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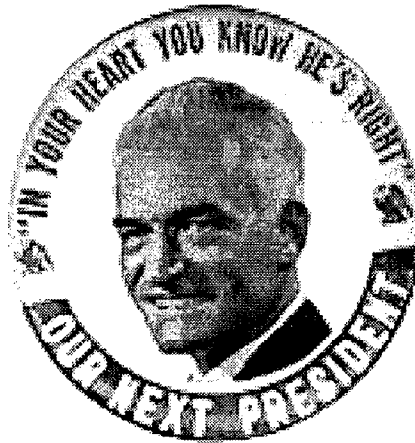
## Barry Goldwater: Conservative Icon, Libertarian Visionary

by Richard E. Sincere  
VA RLC Chair

"In your heart, you know he's right." So said Barry Goldwater's supporters during the Senator's ill-fated 1964 presidential campaign. As we now know, Goldwater may have lost the battle but over time he won the war.

Barry Goldwater's 1964 campaign transformed American politics. He galvanized two generations of political activists, and germinated both the modern conservative movement and the libertarian movement. He took a Republican party that was ideologically indistinguishable from its Democratic opponents and gave it a philosophical edge with ramifications that are still unresolved.

Some of his supporters went on in 1971 to found America's third-largest political party, the Libertarian Party. In 1976 ex-



Goldwaterites almost denied a sitting president, Gerald Ford, the GOP nomination. By 1980, Goldwater Republicans laid the groundwork to elect Ronald Reagan as president.

By the time Barry Goldwater died on May 29, his legacy was being felt not only across the United States, but around the world. His consistent embrace of strong national defense, free-market economics, and individual liberty had an impact on the decline and fall of the Soviet empire as well as the rejection of the American welfare state.

Goldwater came from the Arizona frontier and — like his contemporary, philosopher Ayn Rand — inspired teenagers and young adults to join in the struggle for human

liberty and to oppose the forces of collectivism that had dominated

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## RLC to Fete Ron Paul in Palm Beach

Last time U.S. Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX) campaigned in Florida, he was running for president of the United States as the nominee for the Libertarian Party. In July, he's returning to another campaign stop in Palm Beach County -- this time as a sitting Republican Congressman.

Rep. Paul has earned a national following through his campaigns and his chairmanship of the Republican Liberty Caucus, but primarily through his legendary voting record. Dr. Paul refuses to vote for programs that are not authorized by the Constitution and therefore is, by far, the most fiscally conservative Congress member in a generation. The National Taxpayer's Union -- an organization that rates Congress members on aggregate spending, rather than key votes -- has given Rep. Paul their best score ever.

But Rep. Paul is facing a tough reelection effort in November against Loy Sneary, who recently won the Democratic primary. Rep. Martin Frost, chairman of the Democratic National Campaign Committee, has repeatedly named Rep. Paul as "priority target number one." As Rush Limbaugh noted on his radio program in June, the Democrats are pulling out all stops to defeat Rep. Paul.

For this reason, the Florida RLC and other libertarian and conservative organizations have invited him to South Florida for two events: a cocktail party fund-raiser in Palm Beach and a noon luncheon in nearby West Palm Beach.

"We invite local Republicans — particularly members of the Republican Executive Committee of Palm Beach County — to join us for these events," said Eric Rittberg, a Paul staffer and former executive director of the RLC. "A principled legislator like Ron is an inspiring reminder to other Republicans that our principles can

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win elections.”

Both events are planned for Saturday, July 11.

The early evening cocktail party fund-raiser will be held at a private beachfront home on the island of Palm Beach. This event is sponsored by several organizations, including the RLC, American Liberties Coalition, the Libertarian Party of Palm Beach County and the *Voices of the Florida Taxpayer* newsletter, edited by RLC members George and Philip Blumel.

The cocktail party, by design, will be an intimate event, allowing attendees to meet and speak with the Congressman. To attend, the organizers request a minimum contribution of \$250 per person or \$350 per couple for the Committee to Reelect Ron Paul.

The luncheon will be held at Rockwell's Restaurant on the 20th floor of the Northbridge Center building in downtown West Palm Beach. This event is being sponsored by *Voices* and the LPPBC. Tickets are sold in advance only for \$34 and include lunch — and the panoramic ocean view.

