

Bilbray: Real Cuts Essential

by Philip Blumel

One of the newest members of Congress is also one of the newest members of the Republican Liberty Caucus.

Rep. Brian Bilbray was elected in 1994 as part of a Republican freshman class that used libertarian

rhetoric to win the hearts and votes of its constituents.

A year later, after a battle to cut the rate of growth of government, Bilbray is anxious to take the Republican revolution further - to cut in absolute terms the size of the federal government.

Bilbray represents California's 49th District, a coastal strip that includes San Diego's downtown, most of its military bases and its primary commercial areas. Before his election to the U.S. House, he served as councilor and mayor of Imperial Beach before moving on to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors in 1985.

In his first year in Congress, he has voted to repeal the 1973 War Powers Act; cut foreign aid; cut off aid to the UN Population Fund, a family planning agency; reduce spending on the B-2 bomber; and reduce the rate of growth of Medicare.

He is currently serving on the House Commerce Committee. Bilbray spoke to *Republican Liberty* in early November.

RL: How do you describe your political philosophy?

Rep. Bilbray: I would call myself a progressive conservative. What I mean by that is you can begin moving beyond liberal command and control strategies toward individual initiative.

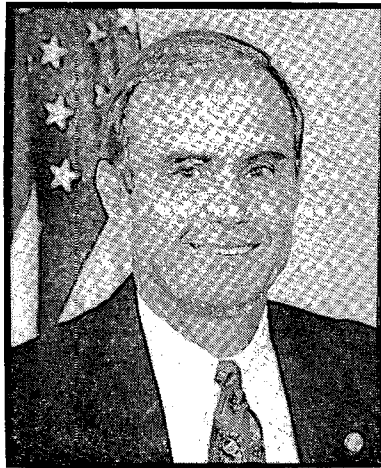
What was the most important issue you've tackled in your first year?

Balanced budget. Definitely. It's taxation without representation. We are passing taxes on to the next generation of people without representation. I think we fought a revolution over this once.

The RLC applauds the efforts of the House Republicans in working to slow the growth of government. But libertarian Republicans view the real goal as the reduction in the size of government in absolute terms. That is, a smaller budget next year than this year. Is this a realistic goal?

Reducing the growth of government is not only possible but

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U.S. Rep. Brian Bilbray

Ron Paul Meets With Army's UN Protester

By Michael Quinn Sullivan

When a young Texan joined the U.S. Army, he knew he may be called on to defend his country against an external threat. But he never expected it to be the United Nations.

His name is Michael New. A quiet, unassuming young Texan who was home schooled, New has placed himself in a position he finds uncomfortable and unfamiliar. But it is a place he knows he must be, if for no other reason than it is simply right.

Several months ago Army Specialist New, a medic stationed in Germany, was notified that his unit was to be deployed as part of the UN peacekeeping force in Macedonia. In that theater, the operation is commanded by a Finnish general.

New and his comrades-in-arms were notified they would need to remove the U.S. flag from their uniform, placing the UN seal in its place. They would be required to don the blue beret of the UN and fall under the leadership of the foreign commanders.

New said no. He told his superiors he would disobey the order.

It is important to note that New is not prone to disobedience. In fact, he is a decorated soldier with an exemplary record.

He told his superiors he felt he would be breaking his oath of induction into the Army by submitting to the authority of a UN commander. He swore an oath to the U.S. Constitution, not the UN Charter.

New's commanders gave him a several-week leave to "learn more about the UN." While he already knew enough - Constitutional law and the UN had been major topics of study while he was home schooled - New took advantage of the leave to return home and determine what to do. The Army told him they would court-martial if he did not obey the order.

While in the States, New met with various congressmen and several news organizations to discuss his plight. He also spent a morning in October with Republican Liberty Caucus chairman and congressional candidate Dr. Ron Paul.

