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Liberty-Minded GOPers Score Major Wins for Congress

by Michael McCroskey & Eric Rittberg

Nowhere was there such a radical change in elected leadership Nov. 8 than in Tennessee. The state leadership went from one of statist liberalism to leadership bound and determined to get government out of the way.

The brightest win was undoubtedly Sen. Fred Thompson, who defeated moderate liberal Jim Cooper. The RLC saw at an early stage in the campaign the tremendous potential for Thompson, and backed his efforts with both monetary and significant volunteer help from across the state. Fred Thompson truly defines the term libertarian Republican.

The other Senate race in Tennessee saw the fall of 18-year-incumbent liberal Jim Sasser at the hands of surgeon Bill Frist. Tennesseans embraced Frist's "less taxes and less regulation" message. It should be mentioned that the campaign manager for this stunning upset was none other than Tom Perdue, the same Perdue that engineered Paul Coverdell's libertarian-oriented victory for Georgia's U.S. Senate seat.

Other Senate wins included incumbent Sen. Connie Mack of Florida (70.5 percent), Sen. Rod Gramms of Minnesota (49.2 percent) and Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania (49.4 percent).

In Florida, Mark Foley, who has served on the RLC Advisory Board for four years, was elected to the U.S. House (58.1 percent) to represent Port St. Lucie and the Palm Beaches. While a Florida State Senator, Foley displayed a strong commitment to both economic and civil liberties. He received a 93 rating from the Florida Conservative Union for 1994. In his campaign, Foley emphasized budget cutting, holding the line on taxes, opposing gun control and ending subsidies for illegal immigration. Foley had a competent and youthful staff led by campaign manager Kirk Fordham and Young Republican leader Laura Hanley. The Florida YRs and the RLC mobilized volunteers on Foley's behalf and the RLC-PAC as well as individual libertarian Republicans made contributions.

Arizona provided two wonderful victories. John Shadegg, son of former Goldwater campaign manager Steve Shadegg, easily won

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State Legislatures Make Room for Libertarian Republicans

by Eric Rittberg

The Republican Liberty Caucus backed a number of candidates for state legislative seats around the nation. All of the incumbents prevailed. In addition, libertarian Republicans picked up six new seats and many libertarian-leaning GOPers backed by the RLC also won.

Perhaps the greatest victory came in Massachusetts. Bob Hedlund first won election to the State Senate in 1990, but lost a bitter reelection battle by less than 500 votes in 1992. In 1994, with help from the RLC, Hedlund won back his old seat (Hingham/Weymouth) with 50.4 percent against incumbent Democrat Brian McDonald. His margin of victory was less than 400 votes. Even more astonishing, Hedlund was the only non-incumbent Republican in the Commonwealth to win election to either the House or Senate. The Senate now goes from nine to 10 members out of 40.

At 34, Hedlund is a true maverick. In his first term, he pursued a hardcore libertarian agenda: income tax cuts, repeal of the Dukakis tax on services, privatization and fully informed juries. In the 1994 campaign Hedlund

emphasized staunch opposition to a graduated income tax, implementation of school vouchers, lowering of workers' compensation and a return to a six-month-a-year citizen legislature.

Hedlund won by running a fierce, 'round-the-clock effort, which relied heavily on a small cadre of energetic campaign workers. Precinct walking by the candidate and volunteers laid the groundwork. But hard-hitting direct mail critical of McDonald's reliance on "Beacon Hill" special interest money, support for tax increases and liberal views on crime gave Hedlund the edge.

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U.S. Representative Mark Foley

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Feedback

A Libertarian Landslide?

Feedback runs in every other issue of Republican Liberty. While usually featuring letters to the editor from RL readers, this issue is dedicated to views from prominent RLC members on the meaning of the GOP election sweep of 1994.

I see the elections as a major trend reversal. We are going to see a recovery in U.S. markets. We will see radical proposals coming to the forefront: tax reforms, privatization . . . We'll see a strong movement towards downsizing government.

I'm most impressed by the good strong leadership, especially on the House side . . . the whole Texas contingency - Arney, DeLay and Archer. The GOP seems to be adopting the Liberty Caucus agenda.

Dr. Mark Skousen
RLC Advisor
Economist, Rollins College
Winter Park, Florida

A great victory for the libertarian Republican movement. We are ahead of the curve.

The RLC is the vanguard of the Republican Party and the conservatives are following our lead.

Roger L. MacBride
RLC National Chairman
Author, former legislator,
Miami Beach, Florida

The message was that the Republican Party's best weapon is its libertarian "shrink the government" theme, not the narrower calls of some for mandatory traditionalism.

The "Contract with America" was an intelligent program for reforming and constraining government. No long-winded testimonials to "family values," school prayer, censorship of pornography - not even the tragicomic War on Drugs.

The 1994 GOP sweep shows that it is our message, the libertarian one, that makes Republican victory possible.

Matt Hogan
Texas RLC Secretary
Arlington, Texas

A Republican majority in Congress for the first time in 40 years is certainly a welcome sight. But after the initial euphoria subsides, some sobering concerns need to be addressed.

A Republican majority will not mean something dissimilar from a Democratic majority if the Republicans do not seek to eliminate most laws, mandates, regulations and restrictions that strangle business and burden the American people.

Laurence M. Vance
RLC Member
Pensacola, Florida

What's obvious is that the voter wanted a new direction of change, away from ever bigger and more centralized government, toward smaller and more decentralized government, along with a re-invigorated private sector, family, voluntary community and charity. Not only did the voters shift right, the right itself is shifting.

Clifford F. Thies
RLC President
Economist, Shenandoah University
Winchester, Virginia

I've always felt that political action follows the battle of ideas. What happened on Nov. 8 was another major step in the political ratification of the intellectual victory of the capitalist idea over the communist one which occurred in the 1980s.

The prospects for 1996 will latch it up another notch.

Dr. Martin Anderson,
RLC Advisor, Senior Fellow at Hoover Institution
Stanford, California

We were all confident that the Republicans would gain in the 1994 election - but even the most confident of us didn't dare to believe they would win both houses of Congress.

At the moment, Newt Gingrich seems to be the star of the lot - highly educated, articulate, with a profound knowledge of history and a clear conception of the goals that need to be achieved. The measure of his importance will be the intensity of the attacks upon him. If Libertarians and Republicans keep a distance from "the bookkeeper of the welfare state" Bob Dole and adhere to free market principles, they will succeed greatly in the next two years, perhaps even rendering the Democratic party obsolete.

Dr. John Hospers
1972 Libertarian Party Presidential Candidate
Los Angeles, California

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RLC's PAC Underwrites GOP Victories

by Mike Holmes

There's an old American saying about testing sincerity: "put your money where your mouth is." And while some libertarians make noisy declarations about challenging the system and "throwing the rascals out" only one political action committee in the entire country actually exists to elect libertarians to public office: the Republican Liberty Federal Campaign Fund (RLFCF).

Started in 1992, the RLFCF is the official political action committee (PAC) of the Republican Liberty Caucus and is devoted to assisting the candidacies of Republicans who share the RLC's limited government approach. And during the landslide GOP year in 1994, the RLFCF's performance was particularly impressive.

