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Score Four Republicans Sweep Off-Year Elections

by Clifford F. Thies

In the off-year elections of 1997, the Republicans won just about everything.

In New Jersey, Gov. Christine Todd Whitman held onto her job by a narrow margin, and in Virginia former state Atty. Gen. Jim Gilmore succeeded term-limited Gov. George Allen with a surprisingly large majority. In New York City, Mayor Rudy Giuliani was affirmed in an overwhelming victory, and in Staten Island city councilman Vito Fosseli held the seat vacated by Rep. Susan Molinari.

In Virginia, Lt. Gov. Don Beyers, a new Democrat, was thought to have had a good chance of taking back the governorship. But the Republicans are simply getting too strong for even the best Demo-



Rep. Ron Paul and Texas candidate Don Loucks at an RLC Property Rights Symposium (See story on page 3).

crats in this state. Not only did Jim Gilmore win by a comfortable margin, 56 percent to 43 percent (1 percent going to the Reform Party candidate), but the Republicans swept all the statewide races for the first time since Reconstruction.

Gilmore's formula for success was twofold: (1) to tap into the on-going tax revolt by promising to eliminate the personal property tax (or "car tax" as it is unpopularly known), and (2) to push conservative social values without going to extremes. He

succeeded in uniting the Republican Party and in appealing to swing voters.

In New Jersey, Gov. Whitman pulled out all the stops to rescue herself from her years of dissing the conservative wing of our party. While she did cut income tax rates by 30 percent as she promised four years ago, she did not cut state spending, but "financed" the tax cut by shifting spending to local governments and by borrowing. She did not follow-through on parental choice in education and she vetoed a state ban on partial birth abortions.

Going into the election, most polls showed this race too close to call. The crucial question was how many voters who were inclined to vote for the pro-life Libertarian Party candidate, former RLC member Murray Sabrin, would hold their nose and vote for Gov. Whitman. Sabrin ended up with 5 percent. Thus, Gov. Whitman won 47 percent to 46 percent (to 2 percent for the Conservative).

The story of this election, totally missed by the media, is that the center-right got a total of 54 percent of the vote.

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State Rep. Jaye Wins Michigan Senate Race

by State Rep. Greg Kaza (R-MI)

State Rep. David Jaye, R-Washington Township, the *bete noir* of Michigan's political establishment, has defied his media and political critics once again, winning election Nov. 25 to a vacant Macomb County State Senate seat by a convincing margin.

The pundits predicted Jaye's limited government conservatism would prove to be his undoing but when the dust settled Rep. Jaye received 53 percent while his Democratic opponent garnered only 44 percent (a Libertarian Party candidate received 2 percent).

Rep. Jaye's district is adjacent to mine. I was honored to have been able to attend his enthusiastic victory party. This was not your typical Republican soiree. Hundreds of grass roots supporters were celebrating and talking issues. What a victory for the grass roots!

Watch for Senator-elect Jaye to fight for individual liberty in the form of liberalized gun laws once he takes his seat in the Senate. Jaye was endorsed by the NRA and Michigan Republican Liberty Caucus and is an RLC Advisory Board Member.

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What Can the GOP Learn from Sabrin?

by Ray Lehmann, Republican District Leader
Union County Republican Committee

Ben Franklin once called New Jersey a "valley of humility between two mountains of conceit," referring to New York and Philadelphia. Today, 200 years later, Franklin's words still fit.

Despite the popular image as a Mafia haven or toxic waste dump, New Jersey is an astonishingly "normal" place to live — perhaps even mundane. Fittingly, much of New Jersey's political life is often mundane, as the radical politics of both the left and the right are eschewed by comfortable suburbanites.

It is in this environment that Libertarian Murray Sabrin, the first third party candidate in state history to receive matching funds and earn a spot in the gubernatorial debates, was a breath of fresh air. To use the LP's terminology, Sabrin offered a sharp contrast to "McWhitman" — the incumbent Republican Gov. Christie Whitman and her challenger, Democratic state Sen. Jim McGreevey.

Sabrin's visibility in the debates and on television and radio spots elevated him above the usual pack of third party wannabes.

