States. The RLC carefully chose this site to encourage participation by families as well as individuals. Please write for your registration packet ASAP, and we will include more detailed background info on the area.

We have arranged with the River Terrace Resort and Convention Center, the host facilities, for a very reasonable room rate of \$59 (normally \$89). Fireplace units are \$69 and plush suites \$119. The upgraded rooms are on a limited space available basis. The River Terrace, as the name implies, is located on the river in the heart of downtown Gatlinburg.

Besides being famous for the beautiful mountain scenery and friendly hospitality, our region is also known as a shopper's paradise. Further, the convention is being held the same weekend as the annual Festival of Lights.

We will have a chairman's reception, hosted by Roger MacBride, on Friday evening. Saturday morning will be business sessions with guest speakers. We hope to leave some afternoon time free to roam the area, followed by the RLC dinner that evening. Sunday morning will include a presentation by our own State Rep. Greg Kaza (R-Michigan) and remarks by former Cong. Ron Paul (R-Texas).

Early registration is only \$55, with a \$20-per-person charge for the Saturday dinner. Help us make history as liberty-minded Republicans meet for the first-ever RLC convention. The future begins now!

RLC CONVENTION 1994

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Candidate News

Florida

Miami businessman Jeb Bush leads the pack of GOP contenders vying for a shot at incumbent Gov. Lawton Chiles (D). In July, Bush chose two-term State Rep. Tom Feeney of Orlando as his running mate. Feeney, an anti-tax crusader, serves on the Republican Liberty Caucus Advisory Board. The *Orlando Sentinel* said of the choice, "the two preppy and boyish-looking Republicans take an almost libertarian view of government, willing to consider drastic steps such as eliminating the state Department of Education."

Another RLC advisor, State Sen. Mark Foley of the Palm Beaches, has a comfortable lead in his primary. Foley is seeking to replace retiring Republican Congressman Tom Lewis. So far, Foley has raised over \$340,000. However, he is also concentrating on precinct walking with help from area Young Republicans.

No less than four RLC members are running for the Florida House. In Pensacola, 25-year-old Brian DeSpain is running in Dist. 1. He has positioned himself to the right of his "Southern Democrat" opponent Kip Jackson. DeSpain told the *Santa Rosa Gazette*, "I feel government is just too involved in our lives and what we need is a committed conservative to protect our liberties and our pocketbooks."

Fellow North Floridian Joel Dalafave is the GOP nominee for Dist. 9 in heavily Democratic Tallahassee. Dalafave, an economist, has been on the front lines battling to axe local taxes. His campaign themes include: spending caps, term limits and educational choice.

In South Florida, political science professor Bill Greene is gaining in his bid for the Dist. 102 seat (Hialeah/West Dade). In the *Naples Daily News* Greene had a favorable profile where he mentioned "Ron Paul . . . who ran for president in 1988 as the Libertarian Party candidate" as his political hero. Greene stresses tax reduction, deregulation, restitution for crime victims and school choice. In a neighboring Naples district, Greene's friend Scott Lepore is also running. Lepore scored a surprising coup by getting his name on the ballot as "Scott (Crime Stopper) Lepore." Lepore's attorney informed the secretary of state that he had at least five witnesses who would testify that his nickname is "crime stopper."

Georgia

Guy Millner has won the GOP primary for governor. Millner, a millionaire businessman, bested Religious Righter John Knox with 59 percent in the runoff. Millner sought and received the official endorsement of the Georgia Republican Liberty Caucus. At a recent Unity Rally held in Atlanta, RLCers met with Millner who commented that he was "85 percent with libertarians" on the issues. He now faces incumbent Gov. Zell Miller (D) in what promises to be a very spirited battle.

Marietta businessman Keith Mahoney is the first Republican to run for secretary of state in 60 years. He describes himself as "libertarian" in his views, and is a subscriber to the *Georgia Libertarian*. In campaign literature he rails against career politicians and takes a shot at the way the office has been run: "state-owned computers for maintaining personal campaign files and using campaign funds to throw yourself a lavish birthday party is



Brian DeSpain



Joel and Senazia Dalafave

not the kind of leadership citizens want."

