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Adios, Bill...

While still in office and even popular, the serious work of the Clinton presidency is finished

by Mike Holmes, Senior Editor

The Clinton era is over. Although he remains president, Bill Clinton's mysterious hypnotic grasp on the American body politic has sputtered to an ignominious end. Bookended between accounts of a woman who refused to service his sexual desires years ago and one who evidently did not refuse, with countless others in between, the legendary charm of Bill Clinton has given way to the pitying observation that this president, like ordinary mortals, is innocent until proven guilty.

We have long endured Bill Clinton, a man who deducted \$2 for each pair of used underwear claimed "donated" on his tax return, while he mouthed pious nonsense about opposing "tax cuts for the rich." Clinton's long trail of deceit, lying, corruption, spin control,

Pfiffner to Sit Out Congressional race

Instead, he will run to keep his current Colorado State House seat

Due to an increasingly crowded field, State Rep. Penn Pfiffner has bowed out of the race for the 6th District Congressional seat.

His campaign advisors advised him to make the move after a wealthy new candidate, a Palestinian American former U.S. ambassador, entered the race.

There are now seven announced candidates besides Pfiffner.

Pfiffner thought he had about 25 percent of the delegates he needed committed for the two-part primary process. However, Pfiffner said he had not raised enough money to compete with candidates who are capable of spending hundreds of thousands for the seat.

Pfiffner also now has a Republican primary opponent in his state house district which he will have to deal with.

The RLC's PAC, the Republican Liberty Federal Campaign Fund, will be aiding Pfiffner in that race.

bimbo eruptions, cattle futures deals, shady business dealings, intimidation of witnesses, campaign finance corruption, and the death, disappearance and disgrace (and incarceration) of former cronies and friends is unprecedented in the modern era.

While his political supporters and allies dismiss this as partisan politics, the cumulative effect has been to cast suspicion on Clinton's every action and utterance as lawyerly artifice and evasion.

To most, it is still not enough to drive him from office that he took advantage of a college age White House intern, later government employee, for Oval Office quickies. After years of Clinton in office, this hardly shocks. Suborning perjury or obstructing justice over this affair to bolster his defense in the civil lawsuit for sexual harassment is frowned upon more strongly. However, a sizable segment of the public is still ready to forget and forgive.

But Bill's credibility is shot. He's a man no one would trust alone with their daughters. Or their sisters, wives, mothers or grandmothers. He's a man who views being president as something out of a feminist nightmare, except for the part about being a true liberal Democrat.

Clinton tried to resurrect the Imperial Presidency from the halcyon days of Kennedy. Nixon's misbehavior has ruined this notion for conservatives and pragmatic Republicans. But Clinton's teflon coating - coupled with his extraordinary luck to be president while the nation is prosperous and peaceful - has rekindled the statist yearning on the left for a powerful, untouchable American presidential dictator.

But no more. Clinton's Imperial Presidency included the an-

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Films on Waco disaster and Ayn Rand nominated



Waco: The Rules of Engagement was nominated but failed to win an Academy Award in the "Best Achievement in Documentary" category in February.

The film was a project of Mike McNulty, William Gazecki and RLC member Dan Gifford, and credibly pictures the Waco disaster as a failed publicity stunt that turned into a vengeful bloodbath.

Perhaps equally astonishing is that, in that same category, another of the documentaries nominated was *Ayn Rand: A Sense of Life*. This biography — both intellectual and personal — was directed by self-proclaimed Objectivist Michael Paxton.

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cient notion that loyal retainers supply the emperor with young daughters to serve as concubines. His denials ring hollow in light of his past behavior.

The much maligned institution of the independent counsel has finally justified their considerable expense. Rather than decrying the independent counsel, libertarian Republicans applaud their effort. Why should the president be exempt from the same ruthless prosecutorial tactics employed to attack average citizens? In fact, a good case can be made for empaneling an independent counsel for every president shortly after inauguration, just on general principles.