How did Sabrin get this attention? By focusing on issues and by seizing on the libertarian instincts that lurk, unrecognized, in the hearts of almost every American. Sabrin preached from the traditional libertarian canon — lower taxes, less regulation, more freedom — but he was also able to skillfully tailor his message to the concerns of New Jersey voters.

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In the New Jersey state legislative races, the Republicans held onto their solid majorities in both the State Senate and the State Assembly. Unfortunately, State Sen. John Scott, a member of the RLC Advisory Board, was defeated.

In New York City, Mayor Guiliani scored a tremendous victory. Mayor Guiliani, who is perceived to be a moderate, has simply been the best thing for the Big Apple since the Yankees bought Babe Ruth from the Red Sox, and has gained the respect of many conservatives for what he has done in fighting crime, in confronting the public school education establishment, and in treating each person as an individual instead of as a member of a group.

In Houston, a city equal rights initiative patterned after the California ERA of last year failed. In Washington, a gun control initiative was defeated, as was a medical marijuana initiative. In Oregon, an initiative to repeal the state's law on assisted suicide was defeated. It would appear that if you get sick in the Pacific northwest, it's OK to take a lethal of drugs but it's not OK to take a therapeutic dose. In Pennsylvania, the voters of Pittsburg and Allegheny County turned down a stadium tax by a margin of 2-to-1.

A few conclusions can be drawn from these results:

1. The tax revolt continues strong.
2. Republicans who combine moderately-conservative and perhaps even quasi-libertarian positions on social issues along with conservative positions on economic issues are in very good position to win in competitive races.
3. Ballot questions like the equal rights initiative and medical marijuana are not silver bullets. Tough as this may sound, there's no good substitute for the political capital that comes with gaining major party endorsements and winning in the general election.

The only substantial campaign issue raised by the major candidates was the high cost of auto insurance, with both Whitman and McGreevey giving it quite a bit of lip service.

By contrast, Sabrin proposed deregulation, a bogeyman word that, nonetheless, is the only answer. Appealing to voters' common sense, he would point out that purveyors of every other form of insurance are knocking down your door offering cheaper rates to get your business. But automobile insurers, put off by ludicrous no-fault settlements, mandatory insurance and state protection of bad drivers, stay away from New Jersey. Competition will bring prices down, Sabrin explained, and many people began to understand that for perhaps the first time.

Sabrin also appealed to the right wing that libertarians often put off. Like Ron Paul (who Sabrin says is his hero), he was pro-life in a race where both major party candidates are pro-choice. And, unlike many other libertarians, Sabrin proved adept at ducking *the* question — drug legalization.

The press focused on Sabrin's appeal to conservatives, particularly social conservatives, which is testament to how liberal New Jersey's Republicans have become. But in the end, polls showed Sabrin drew voters about equally from both Whitman and McGreevey.

Ultimately, the question is — will it make a difference? Unfortunately, in the short run, I don't think so. Whitman won based on her record as one of few politicians to make a promise — a 30 percent income tax cut — and keep it. People here are mostly happy and Sabrin's message, positive as it is, doesn't play in a state where quality-of-life has improved during the incumbent's tenure.

There is speculation on whether her narrow victory and the support for Sabrin has sent a message to Christie Whitman. But realistically, despite Sabrin's popularity, neither Christie Whitman nor the state Democratic leaders are going to suddenly be reborn as libertarians.

In the long run, I think Sabrin's greatest contribution will have been to popularize libertarianism as a philosophy in one of the least libertarian states in the country.

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Don't Mess With Texas

Texas RLC Fights for Property Rights



Following up their successful Georgetown Rally (see last issue), the RLC of Texas hosted the Texas Property Rights Symposium Nov. 1 in Houston.

The symposium was part of the Texas RLC's efforts to stimulate libertarian Republican ideas and activism and resulted in several new members.

Respected constitutional scholar Dr. Norris Austin (far left) presented a passionate overview of the foundations of property and other key rights. He was followed by RLC Treasurer Mike Holmes who introduced the RLC to the uninitiated.