Starting with about \$1,000 on hand at the beginning of the year and ending the elections with approximately \$400, the PAC raised another \$7,200 by monthly pledges and two mailings to RLC supporters. Of the amount spent during the 1994 elections, \$5,200 - fully two-thirds - was passed on directly to the campaigns of 23 GOP candidates. All of the work was done by RLC volunteers while mailing expenses and overhead were kept to a minimum.

But the results were satisfying: 13 of the 23 candidates backed (56 percent) won their offices; \$3,400 of the \$5,200 sent to candidates (65 percent) went to the winners; and RLFCF-backed candidates in 12 states ran for offices ranging from U.S. Senate to state representative. Four U.S. House candidates received a total of \$500 each (all were successful) and other contributions ranged from \$300 to \$50.

Fortunately, the increasingly sophisticated network of RLC state and local activists provided the PAC with excellent intelligence about potential libertarian Republican candidates to support. In every case, candidates who were supported had evidenced libertarian positions and, in most instances, had RLC members working in their campaigns and actively supporting them. The decisions about who to fund were made largely on these recommendations. The three PAC trustees (Roger Macbride, Bill Hunscher and Clifford Thies) had ultimate responsibility for PAC decisions, but RLC Director Eric Rittberg and PAC Treasurer Mike Holmes played important roles in gathering and evaluating campaign funding requests.

Six of nine federal level candidates (66 percent) funded by the RLFCF won office: Fred Thompson to U.S. Senate in Tennessee, J.D. Hayworth and John Shadegg from Arizona, Jack Metcalf of Washington and Mark Foley of Florida to Congress. Incumbent Congressman Richard Zimmer of New Jersey was also helped, following a similar contribution made for his 1992 election. Arizonan Linda Rawles was edged out in a crowded August primary battle, while Arkansan Bill Powell pulled a surprising 46 percent in his underfunded battle against an incumbent Democrat. Gary

Popkin of Brooklyn, N.Y., was given a small contribution as well, for his unsuccessful but principled effort in battling entrenched Democratic opposition in the liberal heartland.

On the statewide level, two of five candidates (40 percent) aided by the PAC succeeded. Colorado's incumbent Attorney General Gail Norton won reelection, while former Colorado legis-

lator Bill Owens won the open seat for state treasurer. Georgia GOP gubernatorial challenger Guy Milner, Texas Lt. Governor aspirant Tex Lezar, and California Comptroller candidate Tom McClintock were not successful, though McClintock and Milner ran very close races in extremely expensive campaigns.

At the state legislative level, five of nine (56 percent) house and senate RLFCF-backed candidates won, races which accounted

for \$1,100 of the \$5,200 spent. Colorado freshman State House member (and RLC Advisory Board member) Penn Pfiffner was targeted by the state teacher's union and the Democrats for defeat, which prompted \$300 from the PAC and even more from the Colorado RLC affiliate, the Colorado Freedom Republicans. Aided by the Freedom Republican's chair Eric Field of Boulder, who successfully scouted the political terrain, the RLFCF also contributed to Bill Swenson's and Mark Paschell's successful State House campaigns. Hugo Teufel's state senate bid and Drew Clark's house bid were not as successful, but the resulting "Colorado strategy" of concentrating resources in a specific state appears likely to yield fruit as an emergent state "liberty caucus" begins to transform the political landscape.

In Massachusetts, state senate candidate (and RLC Advisor) Bob Hedlund was returned to the seat he held two years earlier in the only net GOP pick-up in either legislative body in the state. The RLFCF's \$150 contribution aided in that victory, where small amounts can count for more than in larger races.

Steve Baldwin also won his San Diego area California State Assembly aided by a small PAC donation. State Senate candidate Bryan Wahl of Washington and Dolores White of California were also given small RLFCF contributions in their hard fought but unsuccessful campaigns.

Overall, the PAC results were better than expected, given the relative scarcity of experienced libertarian-oriented candidates in winnable GOP races. But all candidates who were helped, win or lose, know firsthand that libertarian political muscle is for real, not just armchair theorizing or minor party experimentation. As the GOP landslide rolled over Nov. 8 TV screens, accompanied by the stunned mumbling of political pundits and the newly jobless statist Democrats, RLFCF contributors basked in the glow of a job well done. Christmas came early and, yes, libertarians can learn how to do the victory dance.

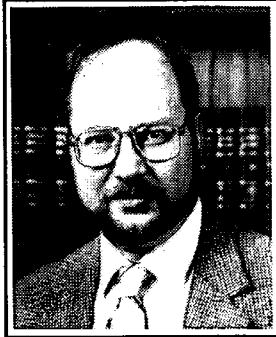
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Index: RLC Agenda Part of 'Emerging Consensus'

by Clifford F. Thies

The fifth annual Republican Liberty Index is in and — surprise! — Republicans have shown again that, relative to Democrats, they tend toward the libertarian position in both economic and social issues. Our agenda is very much a part of the emerging consensus of the political right in this country.

This emerging consensus features a renewed commitment to traditional Republican values, such as reliance on the free market, on family, church and other forms of voluntary association, and on local government, as opposed to reliance on central government. However, as we have pointed out before, this emerging consensus is not as well defined in the area of civil liberties as it is in economics.



Clifford F. Thies

Based on 40 key votes, 20 in each of the two categories, the average Republican score in the Senate was 65 (out of 100) on economic issues (37 for the Democrats) and 63 on personal liberties (34 for the Democrats). In the House of Representatives, the average Republican score was 78 on economics (25 for the Democrats), and 64 on personal liberties (38 for the Democrats).

Key votes in the category of economics covered spending, taxes, the deficit, labor policy and environmental policy. Among these were family leave, approval of NAFTA, funding of the Supercollider and space station, the administration's budget proposal and the Penny-Kasich spending cuts.

Key votes in the category of civil liberties covered abortion, homosexuality, drugs, school choice, gun control, the draft, foreign policy, immigration and government funding and regulation of

speech including the arts, broadcasting and political campaigns. Specific votes included the Brady Bill, lifting of the "gag rule," prohibiting funding of the U.N. population fund, confirmation of Roberta Achtenberg as an assistant secretary of HUD and to authorize the previous deployment of U.S. troops to Somalia.

Our #1 U.S. Senator was Don Nickles of Oklahoma, barely edging out Judd Gregg and Robert Smith, both of New Hampshire, the latter of which had placed #1 each of the prior two years. Dana Rohrabacher of California was joined by Phil Crane of Illinois and Robert Walker of Pennsylvania in a three-way-tie for first among members of the lower house. Congressman Rohrabacher had placed first each of the prior two years.

This year there were no perfect scores, but several members came close in economics: Congressmen Crane, Rohrabacher and Walker, as well as Linder of Georgia, each had one bad vote in the category of economics, against terminating the space station.

As before, scores were more problematic in the category of civil liberties. The highest individual scores were achieved by Congressman Hoke of Ohio and Skeen of New Mexico, who got 80s. Congressman Hoke had four bad votes and one abstention, and Congressman Skeen had three bad votes and three abstentions.

On average, Republicans do score better than Democrats in the category of civil liberties. This is not necessarily the result of Republicans embracing a systematic libertarian approach, but rather the result of a few shifts of position. Republicans continue to defend traditionally Republican civil liberties, such as freedom of religion and the right to keep and bear arms. In addition, Republicans today defend and Democrats today attack certain traditionally Democratic civil liberties, such as equal rights. These are the shifts that have taken place. This doesn't mean that Republican politicians have converted into libertarians, but we can hope and work for continued change.