RLC member Jay Taylor received 30 percent in his primary bid for state house from Gainesville. Taylor aggressively canvassed the district. He also reached out to non-traditional Republican voters. After his loss to Sheriff Dick Mecum, the local GOP chair commented that Taylor ran a laudable campaign which "built the party."

Washington

Former State Sen. Jack Metcalf is running in Washington State's 2nd congressional district (Everett/Bellingham). Retiring Democrat Al Swift holds the seat, but the district has become increasingly Republican. Metcalf has a comfortable lead for the GOP nomination and polls indicate he has a good shot in November.

In a letter dated July 17, 1994, the Metcalf campaign asked for the support of libertarian Republicans. After polling WA RLC members, State Coordinators Dave and Mary Maas informed the campaign that they had the RLC's endorsement.

Metcalf has long associated with libertarians, having attended the 1987 Libertarian Party national convention in Seattle. He is also a friend of Ron Paul, and voted for him for president in 1988.

Campaign Briefs

Paleo-libertarian Tom Post is aggressively challenging incumbent U.S. Senator John Chafee in the **Rhode Island** GOP primary. Post has been endorsed by Pat Buchanan who described the former Libertarian Party member as a "sworn enemy of big government." In a press release, Post - echoing Barry Goldwater - called for the gradual elimination of Social Security.

In a strange twist, *Libertarian Lines* reports that John Lewicke, a self-described "libertarian Republican," is seeking the Libertarian Party nomination for Congress in **New Hampshire's** Dist. 2. Lewicke's primary opponent is Ken Blevins. The two differ on strategy rather than ideology. Blevins favors outreach to independent voters rather than Republicans. The winner of the Libertarian primary will face incumbent Cong. Dick Swett (D).

In **Maryland's** 5th congressional district, libertarian-conservative Don Devine is seeking to best incumbent Cong. Steny Hoyer (D). Devine is a board member of the American Conservative Union and is a leader in the fight against socialized health care.

Longtime RLCer Frank Gilbert is running for State Senate in **Arkansas**. Though his chances are slim, he is breaking new ground as the first Republican to run for the seat in the district, just south of Little Rock. **Alabama** RLCer Jon Griswald lost his primary bid for secretary of state finishing second among three contenders.

Notable News

New Study Labels Electorate

According to the July 1994 issue of *Campaigns & Elections*, a recent Gallup study for *USA Today* and *CNN* found that American voters could be split into four ideological categories: conservative, liberal, populist and libertarian. The researchers defined conservatives as "believing that government should not do more," but also in support of a "government that favors traditional values." Libertarians were defined as wanting smaller government and opposing "governmental promotion of values."

The study had encouraging results for conservatives and libertarians. According to the research, populist sentiment has dipped from 27 percent in 1993 to 20 percent in 1994. Similarly, liberals have declined from 20 percent to 16 percent (the smallest segment). Meanwhile, conservatives jumped from 24 percent to 30 percent and libertarians from 19 percent to 22 percent.

The study also measured the ideological make-up of the two major parties and of independents. Democrats are all over the map, with a strong populist base (25 percent, and smaller numbers of liberals, conservatives, and even some libertarians). Republicans are better defined: 51 percent are conservative, 18 percent are libertarian, 16 percent populist and only 8 percent liberal. Libertarians are 25 percent of all independents.

NOTA Gains Supporters

In an effort to decrease voter dissatisfaction with elections, a new movement is arising to push for the None of the Above option on state ballots. The effort, led by the Free Congress Foundation, has garnered support from across the political spectrum. Publications from the leftist *Nation* to the *Wall Street Journal* have editorialized in favor of NOTA. California Acting Secretary of State Tony Miller, a gay Democrat, is actively promoting the measure. Other politicians who've expressed support include: Ralph Nader, Kevin Phillips and former Perot advisor Frank Lunts.