U.S. Rep. Ron Paul (far right) and his staffer and RLC "road warrior" Eric Rittberg arrived from LaGrange, giving a comprehen-

sive and insightful update on Congress and answering questions. After the talk, Holmes and Texas RLC Chair Lonnie Brantley presented Rep. Paul with a contribution from the Republican Liberty Federal Campaign Fund, the RLC's PAC.

Don Loucks, candidate for the Texas Land Commission, also spoke and received a RLFCF check from Brantley (center right).

Barry Klein (center left), president of the Houston Property Rights Association capped off the afternoon. Klein's association is primarily responsible for the successful blocking of zoning schemes in Houston over the years.

Brantley offers special thanks to Thad Hickman, Mike Holmes and Forrest Aston for making the afternoon a success.

The On-Again-Off-Again Gold Clause

RLC, Cato Resist Government Interference in Contracts

by Clifford F. Thies

When Ann Trostel Galbraith of Colorado heard of the repeal of the Gold Clause Resolution, which she did in 1993, she demanded that the insurance company leasing a piece of commercial real estate in Des Moines, Iowa, that she had inherited from her grandfather, pay the much higher amount of rent that would be required by reason of the gold clause in the lease. The insurance company was paying her only \$23,000 a year for the property (while subleasing it for more than \$1 million). If the gold clause in the lease were respected, the insurance company would have to pay her something like \$460,000.

The insurance company refused, and so she took it to court. After losing at the U.S. District Court, she won at the U.S. Court of Appeals. It was while her case was on appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court that the rug got pulled out from under her. In 1996, Senator Faircloth of North Carolina put a tiny, little, teeny-weeny provision

into a bill (something that is done all the time in Washington). This negated the legal concept of novation that was ruled to have revived the gold clause in the lease. As a consequence, the Supreme Court returned Galbraith's case to the Court of Appeals for reconsideration, and her prospects were suddenly made dim.

An uproar ensued, since it appeared (whether true or not) that Sen. Faircloth did what he did as part of a deal with a big-time contributor. Fortunately, this year, 1997, and thanks to the Cato Institute, the 1996 provision was undone.

In 1933, Congress passed the Gold Clause Resolution, abrogating the gold clauses contained in most long-term financial obligations such as bonds and leases, and allowed debtors to discharge their obligations dollar-for-dollar in fiat currency. In 1977, Congress repealed the Gold Clause Resolution, but restricted the repeal to new financial obligations. Bonds and leases still outstanding did not have their gold clauses revived merely by reason of the repeal.

In recent years, two courts (a state court in Alaska and a federal

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district court in Washington) have ruled that pre-1977 gold clauses could be revived upon a novation, specifically, the assumption of the financial obligation by a new entity. The legal concept of novation was not itself new, but has been in common law for a long, long time.

It was based on the application of novation that the U.S. Court of Appeals ruled in favor of Galbraith. But, in 1996, Congress denied the application of novation theory to pre-1977 gold clauses. Galbraith, in desperation, contacted Ed Crane of the Cato Institute, who in turn referred her to Robert Levy, who is a senior fellow in constitutional studies at Cato.

After researching the issue, Robert Levy, wrote an article on the subject in the *Legal Times*. This article elicited a scathing reply from an aide to Sen. Faircloth, and the story got picked up in the mainstream media. *Forbes* magazine ran an article titled "Senators for Sale," and a local newspaper, the *Charlotte Observer*, ran "A Citizen's Disadvantage."

With so much bad publicity attached to the 1996 provision, there was no opposition to an equally small provision in one of this year's bills undoing it. When Robert Ellison of the Gold Bondholders Protective Council, who has a gold clause case of his own, called me to ask my help on this matter, I was happy to do so.

Since the provision was in the Senate version of the bill, but not in the House version, I wrote to the senior House Republicans participating in the House-Senate Conference Committee (two really decent members, Congressmen Kolbe of Arizona and Wolf of Virginia) to ask them to defer to the Senate on this matter. As things turned out, this particular deviation between the House and Senate bills was not contentious (as pet provisions seldom are), and it was included in the conference bill, passed by Congress, and signed into law by the President.