Paul said afterward he was struck by the youth's consternation over his own actions. He was torn between his convictions to follow

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Feedback

Editor:

I look forward to working with the Republican Liberty Caucus. Thank you for being an outstanding voice for the many liberty-minded Republicans like myself.

Matthew Tenney
Republican Page
U.S. House of Representatives

Editor:

I am the president of the North Dakota Federation of Teenage Republicans. I am 17 years old and it has been found out that I am the youngest person to serve on the executive committee of any statewide political party in all 50 states.

While I was on the World Wide Web, I saw your homepage and was very impressed. It is nice to see there are many more libertarian Republicans out there.

I, like many other young people, are libertarians. We see that the government has to get out of our lives if we are to be guaranteed a future like our parents and grandparents had.

I would like to help out any way I can.

Jamie Selzler
Minot, SD

Editor:

I am an RLC member now, receiving the newsletter and also internet mailing list. I have also been in contact with Rep. Greg Kaza in the nearby capitol building.

I am including here an additional donation as requested in the recent newsletter appeal. I hope to see the RLC grow in strength and numbers and to direct the GOP victories into a force that will reduce regulation and taxation, and increase liberty, responsibility and individualism.

Lee Schulteiss
Lansing, MI

Editor:

As someone who has long been interested in civil liberties, it is exciting to find a group of sensible, evenhanded people interested in the full range of civil liberties and not just the segment that fits their narrow political views.

Charles Mellon, MD
Placitas, NM

Editor:

I tend to vote Republican locally and Libertarian nationally. For president, I like (grudgingly) Arlen Specter and Malcolm Forbes Jr.

Robert M. Laczko
Trenton, NJ

Editor:

I am very happy to learn of your organization (through the Liberty Tree Network) a few months ago.

I received a recent mailing which included a call to action regarding HR 899 and another bill. I did act on it, which led to a response by my representative and my response to him.

Robert Peterson
Munster, IN

Editor:

Iowa and New Hampshire are important in selecting the next president. If you live in either state, you have an important task ahead of you.

The *Manchester Union Leader* endorsed Pat Buchanan for president. Libertarians must reject him, as his economic policies could lead to recession. He needs to be resoundingly defeated.

If we are to do this, we must get out and vote!

D.M. Davis
Harken, IA

UN Protester...from page 1

the orders of his commanders, and his conviction that the serving under the UN violates his oath to defend, protect and serve the U.S. Constitution.

Paul and others have publicly announced their support for New. In fact, there were numerous demonstrations around the nation on Tuesday, Oct. 24, in support of New, drawing thousands of men and women.

Forty-four Republican Congressmen, including RLC Advisory Board members Matt Salmon, J.D. Hayworth and Steve Stockman, signed a letter of support for New that has been delivered to President Clinton.

When New reported for duty the week of Oct. 23, he was the only soldier in his unit to fall into formation wearing the uniform of an American serviceman. The rest had donned the gear of the UN police force.

New was transferred to brigade headquarters and has been charged with failure to obey a direct order. He faces court-martial, and a potential six months in the stockades as well as a less-than-honorable discharge. A trial date has not yet been set.

Many inside and outside the military worry about his case and its possible implications. There are secret worries that once the case goes to trial, more bad light will be shed upon the UN. And that at a time when there are already a significant number of congressmen and senators beginning to question the United States' involvement in the UN.

But for a lone soldier, who wanted only to defend his country, those abstract ponderings have little meaning. He now faces a battle for which he was never trained, but has taken upon himself to fight. It is a battle for his own freedom and good name. A battle for what is right. A battle for what is constitutional.

A battle for all of us.

Critiquing the Contract

A Libertarian Republican Examines the Contract with the American Family

by Clifford Thies

1. Restoring Religious Equality.

Description: A proposed amendment to the Constitution making clear that what is otherwise legal may not be considered illegal simply because it is religious. For example, a high school that allows students to form clubs such as a literary society should legally permit a club that studies the Bible.