Legislatures...from 1

Major victories came in Colorado. An RLC standard-bearer, first-term Rep. Penn Pfiffner of Lakewood, won reelection with 54 percent. Pfiffner was elected with only 50.6 percent in '92, and this time had been targeted for defeat by State Democrats and the Teachers' Unions. But libertarian Republicans, particularly the local group, pulled out all the stops on his behalf.

Pfiffner will be joined in the State House by newly elected Reps. Mark Paschall and Jim Congrove. Both are close to Pfiffner ideologically and it is likely that a "Liberty Caucus" will be launched. Also elected were libertarian-leaning Reps. Bill Swenson and Brian Sullivan.

Libertarian Republicans scored another important win in New Mexico. After overcoming a tough GOP primary, Frank Bird of the Northeast Heights section of Albuquerque faced no opposition in the general. Bird has been involved in statewide term limits and tax limitation battles, and in 1992 served as RLC Advisor Sen. Duncan Scott's campaign manager. After his election, Rep. Bird joined his old friend on the RLC Board and now plans to work with him on joint legislative efforts. NM RLC Coordinator Trent James, serv-

ing as an volunteer aide, hopes to formalize the Liberty Caucus.

In California, longtime conservative activist Steve Baldwin won his race for State Assembly (Dist. 77). In 1992, Baldwin, identified more as a social conservative, had barely lost. This time he ran on libertarian themes: strong economic conservatism and tough on violent crime while de-emphasizing victimless crime laws. It won him the critical support of local libertarians. RLCers and even some Libertarian Party members were active in his effort.

The Michigan Legislature's libertarian Republican standard-bearer Rep. Greg Kaza of Troy/Rochester Hills, easily won reelection with 73 percent. Libertarian Republican Clay Aurand won a seat in the Kansas State House representing Courtland.

Not all the news was good. Gov. Engler proved to have short coattails. MI RLCers were upset over the near loss of anti-tax crusader Dominick Vincentini for State Senate. RLCers Mike Warren and Steve Dresch also lost their bids for the legislature.

Other RLC-backed candidates around the nation who lost included Delores White for California Senate, Bryan Wahl for Washington State Senate, Hugo Teufel for Colorado Senate, Hess Entima for New Mexico House and Joel Dalafave for Florida House.

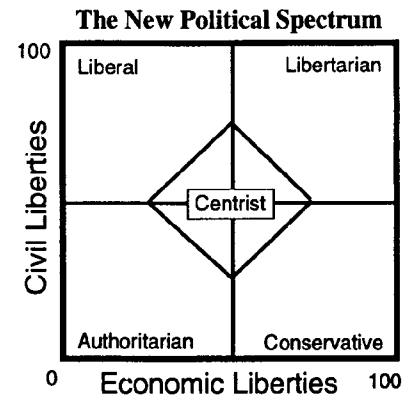
The 1995 Liberty Index of the U.S. Congress

by Clifford Thies

The 1995 Liberty Index rates members of the U.S. Congress based on 40 roll call votes of 1993, divided evenly between economic and civil liberties issues. Once the economic and civil liberties indexes were calculated, the Congress members were classified by plotting their scores on the five-part, two-dimensional New Political Spectrum.

In the index below, the letter "A" stands for authoritarian, "C" for conservative, "M" for centrist (or moderate) and "X" for liberal. The code letters "LL" - or leaning libertarian - indicate that a Congress member, while in the libertarian quadrant, was nevertheless not far from the border shared by that quadrant and the liberal, centrist or conservative areas of the chart. The code letters "L" - or libertarian - indicate that a Congress member was clearly within the libertarian quadrant.

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THE U.S. SENATE

Senator						Senator							
			Economics	Civil	Comb.	Class				Economics	Civil	Comb.	Class
AL	Heflin	D	34	52	43	M	MT	Baucus	D	42	19	31	A
AL	Shelby	D	45	54	50	M	MT	Burns	R	57	71	64	LL
AK	Murkowski	R	64	73	69	LL	NE	Exon	D	42	41	42	M
AK	Stevens	R	45	67	56	M	NE	Kerry	D	42	38	40	M
AZ	DeConcini	D	52	25	39	C	NV	Bryan	D	42	32	37	A
AZ	McCain	R	71	65	68	LL	NV	Reid	D	37	32	34	A
AR	Bumpers	D	45	13	29	A	NH	Smith	R	81	75	78	L
AR	Pryor	D	39	16	28	A	NH	Gregg	R	86	73	79	L
CA	Boxer	D	26	32	29	A	NJ	Bradley	D	50	32	41	M
CA	Feinstein	D	24	28	26	A	NJ	Lautenberg	D	47	44	46	M
CO	Campbell	D	32	44	38	M	NM	Bingaman	D	34	38	36	A
CO	Brown	R	76	63	69	LL	NM	Domenici	R	67	63	65	LL
CT	Dodd	D	37	19	28	A	NY	Moynihan	D	37	38	37	A
CT	Lieberman	D	37	19	28	A	NY	D'Amato	R	71	75	73	L
DE	Biden	D	34	32	33	A	NC	Faircloth	R	71	73	72	L
DE	Roth	R	62	59	60	M	NC	Helms	R	62	75	69	LL
FL	Graham	D	37	25	31	A	ND	Dorgan	D	29	38	33	A
FL	Mack	R	76	71	74	L	ND	Conrad	D	26	25	26	A
GA	Coverdell	R	67	71	69	LL	OH	Glenn	D	32	32	32	A
GA	Nunn	D	71	28	50	C	OH	Metzenbaum	D	32	41	36	A
HI	Inouye	D	34	32	33	A	OK	Boren	D	62	35	48	C
HI	Akaka	D	21	32	26	A	OK	Nickles	R	81	79	80	L
ID	Craig	R	67	75	71	L	OR	Hatfield	R	47	67	57	M
ID	Kempthorne	R	67	71	69	LL	OR	Packwood	R	45	54	50	M
IL	Moseley-Braun	D	37	38	37	A	PA	Wofford	D	34	25	30	A
IL	Simon	D	47	32	39	M	PA	Specter	R	45	41	43	M
IN	Coats	R	71	67	69	LL	RI	Pell	D	37	38	37	A
IN	Lugar	R	69	54	62	M	RI	Chafee	R	67	44	55	M
IA	Harkin	D	42	38	40	M	SC	Hollings	D	37	63	50	X
IA	Grassley	R	71	73	72	L	SC	Thurmond	R	60	63	61	M
KS	Dole	R	67	67	67	LL	SD	Daschle	D	18	25	22	A
KS	Kassebaum	R	67	38	52	C	SD	Pressler	R	67	65	66	LL
KY	Ford	D	32	25	28	A	TN	Matthews	D	42	38	40	M
KY	McConnell	R	57	63	60	M	TN	Sasser	D	32	38	35	A
LA	Breaux	D	26	44	35	A	TX	Hutchison	R	67	54	61	M
LA	Johnston	D	32	44	38	M	TX	Gramm	R	64	65	65	LL
ME	Mitchell	D	42	38	40	M	UT	Bennett	R	71	67	69	LL
ME	Cohen	R	52	63	58	M	UT	Hatch	R	71	63	67	LL
MD	Mikulski	D	21	19	20	A	VT	Leahy	D	42	44	43	M
MD	Sarbanes	D	26	25	26	A	VT	Jeffords	R	57	35	46	M
MA	Kennedy	D	42	41	42	M	VA	Robb	D	45	25	35	A
MA	Kerry	D	47	38	43	M	VA	Warner	R	79	56	68	LL
MI	Levin	D	37	38	37	A	WA	Murray	D	34	38	36	A
MI	Riegle	D	32	22	27	A	WA	Gorton	R	67	67	67	LL
MN	Wellstone	D	34	38	36	A	WV	Byrd	D	16	38	27	A
MN	Durenberger	R	60	32	46	C	WV	Rockefeller	D	24	22	23	A
MS	Cochran	R	52	59	55	M	WI	Kohl	D	47	44	46	M
MS	Lott	R	57	71	64	LL	WI	Feingold	D	37	44	40	M
MO	Bond	R	62	54	58	M	WY	Simpson	R	71	59	65	LL
MO	Danforth	R	62	52	57	M	WY	Wallop	R	64	79	72	L

THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

	Representative		Economics	Civil	Comb.	Class		Representative		Economics	Civil	Comb.	Class
AL	Callahan	R	82	69	76	L	CO	McInnis	R	87	78	83	L
AL	Everett	R	74	78	76	L	CO	Allard	R	96	73	85	L
AL	Browder	D	23	60	42	X	CO	Hefley	R	91	69	80	L
AL	Bevil	D	17	51	34	X	CO	Schaefer	R	85	73	79	L
AL	Cramer	D	17	51	34	X	CT	Kennelly	D	17	35	26	A
AL	Bachus	R	82	67	75	L	CT	Gejdenson	D	12	40	26	A
AL	Hilliard	D	0	46	23	A	CT	DeLauro	D	12	35	24	A
AK	Young	R	56	65	61	M	CT	Shays	R	74	51	63	M
AZ	Coppersmith	D	52	35	44	M	CT	Franks	R	74	65	70	L
AZ	Pastor	D	29	29	29	A	CT	Johnson	R	60	58	59	M
AZ	Stump	R	87	69	78	L	DE	Castle	R	74	51	63	M
AZ	Kyl	R	89	67	78	L	FL	Hutto	D	56	35	46	M
AZ	Kolbe	R	85	60	73	L	FL	Peterson	D	23	35	29	A
AZ	English	D	29	40	35	A	FL	Brown	D	3	23	13	A
AR	Lambert	D	41	46	44	M	FL	Fowler	R	85	51	68	LL
AR	Thorton	D	20	46	33	A	FL	Thurman	D	12	51	32	X
AR	Hutchinson	R	89	60	75	L	FL	Stearns	R	74	65	70	L
AR	Dickey	R	87	58	73	L	FL	Mica	R	74	65	70	L
CA	Hamburg	D	12	35	24	A	FL	McCollum	R	85	67	76	L
CA	Herger	R	89	69	79	L	FL	Bilirakis	R	87	51	69	LL
CA	Fazio	D	17	29	23	A	FL	Young	R	78	62	70	L
CA	Doolittle	R	91	73	82	L	FL	Gibbons	D	43	29	36	A
CA	Matsui	D	17	32	25	A	FL	Canady	R	74	65	70	L
CA	Woolsey	D	17	29	23	A	FL	Miller	R	91	69	80	L
CA	Miller	D	17	32	25	A	FL	Goss	R	87	60	74	L
CA	Pelosi	D	29	37	33	A	FL	Bacchus	D	23	23	23	A
CA	Dellums	D	20	35	28	A	FL	Lewis	R	87	69	78	L
CA	Baker	R	87	69	78	L	FL	Meek	D	6	23	15	A
CA	Pombo	R	78	69	74	L	FL	Ros-Lehtinen	R	41	56	49	M
CA	Lantos	D	17	29	23	A	FL	Johnston	D	29	35	32	A
CA	Stark	D	23	35	29	A	FL	Deutsch	D	17	29	23	A
CA	Eshoo	D	23	35	29	A	FL	Diaz-Balart	R	35	46	41	M
CA	Mineta	D	14	29	22	A	FL	Shaw	R	91	65	78	L
CA	Edwards	D	14	29	22	A	FL	Hastings	D	6	35	21	A
CA	vac./Farr	D	46	35	41	M	GA	Kingston	R	87	71	79	L
CA	Condit	D	65	35	50	C	GA	Bishop	D	6	35	21	A
CA	Lehman	D	43	35	39	M	GA	Collins	R	87	78	83	L
CA	Dooley	D	46	40	43	M	GA	Linder	R	96	73	85	L
CA	Thomas	R	74	54	64	LL	GA	Lewis	D	6	35	21	A
CA	Huffington	R	82	69	76	L	GA	Gingrich	R	89	60	75	L
CA	Gallegly	R	74	60	67	LL	GA	Darden	D	23	23	23	A
CA	Beilenson	D	35	29	32	A	GA	Rowland	D	60	40	50	M
CA	McKeon	R	85	60	73	L	GA	Deal	D	56	54	55	M
CA	Berman	D	29	29	29	A	GA	Johnson	D	46	29	38	M
CA	Moorhead	R	82	69	76	L	GA	McKinney	D	17	29	23	A
CA	Drier	R	87	67	77	L	HI	Abercrombie	D	12	32	22	A
CA	Waxman	D	12	29	21	A	HI	Mink	D	17	35	26	A
CA	Becerra	D	23	29	26	A	ID	LaRocco	D	29	46	38	M
CA	Martinez	D	23	40	32	A	ID	Crapo	R	74	67	71	L
CA	Dixon	D	6	29	18	A	IL	Rush	D	9	32	21	A
CA	Roybal-Allard	D	17	29	23	A	IL	Reynolds	D	12	35	24	A
CA	Torres	D	14	26	20	A	IL	Lipinski	D	23	37	30	A
CA	Waters	D	14	32	23	A	IL	Gutierrez	D	17	37	27	A
CA	Harman	D	20	20	20	A	IL	Rostenkowski	D	32	32	32	A
CA	Tucker	D	9	35	22	A	IL	Hyde	R	78	65	72	L
CA	Horn	R	63	51	57	M	IL	Collins	D	17	29	23	A
CA	Royce	R	91	73	82	L	IL	Crane	R	96	78	87	L
CA	Lewis	R	82	65	74	L	IL	Yates	D	6	35	21	A
CA	Kim	R	87	69	78	L	IL	Porter	R	85	54	70	LL
CA	Brown	D	17	35	26	A	IL	Sangmeister	D	23	23	23	A
CA	Calvert	R	76	60	68	LL	IL	Costello	D	17	40	29	A
CA	McCandless	R	87	56	72	LL	IL	Fawell	R	87	40	64	C
CA	Rohrabacher	R	96	78	87	L	IL	Hastert	R	82	73	78	L
CA	Dorman	R	87	67	77	L	IL	Ewing	R	78	65	72	L
CA	Cox	R	91	71	81	L	IL	Manzullo	R	96	69	83	L
CA	Packard	R	85	65	75	L	IL	Evans	D	12	35	24	A
CA	Schenk	D	23	49	36	A	IL	Michel	R	78	65	72	L
CA	Filner	D	6	35	21	A	IL	Poshard	D	29	51	40	M
CA	Cunningham	R	85	65	75	L	IL	Durbin	D	23	35	29	A
CA	Hunter	R	76	73	75	L	IN	Visclosky	D	23	46	35	A
CO	Schroeder	D	35	40	38	M	IN	Sharp	D	29	32	31	A
CO	Skaggs	D	23	46	35	A	IN	Roemer	D	29	32	31	A