Between the two events, the Florida RLC will be having a state caucus meeting at a nearby location to be announced. RLC members from around the state are making plans to attend.

For information on any of these events, call Philip Blumel at (561) 616-0709.

## RLC Internet Recruiting Exceeds Expectations

With over 100 queries and 7-10 new members each month, the RLC website is turning out to be a cost-effective addition to the RLC's marketing efforts.

Monitoring and expanding the RLC's use of the internet is the goal of the newly minted RLC internet committee. Steve Foerster of North Carolina is the chair and Jim Andrews of Arizona is its newest member.

As Foerster reports in May:

Due in part to a generous contribution from RLCer Ray Lehmann, the RLC became a "partner organization" with Free-Market.Net, the Internet's most heavily visited libertarian web site. The partnership brings to the RLC an official association with other FMN partners, including the Cato Institute, The Foundation for Economic Education and the International Society for Individual Liberty; on call-professional Internet consulting; and a national e-mail list.

The RLC web page is at [www.rlc.org](http://www.rlc.org). The internet committee is still open to RLCers who may have an interest in participating. Contact Foerster at [invisible\\_hand@geocities.com](mailto:invisible_hand@geocities.com).

## Spring Mailing Launches RLC PAC for 1998

by Mike Holmes

The RLC's political action committee, the Republican Liberty Federal Campaign Fund (RLFCF) launched its 1998 election cycle fundraising effort with a spring mailing to RLC members and supporters.

The mailing featured a number of GOP candidates at various levels of office whom we hope to support financially in primaries and general elections.

This mailing was put out with the assistance of RLC volunteers Lonnie Brantley, Forrest Aston, Eric and Barbara Rittberg in Texas and was mailed in mid May.

Candidates who have received RLFCF help already in this election cycle include Rep. Ron Paul, Penn Pfiffner of Colorado, California congressional primary contenders Jim Grey and Bill Westmiller, Maryland delegate candidate Mike Griffin and California Assembly candidate Bill Eggers. Other candidates are expected to be added to this list later this year.

"Our ability to influence the direction of the GOP is directly related to helping good candidates financially," observed RLC chair Clifford Thies. "So I urge those who have not already done so to send in their contribution."

The RLFCF can contribute to all federal office candidates and to many state and local candidates where state law permits PAC donations. Increasingly, so-called "campaign finance reform" laws make it difficult or impossible for PAC money to be used in some state level races where such laws apply.

Candidates who want to be considered for RLFCF assistance should contact the PAC directly, with information about their race, their prospects and any applicable state or local campaign finance laws which may apply. "We don't usually help out a campaign unless asked since serious candidates know this is part of the process

and our resources are limited at best," Thies said. "However, sometimes we just don't hear of a promising candidate until after the fact, since libertarian oriented GOP candidates are not always aware we exist."

Individuals can donate up to \$5,000 per year to the RLFCF. Federal Election Commission regulations require that donors be asked to supply their occupation and employer information.

Donations and inquiries should be sent to: RLFCF, 10878 Westheimer #395, Houston, TX 77042.

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20th century politics. He opened up the party to people of all economic backgrounds, to women and ethnic minorities, to Catholics and evangelical Protestants — all of whom had a stake in smaller government, free enterprise and individual liberty.

Goldwater's most quoted remark is the line in his 1964 convention speech:

"Extremism in defense of liberty is no vice ... moderation in pursuit of justice is no virtue." The words were delivered by Sen. Goldwater, but they were written by libertarian speechwriter Karl Hess. Hess was just one of many libertarians who got their start with Goldwater. In his 1997 book, *Bringing the Market Back In: The Political Revitalization of Market Liberalism*, historian John L. Kelley identifies "Objectivists and conservative libertarians, many of them former Goldwater Republicans" as the two groups who "made up a clear majority of those who formed the Libertarian Party in 1971. Both supported a limited, constitutional republic, were unsympathetic to hedonism, defended American Cold-War foreign policy as justly resisting hostile threats, and viewed American history as generally honorable prior to the moral bankruptcy produced by the intellectual classes during the Progressive era and the New Deal."