Libertarian Response: This idea seems both fair and reasonable. The real answer to religious freedom, however, is to return education to the private sector.

2. Restoring Education to the Local Level.

Description: Legislation to close down the federal Department of Education and transfer its budget directly to families and local school boards, bypassing state government.

Libertarian Response: The federal government should play no role in education.

3. School Choice.

Description: Promotion of choice within the public school system, including privatization of public schools and choice between public and private schools.

Libertarian Response: School choice and vouchers are ideas produced by the libertarian movement. We must be careful, however, not to make vouchers into an entitlement.

4. Protecting Parental Rights.

Description: To affirm "the right of parents to direct the upbringing of their children." This is to counter government's intrusion into the internal workings of the family. For example, intervention by social services in the name of preventing child abuse and neglect.

Libertarian Response: One caveat - the right of parents to exercise guardianship must be based on the implicit consent of the child.

5. Family-Friendly Tax Relief.

Description: Ending the marriage penalty and allow the homemaker to be treated as an employee of the household for the purpose of tax-advantaged savings and insurance plans.

Libertarian Response: This would all be accomplished by moving to a flat tax.

6. Restoring Respect for Human Life.

Description: Prohibiting third trimester abortions and the D&X

procedure, and ending taxpayer funding of abortions. This plank further states that "our ultimate goal is to establish the humanity of the unborn child."

Libertarian Response: Many libertarians would embrace the immediate objectives, but the ultimate goal still divides libertarians. We must recognize the limitations in relying only on legal sanctions

to protect life in the womb and work to establish respect through social and economic sanctions, through example and prayer. To the extent we rely on legal sanctions, we must respect the presumption of innocence.

7. Encouraging Support of Private Charities.

Description: This proposal isn't very specific. The

basic idea is to encourage private charitable giving by establishing a tax credit for charities that pick up defunded welfare programs.

Libertarian Response: Again, we do not want to establish any new entitlements. In the long run, charity will be most generous, discriminating and efficient when completely privatized. But, in the short run, when people have no experience with directly aiding the deserving poor, some consideration must be given to facilitating the transition from a government-run welfare system. Tax credits are one way of doing this.

8. Restricting Pornography.

Description: Enabling parents to restrict children's access to pornography on the internet and on cable TV and a complete ban on child pornography.

Libertarian Response: We must be very careful in restricting speech. Remember, the most banned book in history has been the Bible. Parents, not the government, are to exercise authority over children.

9. Privatizing the Arts.

Description: Ending the government financing of the arts and humanities.

Libertarian Response: An enthusiastic yes! We, as consumers, patrons, artists and writers should decide what is art, beauty, truth and history in the free and dynamic interplay of the market.

10. Crime Victim Restitution.

Description: Transforming prisons from places of solitude to labor colonies, where prisoners work to repay the actual victims of their crimes. And, where release from prison is conditional on the repaying of that debt.

Libertarian Response: Again, an enthusiastic yes!

In May, the Christian Coalition unveiled its Contract with the American Family. Like the Contract with America offered by 1994 House Republican candidates, it includes 10 items for immediate action. A careful reading reveals that the Contract is not antagonistic to libertarian ideals. In fact, the Contract is best described as incremental changes in a pro-freedom direction.

Looking Back

The Origin of the Republican Liberty Caucus

by Eric J. Rittberg

A little over five years ago I founded the Republican Liberty Caucus nationwide. At the time I was a poor struggling college student working my way through college as a skycap at the Tallahassee Airport. Working the nightshift gave me a lot of free time - when not hitting the books - to ponder and strategize about my favorite subject: politics. I used that time to devise a strategy of recruiting Libertarian Party members into the GOP, linking them up with the existing libertarian-leaning elements and influencing the party to adopt a more libertarian line.