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IN	Long	D	29	40	35	A	MS	Whitten	D	23	43	33	A
IN	Buyer	R	87	69	78	L	MS	vac./Thompson	D	26	26	26	A
IN	Burton	R	82	78	80	L	MS	Montgomery	D	54	40	47	M
IN	Myers	R	60	73	67	LL	MS	Parker	D	52	40	46	M
IN	McCloskey	D	12	29	21	A	MS	Taylor	D	65	56	61	M
IN	Hamilton	D	52	35	44	M	MO	Clay	D	6	35	21	A
IN	Jacobs	D	41	51	46	M	MO	Talent	R	82	60	71	LL
IA	Leach	R	67	35	51	C	MO	Gephardt	D	14	35	25	A
IA	Nussle	R	96	65	81	L	MO	Skelton	D	32	49	41	M
IA	Smith	D	23	40	32	A	MO	Wheat	D	23	40	32	A
IA	Lightfoot	R	65	69	67	LL	MO	Danner	D	17	56	37	X
IA	Grandy	R	78	60	69	LL	MO	Hancock	R	87	71	79	L
KS	Roberts	R	78	65	72	L	MO	Emerson	R	69	69	69	L
KS	Slattery	D	54	40	47	M	MO	Volkmer	D	6	51	29	X
KS	Meyers	R	78	46	62	C	MT	Williams	D	17	58	38	X
KS	Glickman	D	29	35	32	A	NE	Bereuter	R	76	46	61	C
KY	Barlow	D	29	46	38	M	NE	Hoagland	D	41	29	35	A
KY	Natcher	D	17	40	29	A	NE	Barrett	R	82	65	74	L
KY	Mazzoli	D	35	40	38	M	NV	Bilbray	D	35	29	32	A
KY	Bunning	R	89	73	81	L	NV	Vucanovich	R	74	69	72	L
KY	Rogers	R	46	60	53	M	NH	Zeliff	R	87	65	76	L
KY	Baessler	D	41	35	38	M	NH	Swett	D	41	17	29	A
LA	Livingston	R	87	78	83	L	NJ	Andrews	D	23	32	28	A
LA	Jefferson	D	14	29	22	A	NJ	Hughes	D	29	40	35	A
LA	Tauzin	D	67	54	61	M	NJ	Saxton	R	65	60	63	M
LA	Fields	D	12	23	18	A	NJ	Smith	R	58	46	52	M
LA	McCrery	R	87	65	76	L	NJ	Roukema	R	63	49	56	M
LA	Baker	R	85	69	77	L	NJ	Pallone	D	23	29	26	A
LA	Hayes	D	54	54	54	M	NJ	Franks	R	60	60	60	M
ME	Andrews	D	12	40	26	A	NJ	Klein	D	23	40	32	A
ME	Snowe	R	56	56	56	M	NJ	Torricelli	D	6	32	19	A
MD	Gilchrest	R	60	60	60	M	NJ	Payne	D	14	29	22	A
MD	Bentley	R	58	73	66	LL	NJ	Gallo	R	69	56	63	M
MD	Cardin	D	29	35	32	A	NJ	Zimmer	R	74	54	64	LL
MD	Wynn	D	12	35	24	A	NJ	Menendez	D	12	23	18	A
MD	Hoyer	D	12	37	25	A	NM	Schiff	R	65	65	65	LL
MD	Bartlett	R	87	73	80	L	NM	Skeen	R	76	80	78	L
MD	Mfume	D	12	29	21	A	NM	Richardson	D	29	35	32	A
MD	Morella	R	46	46	46	M	NY	Hochbrueckner	D	12	35	24	A
MA	Olver	D	17	35	26	A	NY	Lazio	R	60	51	56	M
MA	Neal	D	23	37	30	A	NY	King	R	74	65	70	L
MA	Blute	R	60	49	55	M	NY	Levy	R	74	69	72	L
MA	Frank	D	23	40	32	A	NY	Ackerman	D	20	40	30	A
MA	Meehan	D	41	35	38	M	NY	Flake	D	20	32	26	A
MA	Torkildsen	R	74	40	57	C	NY	Manton	D	14	35	25	A
MA	Markey	D	23	40	32	A	NY	Nadler	D	9	35	22	A
MA	Kennedy	D	35	29	32	A	NY	Schumer	D	14	32	23	A
MA	Moakley	D	17	46	32	A	NY	Towns	D	9	43	26	A
MA	Studds	D	23	37	30	A	NY	Owens	D	12	37	25	A
MI	Stupak	D	12	56	34	X	NY	Velazquez	D	20	29	25	A
MI	Hoeckstra	R	93	56	75	LL	NY	Molinari	R	82	56	69	LL
MI	Henry / vac.	D	56	56	56	M	NY	Maloney	D	12	35	24	A
MI	Camp	R	87	69	78	L	NY	Rangel	D	14	29	22	A
MI	Barcia	D	29	51	40	M	NY	Serrano	D	17	29	23	A
MI	Upton	R	82	40	61	C	NY	Engel	D	6	26	16	A
MI	Smith	R	96	51	74	L	NY	Lowery	D	17	37	27	A
MI	Carr	D	41	56	49	M	NY	Fish	R	65	49	57	M
MI	Kildee	D	12	35	24	A	NY	Gilman	R	35	40	38	M
MI	Bonior	D	0	46	23	A	NY	McNulty	D	17	29	23	A
MI	Knollenberg	R	98	71	85	L	NY	Soloman	R	76	78	77	L
MI	Levin	D	23	29	26	A	NY	Boehlert	R	29	46	38	M
MI	Ford	D	23	40	32	A	NY	McHugh	R	74	69	72	L
MI	Conyers	D	17	49	33	A	NY	Walsh	R	69	51	60	M
MI	Collins	D	12	35	24	A	NY	Hinchey	D	6	29	18	A
MI	Dingell	D	32	43	38	M	NY	Paxon	R	96	65	81	L
MN	Penny	D	74	35	55	C	NY	Slaughter	D	26	35	31	A
MN	Minge	D	41	35	38	M	NY	LaFalce	D	26	43	35	A
MN	Ramstad	R	91	46	69	C	NY	Quinn	R	65	56	61	M
MN	Vento	D	17	35	26	A	NY	Houghton	R	78	54	66	LL
MN	Sabo	D	17	35	26	A	NC	Clayton	D	12	29	21	A
MN	Grams	R	87	69	78	L	NC	Valentine	D	46	43	45	M
MN	Peterson	D	46	54	50	M	NC	Lancaster	D	52	35	44	M
MN	Oberstar	D	14	51	33	X	NC	Price	D	29	40	35	A