NOTA has been on the ballot in Nevada for 18 years, and has proved popular with voters. The measure is under consideration in one form or another in Arizona, Iowa and Vermont. Like Nevada, most proposals call for a special election to be held if NOTA wins. (NOTA has won on four occasions in Nevada.) Some proposals would exclude the participation of the two losing candidates.

Libertarian Republicans have been on the forefront of the issue. Former State Sen. John McClaughry pushed for the "Turkey Ballot" option while in the Vermont Legislature. In Michigan, State Rep. Greg Kaza of Rochester Hills introduced a measure which would call for a citizen referendum on NOTA.

Meanwhile, maverick Republican Rep. Peter Hoekstra (MI-CD 2) has reiterated his support. In a June 14 press release, Hoekstra said, "When I campaigned for Congress in 1992, one of my proposals for reform was to place NOTA on the ballot for all congressional elections. Voters appreciated the fact that I recognized the situation faced in too many races where the only two choices are between bad and worse. In these instances, it would be best if the majority of voters chose NOTA. The whole process would start over and new candidates would be selected."

Wisconsin Waste Watchers

Modeled after the "Golden Fleece" awards issued by former U.S. Senator William Proxmire (D-WI), Republican State Reps. Scott Jensen and Marc Duff have proposed over \$80 million in spending cuts. Said Jensen in a recent report, "Too many lawmakers spend their time dreaming up ways to spend more taxpayers' money. We believe legislators should cut spending first."

Among their proposals: Sell the State Life Insurance fund to private interests for an estimated savings of \$10 million; eliminate the obsolete Radioactive Waste Review Board; and sell off an apartment complex in Madison owned by the University of Wisconsin.

One of their previous proposals has already been enacted. The Transportation Commission, which dated back to 1847, was eliminated as part of the 1993-95 biennial budget. Also, at the urging of the two youthful legislators, Gov. Tommy Thompson signed an executive order on May 9, placing a hiring freeze on state government. Said Thompson in a recent television interview, "I only hope and wish more legislators would become Waste Watchers."

Libertarian Zines

A number of smaller libertarian-oriented publications are thriving around the country. The most promising is *Claustrophobia* published by Dena Bruedigam and edited by Donald Gallick, (\$10 per year - 6 issues, 400 N. High St. Columbus, OH 43215). The writers take a hard-line libertarian approach against victimless crime laws. The publication also includes cultural comments, a radical reading section, book reviews, and a monthly look at news items from a libertarian perspective.

Taking a similar line, but in magazine format, *The Exchange* is published by a consortium of libertarian youth. (\$20 per year - 4 issues, P.O. Box 241, Lisbon, IA 52253.) *The Exchange* is a cultural magazine and includes anti-statist cartoons, articles on the philosophy of laissez faire and libertarian fiction.

Former counterculture leaders David Horowitz and Peter Collier have turned their guns on the politically correct left. These neo-libertarians now publish *The Defender* (\$25 per year - 6 issues, 800-752-6562). Long-time libertarian theorist Henry Mark Holzer is a regular columnist defending the absolutist view on free speech.

Other new small circulation libertarian fanzines include: self-published zine by "sovereign individual" Craig Seymour, *Capital & Liberty*; the objectivist journal *Radical Capitalist* out of New York City; the student-oriented anarcho-capitalist tabloid *Guillotine* from Binghamton, NY; and the minarchist *Individualist Review* put out by the Students for a Libertarian Society.

On the campus front, three formerly conservative newspapers now have mostly libertarian staffs. The *American Tory*, serving the Washington, DC, area takes a classical liberal view on issues facing students. The *Michigan Review* serving University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and the *Independent Perspective* on the campus of Florida State in Tallahassee, are now uncompromisingly libertarian in their approach, challenging leftist dogmas on economics and politically correct culture.

In contrast, the formerly libertarian-conservative *Florida Review* out of Gainesville has lost its libertarian edge, and also its readership. Religious Right conservatives purged all the libertarians from the staff and publication has become irregular at best.

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