Goldwater proved to be a visionary when he opposed programs like Medicare and the Great Society. He correctly predicted that Medicare would turn out to be a form of socialized medicine, eventually ration health care, and raise prices for all of us in the medical marketplace. He knew in the mid-'60s that Medicare, like the older Social Security, would one day go bankrupt. He knew that an expanded welfare system would destroy inner city families and create a cycle of dependency on government that would undermine the ambitions and the self-esteem of millions of citizens.

Goldwater's supporters and their successors have, over the past 30 years, created the think tanks and the journals and the advocacy groups that have provided the freshest, soundest ideas to drive public policy, ranging from deregulation of business to market-based environmental protections to educational vouchers for poor students to ending the Selective Service System to pulling down barriers to international trade.

My earliest political memory dates back to when I was five years old. Standing with my grandparents and my mother on a dark, rainy Milwaukee street, I held up a hand-scrawled sign welcoming candidate Goldwater to a campaign rally. Little did I realize the history that was being made.

Goldwater, you see, paved the way for the Reagan Revolution.

Reagan's entry into national politics was a televised speech he delivered on behalf of Goldwater days before the 1964 election. Two years later, Reagan himself was elected California governor and began his own road to the White House and eight years of prosperity and strength leading to the collapse of Soviet Communism.

In his later years, some conservative Republicans claimed that Goldwater had abandoned his principles. They were wrong, because Goldwater was consistent throughout his life in his belief that government should be limited in its scope, that it should not intrude on the private lives of citizens, and that liberty was not only a worthy end in itself, but the most effective means to achieve peace, prosperity, and justice.

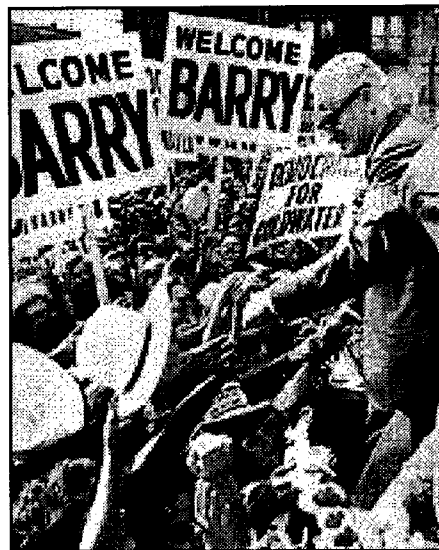
So it was not inconsistent, in the 1980s and '90s, when Goldwater

was criticized for comments on legal abortion and also for respecting the rights of homosexuals. Goldwater told his conservative critics that it was they, not he, who departed from the core principles that guided his presidential campaign and his entire career.

To be sure, the Republican party since Goldwater has had its episodes of backsliding. Its presidential candidates since 1988 have had no perceptible philosophical foundation.

Yet the legacy of Goldwater continues to be visible in younger members of Congress, especially those in the freshman class of 1994, and in party activists across the country, particularly those who belong to the Republican Liberty Caucus. Thus in the next few presidential elections, candidates who actually stand for something -- Steve Forbes? John Ashcroft? -- will have a better chance of being nominated.

Despite the ongoing dispute within the Republican party over the role the government should play in regulating the private lives of individuals, the GOP is more vigorous today as a result of Barry Goldwater's leadership. Life is better for all of us because Barry Goldwater led the way.



**"I have little interest in streamlining government or in making it more efficient, for I mean to reduce its size. I do not undertake to promote welfare, for I propose to extend freedom. My aim is not to pass laws, but to repeal them. It is not to inaugurate new programs, but to cancel old ones that do violence to the Constitution, or that have failed in their purpose, or that impose on the people an unwarranted financial burden. I will not attempt to discover whether legislation is 'needed' before I have first determined whether it is constitutionally permissible. And if I should later be attacked for neglecting my constituents' 'interests,' I shall reply that I was informed their main interest is liberty and that in that cause I am doing the very best I can."**

Barry Goldwater  
*in Conscience of a Conservative*

# RLCer Campaigning for Onetime Electoral Opponent Sen. Coverdell

Though he has been a member of the RLC for several years, 1992 Libertarian Party U.S. Senate candidate James T. (Jim) Hudson has recently emerged as a key player to activate the Georgia RLC and assist incumbent Sen. Paul Coverdell (R-GA) in his re-election bid.

Jim Hudson's 1992 LP Georgia senate race was noteworthy for a number of reasons, not the least of which is that it's not likely to ever be repeated.