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NC	Neal	D	35	43	39	M
NC	Coble	R	91	78	85	L
NC	Rose	D	20	29	25	A
NC	Hefner	D	38	40	39	M
NC	McMillan	R	85	73	79	L
NC	Ballenger	R	91	69	80	L
NC	Taylor	R	74	65	70	L
NC	Watt	D	17	35	26	A
ND	Pomeroy	D	29	46	38	M
OH	Mann	D	46	35	41	M
OH	Gradison/Portman	R	87	67	77	L
OH	Hall	D	26	46	36	A
OH	Oxley	R	78	60	69	LL
OH	Gilmor	R	74	58	66	LL
OH	Strickland	D	17	56	37	X
OH	Hobson	R	74	69	72	L
OH	Boehner	R	91	60	76	LL
OH	Kaptur	D	23	46	35	A
OH	Hoke	R	82	80	81	L
OH	Stokes	D	14	35	25	A
OH	Kasich	R	93	73	83	L
OH	Brown	D	12	46	29	A
OH	Sawyer	D	26	35	31	A
OH	Pryce	R	82	65	74	L
OH	Regula	R	52	65	59	M
OH	Traficant	D	6	29	18	A
OH	Applegate	D	20	56	38	X
OH	Fingerhut	D	29	37	33	A
OK	Inhofe	R	80	69	75	L
OK	Synar	D	26	43	35	A
OK	Brewster	D	67	46	57	M
OK	McCurdy	D	43	26	35	A
OK	Istook	R	96	73	85	L
OK	English	D	43	51	47	M
OR	Furse	D	6	35	21	A
OR	Smith	R	96	69	83	L
OR	Wyden	D	23	35	29	A
OR	DeFazio	D	17	40	29	A
OR	Kopetski	D	17	43	30	A
PA	Foglietta	D	26	35	31	A
PA	Blackwell	D	17	29	23	A
PA	Borski	D	6	49	28	A
PA	Klink	D	23	60	42	X
PA	Clinger	R	74	58	66	LL
PA	Holden	D	29	51	40	M
PA	Weldon	R	65	65	65	LL
PA	Greenwood	R	74	51	63	M
PA	Shuster	R	74	69	72	L
PA	McDade	R	46	62	54	M
PA	Kanjorski	D	17	65	41	X
PA	Murtha	D	6	54	30	X
PA	Mezvinsky	D	41	35	38	M
PA	Coyne	D	12	35	24	A
PA	McHale	D	17	23	20	A
PA	Walker	R	96	78	87	L
PA	Gekas	R	80	65	73	L
PA	Santorum	R	65	65	65	LL
PA	Goodling	R	82	67	75	L
PA	Murphy	D	41	56	49	M
PA	Ridge	R	78	67	73	L
RI	Machtley	R	56	35	46	M
RI	Reed	D	23	35	29	A
SC	Ravenel	R	65	78	72	L
SC	Spence	R	69	73	71	L
SC	Derrick	D	9	46	28	A
SC	Inglis	R	91	69	80	L
SC	Spratt	D	29	35	32	A
SC	Clyburn	D	12	26	19	A
SD	Johnson	D	32	37	35	A
TN	Quillen	R	60	73	67	LL
TN	Duncan	R	82	69	76	L
TN	Lloyd	D	35	35	35	A
TN	Cooper	D	41	23	32	A
TN	Clement	D	32	35	34	A

	Representative		Economics	Civil	Comb.	Class
TN	Gordon	D	35	29	32	A
TN	Sundquist	R	80	69	75	L
TN	Tanner	D	35	46	41	M
TN	Ford	D	41	35	38	M
TX	Chapman	D	14	40	27	A
TX	Wilson	D	14	46	30	A
TX	S. Johnson	R	91	69	80	L
TX	Hall	D	60	40	50	M
TX	Bryant	D	12	20	16	A
TX	Barton	R	87	71	79	L
TX	Archer	R	93	71	82	L
TX	Fields	R	82	71	77	L
TX	Brooks	D	14	35	25	A
TX	Pickle	D	41	26	34	A
TX	Edwards	D	41	35	38	M
TX	Geren	D	69	46	58	M
TX	Sarpalius	D	23	40	32	A
TX	Laughlin	D	23	40	32	A
TX	de la Garza	D	26	46	36	A
TX	Coleman	D	17	46	32	A
TX	Stenholm	D	56	51	54	M
TX	Washington	D	26	46	36	A
TX	Combest	R	78	65	72	L
TX	Gonzalez	D	0	35	18	A
TX	Smith	R	82	73	78	L
TX	DeLay	R	91	73	82	L
TX	Bonilla	R	82	62	72	L
TX	Frost	D	17	40	29	A
TX	Andrews	D	32	23	28	A
TX	Armey	R	91	65	78	L
TX	Ortiz	D	26	40	33	A
TX	Tejeda	D	17	35	26	A
TX	Green	D	0	37	19	A
TX	E. Johnson	D	6	29	18	A
UT	Hansen	R	82	69	76	L
UT	Shepherd	D	29	32	31	A
UT	Orton	D	58	46	52	M
VT	Sanders	I	12	40	26	A
VA	Bateman	R	74	51	63	M
VA	Pickett	D	52	40	46	M
VA	Scott	D	6	29	18	A
VA	Sisisky	D	52	29	41	M
VA	Payne	D	52	35	44	M
VA	Goodlatte	R	82	65	74	L
VA	Biiley	R	82	69	76	L
VA	Moran	D	17	46	32	A
VA	Boucher	D	17	40	29	A
VA	Wolf	R	74	65	70	L
VA	Byrne	D	6	35	21	A
WA	Cantwell	D	35	40	38	M
WA	Swift	D	23	35	29	A
WA	Unsoeld	D	14	46	30	A
WA	Inslee	D	35	35	35	A
WA	Dicks	D	17	40	29	A
WA	McDermott	D	17	35	26	A
WA	Dunn	R	82	67	75	L
WA	Kreidler	D	23	40	32	A
WV	Mollohan	D	6	60	33	X
WV	Wise	D	12	40	26	A
WV	Rahall	D	6	56	31	X
WI	vac. / Barca	D	43	26	35	A
WI	Klug	R	67	46	57	M
WI	Gunderson	R	78	62	70	L
WI	Klecza	D	17	32	25	A
WI	Barrett	D	35	29	32	A
WI	Petri	R	76	65	71	L
WI	Obey	D	17	46	32	A
WI	Roth	R	78	73	76	L
WI	Sensenbrenner	R	91	73	82	L
WY	Thomas	R	91	62	77	L

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The Body Politic: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

by Linda Rawles

The Good, the Bad . . .

There is hope for America and freedom. Many analysts of politics and trends see a strong libertarian strain in the so-called Thirteenth Generation, or Generation X. That is, younger Americans don't trust government and they are willing to recognize personal as well as economic liberty.

Libertarians are found everywhere, from the Republican Party to informal clubs of like-minded individuals, from local government to the ivory towers of academia. Most significantly, this country (all generations, all parties, all labels) is ripe for an intellectual and philosophical rebirth.

However, there is bad news. Throughout my recent (losing)

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in Dist. 4 (Phoenix) with 59.8 percent. Shadegg is a leader in the Metro-Phoenix anti-tax movement.