Thus, in the end, it looks like justice will be done for Galbraith. She should soon be getting the gold-adjusted rent she so rightly deserves. However, Robert Ellison and the gold bondholders still have a long row to hoe. For some reason, the courts have not yet accepted the application of the legal concept of novation to gold clauses in bonds.

Because of the 1996 law, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear his appeal, and it will be very difficult to get a reconsideration on the basis of the 1997 law.

Of course, all this shows the mischief that is created when government gets into matters of contract. The Constitution forbids state governments from interfering with contracts. However, it has no explicit prohibition against Congressional interference.

Although the good guys won this one for Galbraith, and we're still involved with Robert Ellison's case, this is a battle we should have never had to fight. Yes, RLC is engaged in the real world of politics, which means a series of incremental reforms. But we will not be satisfied until we have fully restored our original Constitution and, in addition, perfected it.

Campus Notes

Hungry Students Chow Down on Corporate Deathburgers

by Lauren Phillips, University of Texas

At noon there was a protest rally at McDonald's on Martin Luther King Boulevard in observance of "World Day of Action Against McDonald's," part of the "End Corporate Dominance Month" or, as we used to say back home, "October."

McDonald's, as everyone knows, burns down miles of rainforest just for fun, forces 12-year-old PhDs to work 18 hour days for minimum wage and even kills animals to make food. (This last claim is, at present, unsubstantiated.) I still don't know who organized this event, but my homeboy Chris and I saw their poster on a kiosk, and we decided Mickey's would make a good lunch. The people who made the poster didn't seem to think so though. It said "ROTTEN McMURDER FORCE-FEEDS ANOTHER VICTIM" with a picture of a crazy clown with pointed teeth. I had clown-issues as child, and it made me uncomfortable. But we went down to the Golden Arches about 11:45 a.m.

We figured they knew what was up because there were four tough looking corporate types hanging around outside with beepers and cell phones and short sleeve button-down pink shirts. I went and talked to two of them as soon as I got my Quarter Pounder value meal.

"I'm from a conservative philosophical organization at UT," I said, which is how I describe Objectivism to people who wouldn't know or care. "I understand there's going to be a bit of a demonstration in about 10 minutes..."

"Well, they're entitled to their opinion," he retorted, cycling me suspiciously behind his Ray-Bans. "We're just making sure they don't bother the customers." His name was Jeff.

The crowd was growing faster than I could finish my milkshake, and by the time I was done they had about 30 people with posters and one very dirty-looking girl with a megaphone. "WHAT'S THE SOLUTION???" she would yell, and the crowd (who I think had been given the answer in advance) answered "VEGAN REVOLUTION!!!" The posters had a variety of catchy slogans, from the subtle

Attention, Students!

For information and support for improving your campus Republican organization (or starting one of your own) contact Ron Lisy, campus coordinator for the RLC.

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(yet pointed) "McMurder's is killing the Earth," to the bold "MEAT: Murder for Them, Suicide for You," and even the profound "Earth First/Profits Last" which had a nice picture of a raised fist. I think the girl carrying it had drawn it herself.

Jeff was warming up to the fun and came over to show us their pamphlets. He took a moment to ask about our majors and made sure we had enjoyed our food. Unfortunately, our conversation was rudely interrupted by three girls on bicycles who decided to peddle around the building yelling war whoops and waving bloody hatchets made from aluminum foil and cardboard tubes. "Y'all better get off the property," threatened Jeff. He was talking to the girls, not us.

Chris and I decided we might like some Chicken McNuggets. I got honey sauce, but he likes BBQ, which is fine. I got some orange juice, too.

It was a nice day for a protest rally, we mused. The protesters thought so too, because they were sitting on the grass having a good old time, shouting and jeering at customers. Two guys were playing bongos.

One man had on a cow suit, and a girl had on a Ronald McDonald outfit with bloody fangs. Maybe they planned the rally close to Halloween so they wouldn't have to worry about two costumes. I didn't ask them.

As we finished our lunch, a nice older man was sweeping the porch. He smiled alot, and the manager would come out to check on him every few minutes. I think he was retarded, but that isn't a nice word anymore so I guess he was something else.