For years I had been active in Libertarian Party politics, having first supported Ed Clark for president as a teenager in 1980 and then rising through the ranks of the LP from the local to state level all the way to the Libertarian National Committee. In 1987 I was hired as Ron Paul's advance man/travel aide for his presidential campaign, which I still regard as the greatest experience of my life. But in '89, I, along with many others who were supporting Matt Monroe for LP national chair, were purged from the LP due to our "mainstream middle class" values. I immediately joined a tiny cadre that existed at the time called the Libertarian Republican Organizing Committee.

But the serious lack of organization, direction and assistance from the LROC leadership based in California led me to question their tactics. I contacted other LROC coordinators on the East Coast listed on the back of their sporadically published newsletter.

I discovered others who were just as disenfranchised, including Fred Stein of New Jersey and Ron Courtney of Virginia. One individual in particular said that they had written off the group entirely and had started their own group which they called the Republican Liberty Caucus. His name was Stan Ayers of Cary, N.C. Stan, along with Rick Henderson, Vernon Robinson, Stacy Powers and Steve Stiglbauer had formed the group to help elect libertarian-leaning Republicans to local and state offices. Their first success was electing their friend Art Pope to the state house from Raleigh in 1988.

After numerous conversations with Stan and the others over the phone I formally requested their permission to start a Florida Republican Liberty Caucus and to form other

RLC Timeline

1985

- The Libertarian Republican Organizing Committee is founded. The group takes out ads and sends out mailings urging all Libertarians to abandon third party politics and join the GOP.

1988

- The North Carolina LROC affiliate breaks with the national leadership and forms its own local group: The Republican Liberty Caucus.

- Libertarian-leaning Republican Art Pope wins election to the North Carolina House with assistance from the RLC.

1989

- Split occurs at the Libertarian Party National Convention in Philadelphia between mainstream and hardline factions. Mainstreamers walk out and some opt to join the GOP.

1990

- Florida Republican Liberty Caucus is formed.

- Eric Rittberg, with support from libertarian Republicans in North Carolina, Florida, New Jersey, Virginia and other states declares the formation of the national Republican Liberty Caucus.

- First issue of *Republican Liberty* is published in August.

- Dick Zimmer wins election to the U.S. Congress with assistance from NJ RLC members.

1991

- Top Libertarian Party members Clifford Thies, Mike Holmes, Frank Gilbert, Harry Thode, John Simmons and Alan Turin join RLC.

- First by-laws are ratified by Founding Committee. National Officers selected. Eric Rittberg elected Chair.

- 1976 Libertarian Presidential candidate Roger MacBride joins RLC National Committee. 1972 Libertarian Presidential candidate John Hospers joins RLC Advisory Board.

- Libertarian-conservative GOPer John Scott and former Libertarian Party

chapters nationwide. They enthusiastically agreed. Stan wrote in *The RLC Newsletter*, "Eric Rittberg, a former assistant to Ron Paul in his Libertarian presidential bid, has honored us by asking to pattern a Republican Liberty Caucus after ours, in Florida... I've encouraged him all the way."

Unfortunately, the North Carolina group became inactive. Stan became a born again Christian and dropped out of politics; Vernon Robinson made a couple failed tries for statewide office; Stiglbauer moved to another state and Henderson, who had given the organization its name, went on to become an associate editor at *Reason* magazine. Only Stacy Powers remains active in politics today.

Meanwhile here in Florida a few of us former Libertarian Party members had run into each other at the 1990 state GOP convention. We were in the middle of a hotly contested governor's race. The incumbent Republican Bob Martinez was disliked across the state for his tax raising policies and for his strident social conservatism. Even within GOP ranks there was dissension. A number of moderate Republicans backed a maverick challenger to Martinez, pro-choice State Sen. Marlene Woodson-Howard.

Rex Curry, former LPF Vice-Chair, Philip Blumel, Tom Walls and I linked up with a few of these "fiscally conservative/socially tolerant" Republicans from the Woodson-Howard campaign and formed a Florida RLC. Soon after I was hired as the Woodson-Howard campaign's chief fund-raiser. Other FLRLCers played key roles in her effort. But she was soundly defeated by Martinez, placing second in a five-way primary.