Less secure was the election of former sportscaster J.D. Hayworth in the 6th District (Mesa and Flagstaff). Hayworth faced first-term incumbent and liberal environmentalist Karan English. Still, Hayworth - running on free market reforms, property rights and gun rights - bested English 54.4 percent to 41.7 percent. Scott Hildebrand, an RLC member, served as Hayworth's campaign manager. Also contributing to the effort were RLCers Dr. Jeff Singer (as policy advisor), Dr. Ross Levater and Terry Allen. Both candidates had requested and received RLC's official endorsement which they prominently displayed in literature and press kits. The RLC contributed both funds and volunteer support to their campaigns.

In California, libertarian Republican Rep. Chris Cox of Orange County easily won reelection with 71.7 percent. Libertarian-leaning GOPers Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, Richard Pombo and Ed Royce also easily prevailed. Two new faces who show promise are Rep.-elect Frank Riggs of the 1st District and Rep.-elect Sonny Bono of the 44th.

In Washington State, Jack Metcalf running on term limits and tax cuts won the 2nd Dist. seat with 54.1 percent. Like his old friend Ron Paul, he is a strong advocate of monetary and banking reform and the gold standard. RLC State Coordinators Dave and Mary Maas served as key volunteers in his effort.

Other liberty-minded Republicans elected or reelected around the country included: Rep. Dick Zimmer (NJ), Rep. Phil Crane (IL), Rep. Wayne Allard (CO), Rep. Dan Miller (FL), Rep. Bill Zeff (NH) and Rep. Martin Hoke (OH). Losses included: Gary Popkin (NY), Don Devine (MD), Bill Powell (AR), Ben Brink (CA) and Robert Wick (CA).

Congressional campaign in Arizona's First Congressional District, I learned—or relearned—the following: Most Americans continue to want something for nothing, entitlements and feel-good rhetoric from their leaders and from candidates. Most voters continue to choose their officeholders based on narrow labels (party, gender, religious affiliation, issue tags) that ignore fundamental philosophy and real solutions. Politicians understand this and say what the voters want to hear, pandering to the worst of them (greed and narrow interests) and denigrating their best (love of freedom).

My fear is that these forces will overcome the hope-giving trends, that as we prepare to rescue our country with a new wave of personal and economic freedom, the cynicism, pandering and narrow interests will shackle it beyond rescue. We will remain in the cage after the door is open, if it opens at all.

Much has been said about the salvation of freedom and much, too, about the forces that prevent its resurgence in America today. However, no one explains how the one overcomes the other, how the intellectual and ideological renaissance can catch up with all that is evil. Please allow me the conceit of offering a solution.

And the Ugly Solutions

Libertarians of all ilks and labels must leave the ivory tower and plead with the masses. Historically, small percentages of the populace change civilization's course, and most persons look on with awe or indifference. But it is also true that the winning segment (of belief or reason) must eventually persuade a large number that they are right.

If America is ever to be free and prosperous again, lovers of liberty must cause the majority of Americans to understand and believe (at some level) the following:

1. *Democracy does not guarantee individual freedom, either personal or economic. Majority rule can easily become tyranny.*

2. *Firm rights (both personal and economic) of the individual, firmly recognized by society, are the main check on democracy's tendency towards tyranny.*

3. *The other check on the tyrannical majority is indirect representation. We are (or were) a republic, not a democracy. This means that the reason of elected officials must constrain the cravings of their constituents.*

4. *Religion and freedom are compatible. Of course, you say. But Americans are not acting as if it were so. On the right, certain believers advocate forced morality; on the left, some use the pulpit to promote governmental (i.e., coercive) solutions to homelessness, poverty and so on. The first threatens personal freedom; the second, economic. Americans hunger for spiritual meaning. They must understand that the essence of spirituality is free will.*

I am not trying to convince you of the truth of these precepts. If I must, we are more lost than I had feared. I am, rather, trying to convince you of the need to convince "them," the bulk of the body politic, of the truth of these precepts, at least at some rudimentary level. It will not be an easy task. Indeed, sometimes it can be a rather ugly one. It will take persuading, challenging and some comforting. I am not certain that it is possible, only that it is necessary.

Election News

Statewide Results

For libertarian Republicans, the news was mixed in statewide races. The GOP's libertarian wing suffered two major defeats with Jeb Bush and running mate Tom Feeney losing to **Florida** Gov. Lawton Chiles with 49 percent, and Guy Millner losing to Gov. Zell Miller in **Georgia**, also with 49 percent. Libertarian Republicans were active in both efforts, contributing both time and money.

As expected, **Massachusetts'** libertarian-leaning Gov. William Weld trounced Mark Roosevelt (grandson of Ted) with 71 percent. Also successful were governors Steve Merrill of **New Hampshire**, Gary E. Johnson of **New Mexico** and Don Sundquist of **Tennessee**. Each emphasized strong economic conservatism and were supported by libertarian Republicans.

The RLC suffered a major loss in **California**. Longtime libertarian Republican Tom McClintock lost his bid for state controller 47 percent to 51 percent. A deficit in fund-raising gave the Democrat the edge. Libertarian-leaning moderate Matt Fong won his race for state treasurer.

However, there were two big victories in **Colorado**. Gale Norton won reelection to state attorney general with 60 percent and Bill Owens prevailed in his bid for state treasurer with 54 percent. The RLC backed both candidates with funds and volunteer efforts.

RLC-backed Lisa Graham was victorious in her groundbreaking effort for **Arizona** Superintendent of Schools. Graham ran on a platform of strong support for school choice.

Finally, Elizabeth McCaughy, formerly with the libertarian Manhattan Institute was elected lieutenant governor in **New York** on the Pataki ticket.

Local Races

Libertarian Republicans ran for a variety of offices on the county and municipal levels. Perhaps the most visible was Jazz Club owner Randall Young, who ran unsuccessfully for mayor of Santa Ana, **California**. In a nine-way race he received 12 percent.

Joe Morris, formerly of the Heartland Institute, lost his bid for Cook County Board president in **Illinois**. He ran on hardcore free market themes emphasizing privatization and deregulation.

In **North Carolina**, longtime RLCer Rich Hammer finished 4th in a four-way race with 9,867 votes for county commission in heavily Democratic Chapel Hill.

In Tallahassee, **Florida**, RLC National Director Eric Rittberg was elected to the Ochlockonee Conservation District Board of Supervisors. Rittberg won with 28,107 votes countywide (55.1 percent), defeating well-known community activist Belynda Shadoan. The five-member board has jurisdiction over soil, water and agricultural matters in the flood-ridden region.

Also elected in Florida was Barry McFarland to the Sarasota County Charter Review Board. McFarland, a member of the Libertarian Party, ran as a Republican.

In **Texas**, RLC member Paul Perry was elected Ellis County Justice of the Peace.

The New Hampshire Anomaly

On Nov. 8, at least six candidates were elected to the 400-member New Hampshire legislature with both Republican Party and Libertarian Party nominations: Sen. Jim Rubens of Hanover, Rep. David Welch of Kingston, Rep. Don Gorman of Deerfield, Rep. Sharlene Page-Hurst of Hampton and newly elected Rep. Jim McClarin of Nashua and Rep. Jeff McGilvery of New Ipswich. All were elected in multi-candidate at-large races.