That's because Hudson has now signed on to be a surrogate campaign speaker for Coverdell's re-election effort, after developing a close relationship with the Senator during the 1992 campaign.

Another reason is that after the 1992 election, which saw Hudson's 3 percent vote deny both major party candidates the outright majority they needed for election, the Georgia legislature changed the state law which now only requires a plurality to win, rather than outright majority.

Hudson has a long history of libertarian activism including a stint as the state chairman of the LP in Georgia. Hudson's high profile effort for the LP in 1992 surprised both major party contenders and definitely shifted the terms of the debate.

As Hudson now reports, "Sen. Coverdell and I were natural allies in that particular race, and it turned out that we saw eye-to-eye on a lot of issues. The Senator credits me with having given him a fighting chance in that race, and, if you may recall, he was happy to have me campaign on his behalf during the runoff campaign in 1992. He won that runoff when my 3 percent of the vote in the general election swung entirely into his column on runoff election day. We have been friends ever since." Sen. Coverdell received a small RLC PAC contribution during his initial 1992 race, though he has not been

in active contact with the RLC since.

During a late April meeting with Sen. Coverdell in his Georgia office, Hudson discussed with him the idea of trying to develop a more active libertarian wing of the GOP in the state. He also briefed the Senator on the activities of the RLC and subsequently sent him copies of *Republican Liberty* and other RLC information. Coverdell enlisted Hudson to join his re-election campaign as part of his surrogate speaker program, which will have Hudson filling in for Coverdell at campaign events which Coverdell cannot personally attend.

Hudson has followed up his contacts with the Senator as well as with the RLC leadership in Georgia. Hudson has worked extensively with various policy think tank authors on various subjects such as Social Security reform, health care, gun laws and more. He is also currently a director and executive committee member of the Georgia Sport Shooting Association, the NRA affiliate in that state.

Hudson has already drafted some policy papers for the RLC of Georgia and is interested in setting up an RLC Speaker's Bureau and generally raising the RLC profile in Georgia



*Jim Hudson, as an LP candidate in 1992, forced a runoff and ultimately the race for Sen. Paul Coverdell (R-GA) with his endorsement.*

politics.

"We are delighted by Jim Hudson's re-emergence onto the political scene as an RLC activist," observed RLC chairman Clifford Thies. "Many of us were at one time or another involved in the Libertarian Party and we always welcome those who have decided to make the GOP their new political home. Jim's impressive past performance and recent activities on behalf of Sen. Coverdell confirm my already high opinion of him."

Hudson can be reached at 2788 Galahad Drive, Atlanta, GA 30345, (404) 248-0588.

## ***Who is Bill Gates?***

*This heartening item appeared in the "Inside Politics" column of the Washington Times on June 2, 1998:*

This column hears that Amazon.com, the Internet bookseller, has been fielding calls from the offices of various state attorneys general who have joined the Justice Department in accusing Microsoft of antitrust violations.

Their question: Why did we receive a copy of Ayn Rand's *Atlas Shrugged*?

Among those receiving the novel — which reflects the author's view that modern government stifles creators — were California Attorney General Dan Lungren, New York Attorney General Dennis Vacco and Joel Klein, who is spearheading the Microsoft case at Justice.

The attorneys general were said to be puzzled or miffed or both.

As it turns out, Amazon.com traced the order to an anonymous Microsoft employee, who, as our source put it, "probably took it upon himself to broaden their horizons."

## **RLC Training Candidates**

The Nevada RLC is running a series of campaign training seminars in Las Vegas with titles like "How to Communicate Your Message — Door-to-Door, Direct Mail and the Press." For info, call Charles Muth at (702) 454-0350.

## **Ron Paul in 2000?**

April's Virginia Young Republican Convention straw poll showed "everyone has a shot...in 2000," according to State YR Chair Marjorie Blakely. The leaders: Steve Forbes with 22 percent, Pat Buchanan 11 percent, Elizabeth Dole 11 percent and Rep. Ron Paul 11 percent.

## Media Notes

### Thies Earns Chuckles, Scores Points with 'Toilet Humor'

National RLC Chairman Clifford Thies made a good point and earned a few chuckles with his comments in the October issue of the *Small Property Owner*, a newsletter targeting family-owned and managed real estate properties. His article got picked up and republished in several newspapers and other publications.