In early 1990 I published a couple issues of *The Florida RLC Newsletter*. On July 30, I sent out a letter to about 200 top libertarians around the nation announcing our intention of taking the RLC nationwide. In August I published the first edition of *Republican Liberty*. It featured the Woodson-Howard campaign and former LP member and Congressman Sam Steiger's run for governor of Arizona as a Republican. Naturally, the LROC crowd were infuriated when it appeared. What followed was a year long battle with them, which at times got rather nasty (a story in itself). Finally, they relented and closed up shop. We had simply out-orga-

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nized them and had established more credibility.

Among those who soon came on board, mostly refugees from the Libertarian Party were Roger MacBride, Mike Holmes, Clifford Thies, Alan Lindsay, Alan Turin, Frank Gilbert and just about all the other LROC coordinators. We worked up by-laws, held a couple meetings and formalized a structure.

With such a cadre of talented and experienced individuals we had little difficulty in putting together an active and well-organized national group which within three to four years became an established and well-respected element of the Grand Old Party.

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member Randy Corman win election to the New Jersey State Senate with help from the NJ RLC.

- California Assemblyman Tom McClintock becomes first legislator to join RLC.

1992

- First RLC National Caucus held in Houston in conjunction with Republican National Convention. Young RLCers participate in GOP Convention and introduce delegates to libertarian Republican movement.

- RLC-backed candidates Duncan Scott, Penn Pfiffner, Greg Kaza and Brad Gorham win election to their respective state legislatures.

1993

- RLCers assist in off-year elections of Republicans such as Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Governors George Allen and Christie Whitman.

1994

- Roger MacBride takes over as RLC National Chairman. Clifford Thies becomes RLC President.

- First full National RLC Convention held in Gatlinburg, Tenn. Over 60 attend and elect officers, renew by-laws and participate in panel discussions.

- Republican blow-out at the polls. Libertarian Republicans swept into Congress and state legislatures. RLC-backed candidates J.D. Hayworth, John Shadegg, Mark Foley, Steve Stockman and Jack Metcalf win seats in Congress. Bob Hedlund elected to Mass. State Senate, Clay Aurand elected to Kansas House and Steve Baldwin to California Assembly. All other RLC state legislators win reelection.

1995

- Congressmen Frank Riggs and Brian Bilbray of California and Matt Salmon of Arizona join RLC.

- Roger MacBride dies. Ron Paul takes over as interim RLC chair.

- RLC hires lobbyist Mike Griffin to push for legislation on Capitol Hill.

- RLC Gains major publicity appearing in *CQ*, *Human Events*, *Insight*, *Washington Times* and on McLaughlin's *One on One* show and briefly on CNN.

Ed. Note - As a special feature celebrating the publication of this, our 25th issue, we have decided to offer this brief overview of our organization's history and accomplishments for the benefit of new members and old.

Please note that a longer and more detailed account of the history of the libertarian Republican movement is included in the newly published guide for libertarian Republicans, "Activism for Liberty," available from RLC for \$15.

Activist News

RLCers Set to Gather in California and Florida

Western states Republican Liberty Caucus members will gather in Santa Barbara, Calif., the weekend of Nov. 11-12 for the Liberty Tree Convention sponsored by A Republican Majority. ARM is an independent libertarian educational group founded by RLC National Committee member Melinda Pillsbury-Foster. RLC is cosponsoring the event.

Pillsbury-Foster has assembled an impressive array of speakers for the conference, including Ron Unz, Bob Poole, Arianna Huffington, John Fund, Dan Gifford and Tom McClintock. The event will be held at the Radisson on the beach at Santa Barbara. It will include a tribute to Roger MacBride, several cocktail parties and a Saturday evening banquet. An RLC National Committee meeting will be held in conjunction. Single event tickets are available. For more information call (805) 569-0421.