The RLC called for impeachment of Clinton in 1994, based on the evidence already then uncovered. Five of our congressional

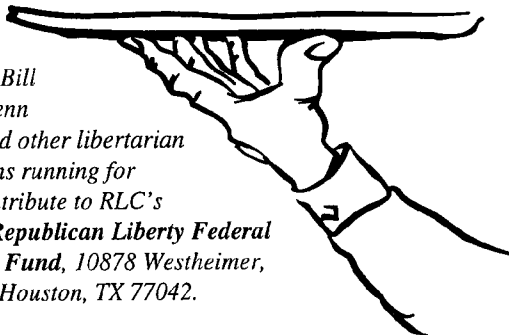
Advisory Board members have joined Rep. Barr's resolution for an impeachment hearing. We libertarian Republicans believe all Americans should enjoy privacy and legal tolerance for actions of consenting adults in most circumstances. But there are limits to tolerance when the President dishonors his position and drags the nation through a sordid tale of unbridled lust, reckless behavior, bald-faced lying and bad judgment. It may be the least of his "high crimes and misdemeanors," but it is enough.

The era of Clinton is at an end. He is to be believed no more. Adios Bill...

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Election 1998

National Politicians, Activists and Economists Jump on Eggers Bandwagon

Book author and government scholar Bill Eggers, an unopposed candidate for the Republican nomination for State Assembly in the 53rd district, was praised in February by leading taxpayer advocates from across the country for his long-time work in support of lower taxes and smaller government.

"No one knows more about eliminating waste and inefficiency in government than Bill Eggers. He is a principled advocate for the taxpayer," says Joel Fox, President of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association.

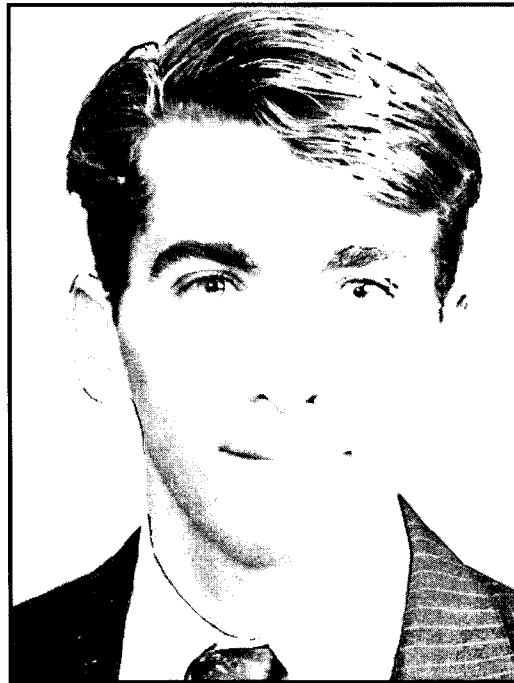
Eggers, who prior to announcing his candidacy for office, was the director of Privatization & Government Reform at the libertarian Reason Foundation, is considered one of the country's leading experts on making government more efficient.

"Lots of people talk about making government smaller, more efficient and more customer friendly, but few individuals can match Bill Eggers knowledge and expertise to actually make it happen," says Grover Norquist, President of Americans for Tax Reform. "California taxpayers could ask for no one better to represent their interests."

In his announcement speech at the opening of the South Bay Republican Party headquarters, Eggers pledged that if elected he would utilize his unique expertise to put California government under a microscope and go after all waste and inefficiency in state government with a vengeance.

"Special interests beware, no sacred cows will be safe if the people of the 53rd district elect me to the assembly," vows Eggers.

Due to the failure of his expected GOP primary opponent to obtain 40 signatures of registered Republicans, Eggers faces no primary opponent. He will face the winner of a seven-way Democratic primary battle.



California Assembly Candidate Bill Eggers

What Others are Saying About California

Assembly Candidate Bill Eggers:

"Thanks for your terrific support and leadership of better government in Indianapolis. Your intellectual contributions have made our successes possible."

*Indianapolis Mayor
Stephen Goldsmith*

"You are one of the stars of the conservative/libertarian movement."

*Adam Myerson, vice president of the
Heritage Foundation and editor of
Policy Review*

"I am a fan of your work. You are making a difference in the whole scheme of things. Fight on!"

*Jeb Bush, candidate for governor,
State of Florida*

"I greatly appreciate your advice and counsel with your help I know we can do great things in Colorado."

*Bill Owens, State Treasurer, State of
Colorado*

"Oklahoma will be a better place thanks to you. Most of our citizens will never know the part you played, but we will, and we are grateful."

Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating

"Our state was well served by your presence."

Former Gov. Pete du Pont of Delaware

"The articles you wrote were the impetus of my decision to run for mayor. The ideas you advanced formed the blueprint for my campaign platform. Thanks for giving me the inspiration."