In the short article, Thies, a professor of economics and finance at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Va., ridicules an element of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1994. In theory, the act banned 3.5-gallon toilet bowl reservoirs from all new construction in the United States, requiring the use of a more water-efficient 1.6-gallon reservoir. In reality, many people aren't happy with how the 1.6-gallon models work and have replaced them with the illegal 3.5-gallon version, creating a black market for the larger reservoirs.

As his local newspaper noted:

"Suggestions that the Conservation Act be enforced - in other words, have the government dictate the workings of water closets - ticks Thies off. 'Is nothing sacred?' he asks. 'Where in the Constitution does the federal government get the power to regulate toilet bowl reservoirs? They didn't even have indoor plumbing in 1787. Do you think they passed an amendment when we weren't looking?'"

"Thies notes that 'the feds don't need to pass a constitutional amendment to ban a product; the government can simply state that the product affects interstate commerce. That was how marijuana and gold bullion were each outlawed in 1934 (although buying bullion was made legal again in 1977), and how anti-smoking activists would like to ban tobacco.'"

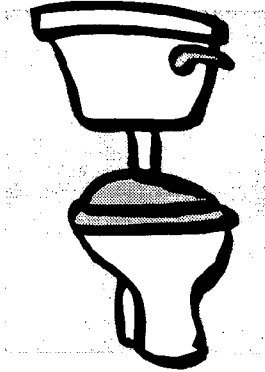
"From an economic standpoint, Thies admits he'd probably be better off with a 1.6-gallon model in his bathroom. 'But now that my toilet bowl reservoir has become a symbol of freedom, I want a really big one,' he said. 'It's almost like owning a 1967 Chevy Impala.'"

### Government Not the Answer

This bit of wisdom from from *Arizona Business Gazette* editor Steven Greenhut on May 17 competently sums up the libertarian Republican position:

"Religious conservatives are right when they...explain that America's loss of its moral compass is having a dreadful impact on society. The problem I have is not with their evaluations of many of our current problems, but with the laws they propose to solve them. They want to use the power of government to promote the virtuous society they so desperately desire..."

"The problem with the religious right...is the same problem that afflicts the political left. They want to use government coercion to build a just society. Liberals want an egalitarian one, whereas religious conservatives want a traditionally moral one. Either



approach betrays a dangerous arrogance.

"By contrast, the libertarian view...is based on a far humbler approach. The libertarian understands the limits to man's ability, morality and knowledge, so he crafts a government that limits coercion, that places checks and balances on government power and separates the realm of church from the realm of state. The idea isn't to create an amoral society, but to assure that moral disagreements are hammered out in the proper place."

### It Is What It Is

While transferring federal government functions and authority to the states and municipalities is a great step forward for limited government advocates, it is only a step. Roger Pilon, director of the Cato Institute's Center for Constitutional Studies, reminds us in the April 11 *National Journal* that local government control is still, well, *government control*:

"Republicans, in principle, certainly libertarian Republicans, don't stand any more for local tyranny than we do for federal tyranny," said Roger Pilon, 'We're against tyranny, wherever it comes from.' ...Pilon deplores what he called congressional Republicans' 'rank hypocrisy' in areas like the gun-free schools law. GOP leaders 'are responding to the maelstrom of political pressures, without any constitutional compass to guide them through the thicket,' Pilon complained."

### School Reformer a Libertarian Republican 'Hero'

Hyperbole? You decide. The *Weekly Standard* on April 27 suggested as much in their article on Arizona schools chief Lisa Graham Keegan.

"At the moment, one of the right-wing poster kids is Lisa Graham Keegan, the Arizona schools chief who has created the most effective charter-school program in the country. Keegan's praises have been sung by the *Wall Street Journal* editorial page, *Reason* magazine, *National Review*, and other right-thinking organs..."

"When asked what book most influenced her political outlook, Keegan immediately names Hayek's *Road to Serfdom*. She is on the libertarian side of the Republican party... and a big fan of Steve Forbes.