Meanwhile, on the East Coast, RLC members will be gathering for the Republican Party of Florida's Presidency III Convention hosted by Jeb Bush, Nov. 17-18. Thousands of Florida GOPers will be in attendance at the Orlando Convention Center. All the GOP presidential contenders will be there as well.

Libertarian Republicans plan to caucus at Presidency III, where RLC members who are delegates may decide to cast their votes for a single presidential contender. Also, RLC National Committee member and Broward YR Chairman Alan Turin is planning a major outreach effort at the event. For more information on RLC activities at the convention call Turin at (954) 920-3831.

Montana Legislator Joins RLC

Freshman State Rep. Matt Denney has agreed to join the RLC Board of Advisors. Denney, a CPA, represents the 63rd District which is in the Southhills section of Missoula. While surfing the net he stumbled onto RLC's new WWW page. In an e-mail message to RLC HQ he wrote, "It's good to see I'm not alone."

Denney was supportive of Libertarian Ed Clark's 1980 presidential bid, and has considered himself to be a libertarian Republican ever since. In the legislature he has been a strong voice for tax and spending cuts. He is a member of an informal "hard-right" caucus which includes three to four other libertarian-leaning members. Some have pegged Denney and the group as representing the religious right even though Denney is pro-choice.

Oregon RLC to Rate Candidates

The Oregon RLC will be compiling information on as many GOP primary candidates as possible, and dispensing a Liberty

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In September, RLC Interim Chairman Ron Paul visited the home of Dr. Jeff Singer in Phoenix, Ariz., for a Campaign Fundraiser and to promote the RLC. From left to right, Dr. Ross Levater, Singer and Paul. The following evening over 60 attended an RLC event to hear Ron Paul speak at the home of State Senate Majority Leader Tom Patterson. Attendees included U.S. Reps Matt Salmon and John Shadegg, GOP State Chairwoman Dodie London and six state legislators.

Report which indicates the candidate "most friendly to the cause of liberty" in each race, including the all important special election for U.S. Senate. Those wishing to help should contact OR RLC Chair Jeff Eager in Salem at (503) 370-6941.

Libertarians Take Over Local YR Group

An experiment by RLCers to see how much libertarians could influence a local Republican group has turned into a success story. On Oct. 15 in Gainesville, Fla., a Young Republicans meeting was held to revitalize the dormant Alachua County YRs. Of the 12 in attendance, 11 were current members of the RLC or the Libertarian Party. A new slate of officers was elected, a constitution was adopted and plans were laid to promote what club President Thomas Walls called "the modern Republican message."

In a press release to the Gainesville media, Walls said "The

Republican Party is the party of the 1990s precisely because it has discarded the simplistic idea that government has the wisdom and skill required to micromanage society... Modern Republicans reject control and embrace freedom. We reject regulation and embrace diversity and growth." He is also quoted as saying "The social agenda of the Christian Right is rooted in important concerns over public morality. But while these concerns are crucial, they are not primarily political. This chapter of the YRs will not advocate government paternalism to replace personal morality and decency."

Libertarian Republican Candidate Briefs

Three libertarian Republican Congressional candidates have emerged in California. RLC member Rich Sybert is running for the second time against entrenched incumbent Democrat Tony Beilenson (CD 24). Sybert lost the race by less than 3 percent in 1994. In Anaheim, Katherine Smith has decided to challenge incumbent Rep. Bob Dornan in the GOP primary. Smith's top issues include a simplified tax system, elimination of affirmative action, strict new criteria for foreign aid, term limits and downsizing of government. Of particular interest is her vehement opposition to the War on Drugs. Smith was the prime architect of the "Hoover Resolution" signed by numerous academics, economists and politicians which called for a serious study of Drug War alternatives.