Tom Fetzer, mayor of Raleigh, North Carolina

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Joel Fox, president, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

"Not only his brains but his enthusiasm comes across when Eggers talks about government reform. He's a passionate advocate for the individual."

Daily Breeze, June 30, 1996

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Late Night Report

Goin' to a



LIBERTARIAN Party

by Tom Walls, RLC Executive Director

I got back recently from L.A. only to find about 300 personal messages in my e-mail box. It will take me a while to catch up. Half of them are the same Clinton jokes.

Anyway I had a good time at the 1998 California Libertarian Party convention in January.

The opening reception on Friday night was held in the top floor of the Hyatt Regency and featured fajitas and a mariachi band. The only problem was, there was no one to take my 20 bucks nor give me any kind of credentials or convention package. I mingled as much as possible. I kept getting the line "Well, you're a Republican, but let me tell you this good piece of strategy anyway..." Yeah, like LP strategy has turned into any electoral success!

I struck up a conversation with Marv Rudin, a Silicon Valley businessman about 55 years old. He seemed genuinely interested in the RLC but was a committed LPer. He took me to his room and made me listen to a tape he commissioned some musician to make with libertarian lyrics. Believe me, he was really proud of it and turned it up extremely loud. He had heard that Generation X was turning libertarian, and that the way to reach them was through the music. The product, *Really Free* turned out to be a song that was listenable at first but got loaded down with all sort of heavy text, almost seven minutes long and kind of unbearable after a while. I made sure he had enough brochures and went back to the reception.

It was just about dead by then, so I headed to the room where they were showing the *Waco: Rules of Engagement* video. About twenty people showed up to watch that and some short subjects.

Saturday was more meaty, even though I didn't get any food at the banquet (it was sold out). It was the day of Rep. Ron Paul's big

speech, which went over very well. A lot of the speech was about his race and how the establishment Republicans favored his opponent. He really made some good remarks about his opposition to the war in Iraq. Of course, somebody asked when he was going to switch back to the LP, and that he should do it while in office. Ron finished and was mobbed by fans.

CA RLC Chair Laura Crockett-Gordon and I met with Ron and took him behind closed doors to introduce him to CA RLC-endorsed candidates Dave Churchman and Bill Westmiller. Bill Eggers was there earlier in the day but did not make the meeting, apparently due to another engagement elsewhere.

Westmiller asked Ron's endorsement but only got a strong probable (Ron wanted to know who his opponent was, and cited his not taking sides in Penn Pfiffner's race). Some older Buchananite fellow tagged along and kept making polite but repetitive and irrelevant comments.

Only 20 minutes into the meeting an LPer burst in and said he had to get ready for the Kubby for Governor reception. I felt like saying "Why all the fuss? He's not going to win!" We broke up and Laura and I spoke with Ron for about five or ten minutes. He had to fly back that night. I briefed him on recent RLC activities, the growth of state chapters, more candidates, student groups, etc.

I did an impromptu table in the exhibit hall leading into the banquet with the many newsletters I brought along. I even got a sign up who appreciated us taking Forbes to task over medical marijuana.

I gave out as many newsletters as possible and let Laura have a good supply for the next GOP convention.

I spoke briefly with reason Foundation director Robert Poole and LP honcho Steve Dasbach, some self-published authors and numerous others whose names I forgot.

As stated earlier, I didn't make the banquet because it was sold out, but I went inside as soon as they quit serving food and caught the rest of Gene Burn's speech.

All in all I was very glad to have went. I handed out newsletters and met with Ron, Laura and a few of our candidates.

However, I think we would have accomplished more for the RLC and its candidates if I had chosen to go to the CA GOP convention next week, or even both. But there's work, to which I have to return to tomorrow, and it's 2:30 a.m....

Inquiring Minds Want to Know...

"Over the last six months, a dozen readers have asked us to explain our recent reference to the Republican Liberty Caucus. It's the libertarian faction of the GOP. It has a national newsletter, Republican Liberty, and its motto is 'Free Enterprise, Individual Freedom and Limited Government.'"

--Texas Weekly, April 6.

RLC Notes

Workers of Nevada, Unite!

The Nevada Republican Liberty Caucus is playing a key role in the effort to end union's shakedown of their members for political purposes.

Long a major fundraiser for the Democratic Party, unions have traditionally relied on using mandatory union dues to campaign for candidates — even when those candidates are not supported by union members.