Welch, who often attends state Libertarian Party functions, will be elevated to deputy Republican majority leader. McGilvery, a former LP member and Page-Hurst will also serve as Republicans. Rubens, Gorman and McClarin are currently dues-paying Libertarian Party members. Rubens, a maverick who at one point wanted to start his own third party, will serve as a member of the Republican Caucus. Gorman and McClarin, who will not be accorded separate caucus status, have indicated that they will serve as independents.

The Mitt Romney Flap

During the October debates with rival Ted Kennedy, U.S. Senate candidate Mitt Romney stated that he was in favor of abortion rights and tolerance of homosexuals. This caused some conservatives outside of Massachusetts to go ballistic. The Conservative Victory Committee headed by Brent Bozell faxed a press release nationwide critical of Romney's stances. Bozell announced that CVC was pulling their support, financial and volunteer, from the Romney effort and urged other conservatives to do the same.

Responsible conservatives such as the American Conservative Union distanced themselves from Bozell, and reiterated their support for Romney. The Republican Liberty Caucus National Committee weighed in with a press release also affirming support.

Insight magazine highlighted RLC's response in "Arguing Over the Corpse of the Romney Campaign." (Nov. 28). Wrote reporter Michael Rust: "The RLC, which supports libertarian Republicans, criticized what they described as 'pseudo-conservatives who are obsessed with the divisive social agenda' and who help to elect 'leftist Democrats' such as five-term incumbent Ted Kennedy."

Notable Quote

"Faced as we are with an apparently libertarian inclination among the voters, and a strongly authoritarian strain among the Republicans, the dialectical thing to do is to work with the libertarian tendencies."

"These days, I get more out of reading the libertarian magazine Reason than I do out of many 'movement' journals. There are important differences in emphasis, but it can be more of a pleasure to joust with the libertarians than to have another go-around with the center-left and doomed coalition of dwindling 'out groups.'"

- Christopher Hitchens, editor of The Nation, quoted in the Wall Street Journal, Dec. 7, 1994.

Notable News

Media Notes

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, a major piece on the libertarian Republican movement appeared in *The Washington Post*. Columnist E.J. Dionne authored a balanced and in-depth column, "Libertarian Lure."

It begins: "The role of the religious right in the Republican Party has commanded so much attention that it is now obscuring an even more momentous development within the GOP: the rise of libertarians as a key party constituency and the centrality of libertarian ideas to many of the party's new leaders."

It goes on to describe how the GOP is moving beyond conservatism towards a harder edge libertarian message, partly due to the influences of the Cato Institute and individuals like economist Murray Rothbard. Rep. Dick Armey, described as a "neo-libertarian" follower of Ludwig von Mises, Gov. Bill Weld and Sen. Phil Gramm are offered as the leading libertarian Republicans.

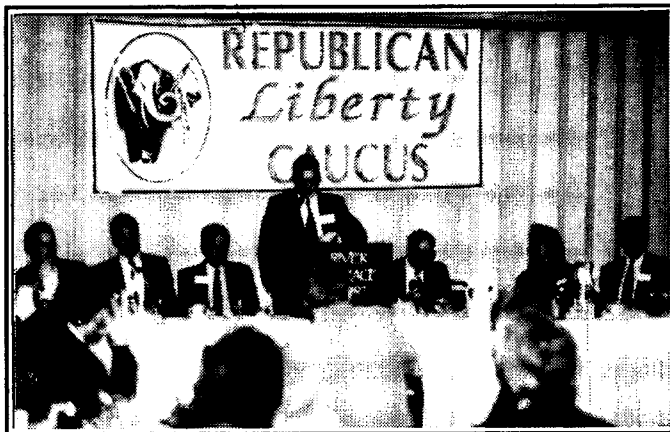
Dionne then comments that "The emergence of the libertarian Republicans is the story of one of those quiet intellectual revolutions that can have enormous political impact . . . The libertarian Republicans may thus pose a far greater political and intellectual challenge to Democrats than either traditional conservatives or the religious right."

Former Congressman and libertarian Republican pathbreaker Ron Paul was featured in *The Houston Chronicle* on Nov. 28. Paul was described as "ahead of his time." The interviewer posed the question, "Years ago . . . people branded you as a kook or someone on the fringe. But as we've seen with the recent elections, doesn't it seem like a lot of the ideas you were promoting have become popular?" Paul responded, "I think that is very true . . . people now are anxious to see sensible budgeting in Washington and are advocating less spending."

Finally, in Chester County, Pa., the *Daily Local News* ran an editorial on Nov. 28, "GOP faction offers a choice." They commented, "The faction most heard from in the previous election is variously called the religious right or the conservative wing . . . But there is another faction within the party, sometimes called libertarian, that holds the government should do little more than provide for the national defense. Libertarians tend to be against such government interference in private life as prayer in school."

Gingrich Tolerant of Homosexuality

On Nov. 28, the Associated Press quoted incoming House Speaker Newt Gingrich as saying the GOP's position on homosexuals "should be toleration." Gingrich also remarked, "consenting adults can have private relations without in any way the political system being involved." Gingrich according to AP has a younger sister who is homosexual and said he had no problems having gay co-workers and friends.



The 1994 Republican Liberty Caucus Conference was held Nov. 11-13 in Gallinburg, Tenn. At the Saturday night banquet are (L-R) Rep. Greg Kaza, Sen. Bob Hedlund, Former Congressman Ron Paul, Alan Turin, Roger MacBride and Brenda and Michael McCroskey. A full convention report and photo spread will appear in the next Republican Liberty.

Rocker Backs Republican

Detroit Rocker Ted Nugent formally endorsed Michigan U.S. Senate Candidate Spence Abraham in the final days of the campaign. Nugent, known for such monster hits as *Cat Scratch Fever* and *Stranglehold*, also has a keen interest in bow hunting and is a staunch supporter of gun rights. Nugent flirted with the third party candidacy of Libertarian Jon Coon, but ultimately went with Abraham, saying that he didn't want to see the Libertarian taking votes from a pro-gun rights Republican and helping to elect a Democrat. The endorsement was given prominence on the Mark Scott Show on WXYT-AM. The NRA even ran ads featuring Nugent.

In Memoriam

The RLC expresses its sadness and condolences on the death of Texas RLC Chairman Harry Robinson who passed away Nov. 30, 1994. He was a seminal figure in the modern libertarian movement. From his youth as a Barry Goldwater supporter and adherent of Ayn Rand, Robinson grew to be a founder of the Texas Libertarian Party and later a key activist in the Texas GOP. He provided early inspiration for the formation of the Republican Liberty Caucus.

Robinson was, at various times, a combat Marine, radio talk-show host, local newspaper columnist, presidential elector, Arlington City Council candidate and automotive exporter. But his large circle of friends affectionately knew Harry as a cigar aficionado, gun collector and loving parent.

"It is an understatement to say that he will be sorely missed," said TXRLC Secretary Matt Hogan. "By his premature passing, we have lost a true champion for the cause of freedom."

The RLC also sadly notes the passing of former Massachusetts RLC Coordinator Matthew Whitting of Chelmsford. A recent graduate of the University of Mass.-Amherst, Whitting was a dedicated libertarian. He was first active in the Ron Paul campaign in 1988, then later in the local and state Republican Party.

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