Assemblyman James Rogan of Glendale is running for retiring Republican Rep. Carlos Moorehead's seat. Moorehead has endorsed Rogan, and he is clearly the early favorite to succeed him. Rogan is a frequent guest at Libertarian Party meetings, according to the *LP of California News*. He is a staunch supporter of getting rid of the IRS and was one of five Republicans in the Assembly to vote in favor of allowing medical use of marijuana.

Maverick conservative New Jersey State Sen. John Scott, an RLC Advisory Board member, is considering a run for the 9th CD if incumbent Democrat Robert Toricelli opts to run for the U.S. Senate.

In Georgia, RLCer Jay Taylor is running again for State House from Gainesville. Taylor received 30 percent in the GOP primary in '94. This time he expects not to have GOP primary opposition. Key Republicans in the county have already pledged their support. Taylor also has the backing of financial guru Bob Prechter who resides in Gainesville.

In Michigan, former Libertarian Party member Timothy Beck will be running in the Republican primary for District 1.

Success Imminent for RLC Lobbying Effort

by Mike Griffin

As it now stands, the first efforts by the RLC to restore federalism looks like they will be a success!

The National Highway System bill is in joint conference. Since the wording in our helmet legislation is identical for both houses, it should be a shoe-in. The repeal of the federal speed limit is worded similarly between the House and the Senate, except the Senate wants to retain control over truck speeds.

The two bills should be settled by mid-December. Since the president doesn't oppose the transportation legislation, RLC is confident that our bills will be enacted into law. Keep track of further developments on RLC's home page.

U.S. Rep. Frank Riggs of California has joined the RLC Board of Advisors. This brings our numbers up to eight Congressmen supporting our work. Notably, Riggs Chief of Staff Steve Sutton is an avid reader of Ayn Rand.

Speaking of Rand, RLC National Committee member Melinda Pillsbury-Foster has a daughter working on Capitol Hill. This RLC insurgent is none other than Ayn Pillsbury, an intern for Michigan Rep. Nick Smith. We're not too good at disguising our operatives.

On Oct. 8, I was moderator at the Americans for Choice in Education Conference in Arlington, Va. Clint Bolick was a featured

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Notable News

Whose Backing Who for '96: Part II

There are many more interesting developments in the Presidential race for libertarian Republicans. Malcolm "Steve" Forbes, Jr.'s declaration of his candidacy has caused many libertarians to switch allegiances. By some informal estimates as many as 50 to 60 percent of RLC members are now in the Forbes camp. Gainesville RLCer and Alachua County YR Chair Tom Walls is a committed Forbes delegate to the upcoming Florida Presidency III Convention. RLC leaders such as Clifford Thies, Eric Rittberg and Andrew Murphey are now leaning Forbes with Gramm as a second choice. Even some top Libertarian Party members are looking favorably on his candidacy. One top LP official has commented, "Unquestionably he is the best of the declared Republican candidates...I am hopeful and interested in his candidacy." Still, many RLCers remain committed to Gramm including RLC Board Member Michael McCroskey, the Gramm State Coordinator for Tennessee, Board Member and Florida GOP Convention delegate Alan Turin and Georgia RLC Chair Earle Smith.

Cato President Ed Crane declared on John McLaughlin's *One on One* that he was backing the candidacy of Lamar Alexander.

In the Richard Lugar camp are James Dale Davidson of the National Taxpayer's Union and RLCers Tom and Linda Rawles of Arizona. Tom, the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors Chairman, and Linda are the Lugar for President State co-chairs.

Video jock and one-time Libertarian Party candidate for New York governor Howard Stern is supporting Arlen Specter.

Pat Buchanan's formerly significant libertarian support has dwindled down to a handful of paleo-libertarians. RLCers Norman Singleton, Bob Reinhardt and J. Mark Hardy remain supporters.

Shadegg Chosen to Head GOPAC

The *Wall Street Journal* reported on Sept. 9 that U.S. Rep. John Shadegg would be chosen to take over GOPAC, formerly headed by House Speaker Newt Gingrich. Shadegg, a member of the RLC Advisory Board, would take over as GOPAC general chairman with his chief responsibilities being oversight of the group and fund-raising.