A proposal sweeping the West Coast would put a stop to that in several states. Under the Workers Rights Initiative, a major project of the Nevada RLC and other Republican groups including the state party, unions would have to ask their members permission to use their mandatory dues for political purposes.

"There are only two organizations in America that can take money out of your paycheck without your permission: labor unions and the IRS," said Charles Muth, chairman of the Nevada RLC. "The Workers Rights Initiative, being sponsored by the Nevada Republican Party, will take care of the first. Then we'll turn our sights on the other."

RLCers and others are currently collecting signatures to put the WRI on Nevada's November ballot. Polls show the initiative to be as popular in Nevada as it has been throughout the West.

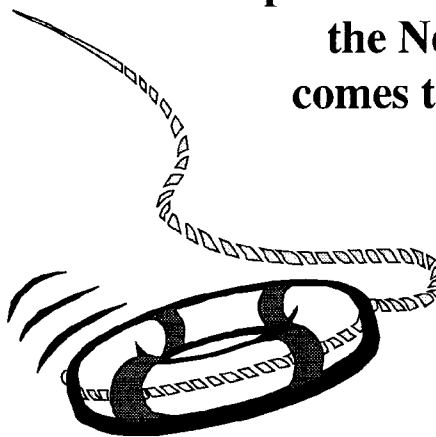
The people of the state of Washington passed a campaign reform ballot initiative in 1992 that, in part, required all employers and unions to get permission from workers before taking money from their paychecks for political purposes.

Similar legislation has already been passed this year in Wyoming and Idaho and was also passed in Montana last year - but suffered a gubernatorial veto.

It was introduced earlier this year in New Mexico, but was killed by the union-controlled Democrat legislature. A paycheck protection initiative will be on the June 2 California primary ballot and Nevada, Colorado, Oregon and Arizona expect to have initiatives on their ballots next November.

Paycheck protection efforts enjoy substantial public support -

**With paycheck
protection proposal,
the Nevada RLC
comes to the aid of
union
members**



including Democrats living in union households.

"This issue, although being primarily championed by freedom-loving Republicans, enjoys bipartisan support in the electorate," said Muth. "Paycheck protection is driving a wedge between the workers who earn the money and the labor bosses who spend it without their permission. I think you're going to see a lot of traditional Democrat union members join the GOP over this issue."

Riggs Faces Uphill Battle in Boxer Challenge

RLC Advisory Board member and U.S. Rep. Frank Riggs (R-CA) faces two tough opponents in his bid to win the Republican nomination and face incumbent U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer in November.

Riggs faces multimillionaire businessman Darrell Issa and State Treasurer Matt Fong in the June 2 primary. Sen. Boxer is unopposed in the Democratic primary.

Rep. Riggs who represents the 1st Congressional District is a former sheriff's deputy who has represented California's North Coast in Congress for three terms.

"I clearly have more qualifications than my Republican opponents, (but) most political observers have dismissed my candidacy,"

Riggs said. "Well, my answer to the critics is: Don't sell the voters short. They often are a lot smarter than the pundits."

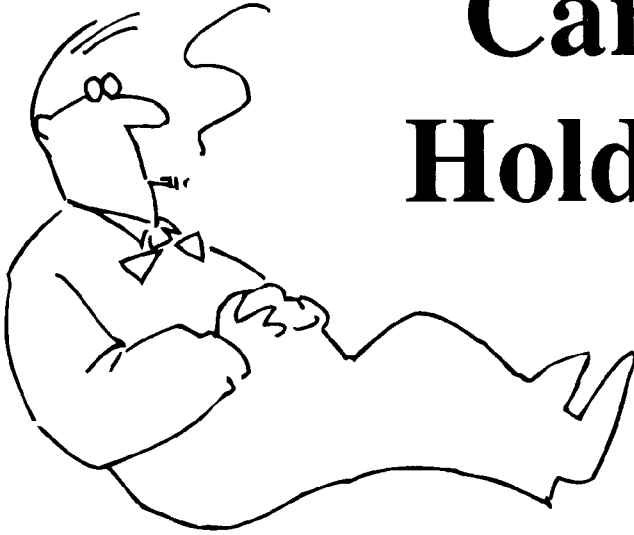
He noted that he has been elected three times in a district where Democrats outnumber Republicans, adding "my experience shows that I am the most viable, most electable Republican candidate against Barbara Boxer in the general election in November."

Key campaign themes include switching to a flat or sales tax, school choice, privatizing Social Security, slowing down illegal immigration and opposition to abortion.