"...She is now waging a frontal assault on the notion of local control of education. Republicans love to talk about local control; it has that comforting populist ring that gets GOP heads bobbing. But it's also a powerful barrier to education reform. Earlier this month, Keegan was testifying before Congress on school reform when, as she recalls, 'some of the members alluded to the argument that the federal government should not try to denigrate local control. I just wanted to come out of my chair. Local control is a monopoly. You should not denigrate *parent* control...but you absolutely should get in the face of *local* control...Local control means no change. You eliminate charter schools [and] voucher programs. Because all those things happen *in spite* of local governing boards, *not because* of them.'"



## RLC Notes

### Eggers and Leslie Win in California

by Laura Crockett

The good news is that Bill Eggers will be our candidate in the November election for the California Assembly District 53.

There is no real *unexpected* bad news. Going into this race with our other candidates, Bill Westmiller, Dave Churchman and Judge Jim Grey (all congressional), we knew we were against both strong rivals and no-name scenarios. The good news with these three is that they are now poised to run in other races with better name recognition. Both Westmiller and Churchman have proclaimed they will remain active within the party and will seek either the same office at a later date or another office. Westmiller will now have the time to actively participate in the CAL-RLC organization.

The pleasant surprise of the election was the win by Tim Leslie for the GOP lieutenant governor spot in November. Leslie leans libertarian and was supported by many CAL-RLC members.

The U.S. Senate race saw Rep. Frank Riggs crash and burn in his quest to run against U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer. He entered the race too late and his flip flop on the abortion issue didn't win him any friends.

As for our strategies for November's election, the plan is to do everything possible to get Eggers elected to the 53rd Assembly seat. We will also support Tony Strickland, who is Tom McClintock's protege, for the 37th Assembly district.

Having the three in the Assembly, Eggers, McClintock and Strickland, a libertarian Republican dream team if there ever was one, will make a difference in California.

by Matthew MacDonald

Currently, it is a little after one in the morning the day after California's 1998 primary election. For San Diego libertarian Republicans, it has not been a very pleasant evening. The citizenry of San Diego seems to have said one thing to the politically homeless, "Keep moving."

Richard Rider, long-time LP activist, has failed to qualify for the November run-off for the nonpartisan San Diego County treasurer/tax collector. Instead, he finds himself licking his wounds with a respectable 16 percent in a six-way contest.

Two RLC-friendly San Diego State Assemblymen, Republicans who stuck their necks out and supported Rider for treasurer, easily won our party's nomination. Both incumbents, Steve Baldwin and Howard Kaloogian, ran without any Republican opposition. They should have little trouble retaining their seats.

Also, so-called libertarian-Republican Myke Shelby failed to gain the GOP nomination for 78th Assembly District. Organizer of the 'Freedom Ride' at the last National Convention in San Diego, where a number of motorcycle-riding Republicans drove around the convention center, Shelby was noted for his flair in campaigning against moderate Jean Roesch and social conservative Rick Wildman. His commercials called for California government to be "rolled back to the Ten Commandments....well, O.K., to the Constitution." Shelby and Wildman both won 14 percent to Roesch's 22 percent. Roesch will now take on incumbent Democrat Howard Wayne.



### Texas Elections, New PAC and Get-Together

Texas RLC chairman Lonnie Brantley has announced the latest Texas RLC get together, this slated for the Oasis on Lake Travis off FM 620 at Comanche Trail on June 6, 2-5 pm.

Fred Ebner, Republican candidate for State House District 51 (SE Austin) and Mike Ford, leader of the Texas Initiative and Referendum movement, are expected to attend. Ebner's campaign, opposing the most liberal statist member of the Texas House, is expected to be a major project for the Texas RLC this fall.

In addition to Ebner's race, the Texas RLC is backing Michael Franks in his House Dist. 128 race (Wharton area) and Carole Keeton Rylander for State Comptroller.

Also being actively supported is U.S. Rep. Ron Paul.

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RLC member Adonn Sloan was edged out in his U.S.

House District 9 run-off in April. This was Sloan's first political foray for a seat which is expected to remain Democratic.

The Texas RLC is also moving ahead with plans for the Texas Freedom PAC, which is expected to operate as a state and local level political action committee once the paperwork is finalized.

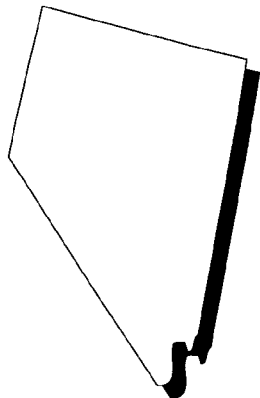
Houstonians Thad Hickman and Bob Mabry are heading up this effort, which will allow libertarian-oriented Republicans to contribute to a PAC which has considerably more generous limits for state races than is available to federally regulated PACs.