Contract with New Mexico

State Senator and RLC Advisory Board member Duncan Scott has spearheaded an effort to enact a Contract with New Mexico similar to the nationwide Republican Contract with America. Libertarian-leaning Republican Gov. Gary Johnson's Office requested that Sen. Scott draft a legislative package for next year's session. After soliciting input from Republicans across the state, Scott compiled an agenda with solutions to state problems "based on free enterprise, individual freedom and responsibility."

Libertarian elements of the Contract include: restitution to

The Republican Liberty Caucus

General Store

... is now open!

The following items are available from the RLC:

- Libertarian Republican t-shirts with logo (large and extra large, blue and black lettering), \$15
- Video of 1994 RLC National Convention. Intro, five panel discussions and concluding remarks, \$15.
- RLC manual, *Blueprint for RLC Activists*, \$15.
- Libertarian Republican stickers, \$6/sheet of 10.
- RLC outreach brochure, \$10/packet of 20.
- *Republican Liberty*, latest issue, \$5/packet of 10.
- Back issues of *Republican Liberty*. Limited number available of each issue from Summer 1990 (RL Vol. I No. I) to present, \$3/each.

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crime victims, a concealed weapons law, opposition to taxpayer funded abortions, tuition tax credits in education, lifting of the state's Davis-Bacon-style Act, privatization of taxpayer subsidized law schools, strict term limits on legislators, a state income tax cut, caps on spending growth, transfer of state lands to private ownership and opposition to affirmative action. A few controversial elements were included: trying teens 13 and older as adults and requiring random drug testing for welfare recipients.

Sen. Scott stresses that the Contract has been worked up at his own expense without any expense to the taxpayer. He estimates his costs to be over \$5,000. Those wishing to assist in the effort are encouraged to contact him in Albuquerque at (505) 275-3200.

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speaker.

On Sept. 28, Congressman J.D. Hayworth's Constitutional Liberty Caucus had a meeting to discuss two bills. Rep. Shadegg has submitted HR2270 which will require all future bills to identify their authority in the Constitution. And, in early November, RLC Board member J.D. Hayworth will submit a House Resolution which declares that Congress may only act in areas of legitimate authority. Roger Pilon of CATO was there to lead the discussion.

Ralph Reed of the Christian Coalition sent me a letter in response to my critique of their "Contract with the American Family," in which I pointed out areas of common agreement. Reed stated that he is a good friend of our chairman, Ron Paul, and looks forward to working with the RLC on issues of shared interest.

Currently, the new RLC Legislation Oversight Committee, headed by Laura Gordon, is considering several issues for RLC action. If any RLC member wishes to contribute comments on legislation, please contact me via e-mail: 76025.1244@compuserve.com

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absolutely essential. The Medicare budget can increase 6 percent annually and in Washington they'd call it a cut.

I lived on the Mexican border and I thought I knew what it meant to be bilingual, but Washington truly speaks a whole other language.

What about absolute reduction of budgets?

It is a possibility. I've seen it. I've done it, when elected in 1978 as mayor. I was 28 years old and had to balance the budget with far less money.

We can do it and our country would be the better for it.

As a San Diego County Supervisor, you played a role in establishing a workfare program, one which you've mentioned would make a good model for the national system. What are the key ideas behind this reform?

The key element is that there is no dignity in welfare. It comes with work. Someone sitting at home waiting for a check is a failure to the system. We need to get rid of cash payments, too much of our resources are being diverted to substance abuse.

The key is to require participation in public or private work to be eligible for assistance. In certain cases drug testing is required. Aid is not a constitutional right.

You serve a district with a significant military presence. Yet I understand you voted to cut spending on the B-2 Stealth bomber. What factors influenced your vote?

It's no good to have a bomber when you don't have the money to fly it. The greatest threat to American security is the deficit.

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