This last stance is the most controversial as Rep. Riggs had a mostly pro-choice record in Congress and only recently announced his change of heart.

Media Notes

Carey, Sullum Hold 'Smoke-in'



Actor Drew Carey and *Reason* magazine's Jacob Sullum were preparing to blow smoke into the eyes of the public health nazis, according to this March 28 story by Jennifer Nix of *Variety*:

"Comedian Drew Carey is showing his libertarian leanings and will enjoy a little civil disobedience before lunch Tuesday.

"Carey is up in arms about constant encroachments on cigarette smokers' rights — like the California smoking ban — and will hold a "smoke-in" at 11 a.m. at Barney's Beanery in West Hollywood.

"While Carey could not be reached Monday for insight on his regular smoking status, the ABC sitcom star does plan to light one up for the cause along with Jacob Sullum (nonsmoker), a senior editor for *Reason* magazine and author of the forthcoming book *For Your Own Good: the Anti-Smoking Crusade and the Tyranny of Public Health* (Free Press).

"Carey, a supporter of *Reason* (a political journal with a libertarian bent and a circulation of 55,000), and Sullum quickly schemed the PR event after meeting in Dallas at a 'Reason Weekend' retreat on March 13.

"Drew and I got to talking about the smoking ban, and he said he thought it was ridiculous," Sullum said. "It clearly deserves to be flouted."

"It is unlikely that Carey will be dragged away in handcuffs, as local officials have been having a rough time enforcing the ban, according to an event organizer, Mike Alissi.

"Contacted by *Daily Variety*, ABC spokesman Kevin Brockman laughed and said the network had no formal comment about Carey's intended illegalities. "We've got no problem with it - just as long as he shows up for work."

Nevadans Share RLC View of Tax

Polls show a sales tax increase in Clark County, Nevada, is opposed by 75 percent of the voters. One of these is NV RLC Chairman Charles Muth, according to the *Las Vegas Review-*

Journal on Feb. 25:

"An outspoken opponent of the sales tax is Charles Muth, chairman of the Republican Liberty Caucus, the Libertarian-leaning wing of the Republican Party.

"...Muth said government should 'look for ways to cut spending first - that was the only option that was never considered. Once the budget is cut to the bone, only then should the public be asked to raise taxes if the dollars are still needed,' he said."

A New GOP, Or a New Party?

"Will a New Party Arise from the Web?" That's the question Charles Oliver asks in a March 18 headline we found on the Reuters news wire. The subtitle of the story half answers the question, "Libertarianism Is the Politics of Wired Voters." Says Oliver:

"What will happen when voters everywhere are tied together by computer, constantly exchanging political ideas and information on the Internet? Won't other parties emerge?

"No," said Nicholson, who's taken over Haley Barbour's job as chairman of the Republican National Committee.

"Newt Gingrich, the self-described futurist, is silent on the subject. That wasn't always the case. Even after Republicans stormed the House, he warned against complacency. A third party was just around the corner, he said.

"If this just degenerates, after a historic election, back into the usual baloney of politics and pettiness in Washington, then the American people will move towards a third party in a massive way," Gingrich said shortly after his party captured Congress in '94.

"Four years later, is petty politics the norm again? Gingrich did not return phone calls to answer.

"...Some think that the Net, with its free flow of ideas, will convince voters that two political choices really aren't enough in the information age.

"How might these new technologies affect politics? Well, look at those who now use the Internet. Anecdotal evidence and polls show this group to be quite libertarian in its politics.

"They don't like the idea of government regulation very much. They've got a remarkable enthusiasm for the free-market system," said Jon Katz, contributing editor at *Wired* magazine.

"But they are also, as a group, very tolerant. They don't like calls for censorship, and they are uncomfortable with much of the agenda of the religious right," he added.

"Last year, *Wired* and the Merrill Lynch Forum polled Americans on their views on technology and politics. They divided respondents into four groups, based on how much they used new

communications technology: superconnected, connected, semiconnected and unconnected. Ninety-five percent of the superconnected said they had faith in the free market, while 69 percent of the unconnected had such faith."

"There's definitely a strong link between the Internet culture and political libertarianism," concurred Richard Brody, a political scientist at Stanford University."