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In other news, Texas RLC Secretary Phil Boyd-Robertson was signed up to the Ron Paul district staff as Agricultural Liaison last November.

Also, Lonnie Brantley is asking Dallas area Republicans for help in organizing a late summer RLC event in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. Brantley can be reached at (281) 250-6227.





## Nevada RLC Counters Union Propaganda

As reported in the last issue of *RL*, the Nevada RLC is spearheading an effort in Nevada to bring paycheck protection — a requirement that unions get members' permission before using their mandatory dues for political purposes — to that state.

RLC Chairman Charles Muth released on April 24 an example of a simple form that could be used by workers to give permission to their employer to deduct political contributions from their paychecks.

Muth created the form to counter excuses by opponents of the Nevada Workers Rights Initiative that compliance would involve mountains and mountains of long, complicated and detailed paperwork. Said Muth: "Sorry, fellas, but that dog just won't hunt.

"The authorization form can be short, simple and to the point. It simply needs to assure that every worker is fully informed as to how much money would be deducted from their paycheck for the purpose of funding political activities and grant voluntary permission to deduct that amount."

### Statement by Charles Muth, June 3, 1998:

The narrow defeat of Proposition 226 - the California paycheck protection initiative today - was, at best, a hollow victory for its opponents.

They may have won this particular battle, but the war to protect workers from the disgraceful practice of forced political contributions will go forward, including here in Nevada.

The defeat itself actually makes the case for paycheck protection. Union bosses spent in excess of \$30 million dollars of coerced and compelled union members' dues to defeat an initiative that would protect union members' dues. On the other hand, supporters of 226 - who had to raise their money the old fashioned way: by asking for it - were outspent 10 to 1. It's a miracle that 226 came as close as it did and indicates the underlying power of the issue.

In the end, the union bosses had to rely on lies, threats, deception and intimidation to win this dubious victory. By falsely claiming that 226 would kill cops and harm charities, union bosses were able to create an effective smokescreen and distract attention from the core issue - fairness and individual freedom for workers. While 226 was in fact defeated, the sickening, low-life campaign the union bosses waged didn't change anyone's mind on the issue itself.

Big labor also was successful in cowing many business leaders and elected officials into opposing paycheck protection. These individuals were sold a bill of goods and naively believe that appeasement of a bully is the path to peaceful co-existence. History teaches a very different lesson.

Paycheck protection efforts will continue in Nevada and all across the nation. And when it's debated on its merits, it will win. But where its debated on lies and deception, it will likely lose. That's the sad lesson of California's Proposition 226.

Some victory. Enjoy it while you can.



## VEGAS '98 *Less Is More!*

The Republican Liberty Caucus will hold its 1998 National Convention on December 11-13, at the Sands Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The convention will include business meetings, panels, speakers, Saturday and Sunday luncheons and a continental breakfast on Sunday.

We'll look back at our libertarian-Republicans victories in the 1998 elections, and we'll forward to more such victories in 2000. We'll also look at RLC legislative issues, both at the state and federal level, including what we can achieve in the immediate future and how we can achieve it.

And, because we cannot possibly compete with the entertainment available in Las Vegas, we are leaving evenings free of business and politics. So come prepared to have a good time! Hence this year's theme "less is more."

Start planning, now, to join with your already-made and soon-to-be-made friends in the RLC to enjoy Las Vegas. Visit the casinos, attend the shows, cruise the strip, get married by Elvis at the 24 hour "Viva Las Vegas" wedding chapel -- whatever you like.

Future issues will announce our line-up of speakers and discuss the hottest shows in town.

*As unbelievable as it sounds, the price of registration is only \$69 by June 30th. After that, through September 30th, the price rises to \$79; and after that to \$89. Therefore, make your reservations today -- right now even. Just fill out the registration form, indicate your payment option -- check or plastic -- and mail it to us.*

Our convention hotel is Harrah's, conveniently located near the Sands Convention Center. Call 1-800-HARRAHS and tell them you're with the RLC to qualify for our special room rate of \$89 per night. *See you there!!!*



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