Libertarians Welcome New Americans

Immigration is one of those issues that divides the Republican Party. While true that many Republicans (and Democrats) fear and loath immigrants, *Washington Journal's* Gerald Seib on March 4 noted that not all Republicans share the Buchananite view:

"On the other side are the Republican's libertarians and growth disciples, who tend to see immigration as an economic boon. They are symbolized by former vice presidential candidate Jack Kemp, who backs the Abraham bill (to raise the number of skilled immigrants allowed in the U.S. each year) and declares: 'The party of Lincoln and Reagan ought to be far more positive and optimistic about this issue.'"

"...Along the way, Republicans have discovered that immigrant-bashing isn't necessarily good politics in a nation where 15 percent of the population already is Hispanic or Asian, and where the share is likely to grow to 20 percent over the next generation. The politics are particularly dicey in the megastates of Texas, Florida and California.

"...On the immediate question of Sen. Abraham's quest for more technically skilled immigrants, Stephen Moore, an economist at the libertarian Cato Institute, sees the makings of an uneasy compromise. Republicans who favor such business-friendly immigration might succeed by giving some ground to Democrats who favor more family unification immigration. That may well be a way to finesse today's debate. But the struggle is merely another reminder that the broader U.S. argument about immigration is destined to drag on for years to come."

Rep. Ron Paul: Majority of One

Being a principled legislator in the U.S. Congress is a lonely job, as Rep. Ron Paul well knows. As Sean Scully noted in the *Washington Times* on March 23:

"Ron Paul is not a man afraid to stand alone. The Texas Republican is often on the losing end of votes in Congress and not by a narrow margin either. On March 5, for example, the House passed two noncontroversial bills - one to punish states that do not properly computerize child support records and one to make it illegal to eavesdrop on cellular telephone calls - both by a vote of 414-1. The '1' in both cases? Rep. Ron Paul.

"How about March 16, 1997, when the House passed a bill to punish China if it restricts political freedom in Hong Kong, 416-1? Ron Paul again.

"Some days it's not that pleasant to be out there trying to wave the flag by voting a certain way," Mr. Paul said, arching his eyebrows and laughing sadly.

"Mr. Paul takes his votes very seriously. He won't, he said, vote

for any bill that's not specifically authorized by the Constitution. As a result, he votes 'no' a lot, earning the 62-year-old physician the unofficial title of 'Dr. No.'

"If it's not authorized, I don't think we should be doing it... [some legislators] can find an excuse and rationalization to do whatever they want, he said.

"Mr. Paul takes a pure libertarian line on most issues - neutrality and noninterference on the international scene, minimal federal government domestically. He advocates a return to the gold-standard, thinks the federal government has no role in fighting drugs and disapproves of any federal role in education.

"I take the constitutional approach," he said, "that the states can take care of their problems."

Libertarians vs. the IMF

In February, an unsigned *Economist* editorial fumed about "ignorant" American legislators who are unimpressed by the International Monetary Fund:

"Beyond ignorance, ideology also looms large among many Republican lawmakers. Free-market radicals, particularly the revolutionaries of 1994, see the IMF as a statist spanner in the international capital markets. It 'bails out bankers' from risky lending and props up 'crony capitalism.' According to the most zealous, the world would be better off without the IMF. Congressman Ron Paul, a libertarian Republican, has introduced a bill calling for America to withdraw from the institution."

Tafel Comes Out of the Closet

In this Jan. 28 article from a Florida gay and lesbian weekly, *TWN Magazine*, the head of Log Cabin Republicans Richard Tafel comes out of the closet — as a libertarian:

"...Though Tafel's politics will be considered conservative by many, he is 'not crazy about the term because it has so many meanings to so many people. Though I am fiscally conservative, I would say that, philosophically, I am close to libertarian."

"In fact the LCR's support for less government, both on the economic and the personal level, makes the group more libertarian than conservative. Tafel agrees, noting that 'in the GOP there has always been tension between its libertarian wing and its socially conservative wing.'"

Riggs Abandons Choice Stance

Abortion has long been a divisive issue for Republicans and even among libertarians. The RLC has supported candidates who hold differing views on this issue.

U.S. Rep. Frank Riggs (R-CA) is an RLC-supported "pro-life" candidate. But as the *Press Democrat* in Santa Rosa, CA, noted on Feb. 22, this has not always been the case:

"Riggs began his political career as a self-proclaimed fiscal conservative and social progressive. He frequently referred to himself as a libertarian Republican and even joined the advisory board of the Republican Liberty Caucus in 1996, a group that favors abortion rights [sic] but opposes mandatory government funding of abortion for women covered by Medicaid health programs."

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