Chris and I went down to watch the crowd. We saw some friends of ours from high school, but they didn't seem happy to see us. Chris thought it might be our drink cups.

"You're condoning oppression!" screamed somebody at me. "It's pure Florida orange juice," I tried to explain.

"So you like the fact that orange workers are paid 40 cents an hour to pick oranges?"

"I like orange juice," I said. She was upset. "I'm from Florida. It's hot in Florida. Those people pick oranges in the HEAT!" There was spittle coming out of her mouth. "But it's the humidity that really gets you," I offered.

"You're really confused, pal." It was true. I couldn't understand what she was talking about. A man who looked like he might be in charge was yelling at one of Jeff's friends with a loudspeaker. "So, how many Hudson's patties did you send back, Mickey's Man, or did you just throw 'em all on the grill and serve 'em up?"

People thought this was very funny.

Then the police came. "Well, well," said somebody. "The pigs are here to defend corporate America!" and everyone cheered. Including me. I thought they might be here to round them all up and take them downtown. I was wrong.

Chris was getting bored so we headed up to talk with a *Daily Texan* reporter.

I looked out over the throng, which by now was 60 strong, and realized that I was out of orange juice. But the protesters didn't have any orange juice to begin with. And they were out by the street in the sun yelling.



I understood that it was in my power to make a peace offering, on behalf of all capitalists everywhere, to show them that we weren't so bad. I went inside and got 8 small Cokes that I paid for with my own money. "How do you feel about the rally?" I asked the cashier. "It don't bother me," he said. "I'm just glad to be working."

I went out into the sunshine with my offering. "I've got cold Coke's," I shouted. "They're FREE!!!" and I waited for the rush. No one came. I got some mean looks. A homeless guy on a bike who was watching the protest said he'd like one, so I gave it to him. "Thanks, man. Hey, do you want any CDs?" He had a backpack full of used tapes and CDs. I took a Ramones tape, *Rocket to Russia*, and moved on. Three tough but confused guys that had just been walking by when someone handed them posters, took Cokes.

"Hey, they're free, right?" they said, justifying their treason. I continued with my quest as an ambassador of good will, trying to give away my sodas, until one guy said, "You got a little tummy there, eh? I guess you've been eating at Mickey D's alot." I wanted to push him into traffic, but offered him the Ramones tape instead. He rejected it and wouldn't talk to me anymore. So I decided to call it a day.

Chris and I each had one of the four remaining Cokes. We offered the others to Jeff and the policepersons. Jeff had one.

"What the hell were y'all doing out there?" he asked us. "They looked a little hot," I said. It seemed like a good time to leave.

We did, and I wrote the experience off as a resounding success.

I really made genuine contact with some people today, and I also know how people *really* feel about my figure, and not just what my friends say.

For more complete and, assuredly, less biased coverage, check your *Daily Texan*. As always, I offer you my unconditional, indiscriminate, and infinite love, whether I know you or not, no matter who you are or what you've done. After all, mankind are all raping, pillaging, bastards together, right? I learned that today.

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Media Notes

Wired/Merrill Lynch: Majority of 'Connected' Are Libertarians

According to the December issue, *Wired* magazine teamed up with Merrill Lynch Forum to develop an exclusive scientific poll that would examine - for the first time - the attitudes and beliefs of the "connected," those regularly using email, a laptop, home computer, beeper/pager and cell phone.

They had the Luntz Research Companies, the Washington-based research firm, conduct a poll of 1,444 Americans. The poll divided them into four categories based on how often they use email and the extent to which they have access to a laptop, a cell phone, a beeper and a home computer. According to the survey, 7 percent of all Americans are "connected," exchanging email at least three days a week and use three of the four targeted technologies regularly.

Also, 2 percent of the overall population make up the "Superconnected," exchanging email at least three days a week and use all other technologies regularly.

The survey shows that the connected believe in the free-market system; own stocks, bonds or mutual funds (82 percent of them); and are "more often than not" a libertarian, with a disproportionately greater confidence in democracy and the two-party system than the rest of America.

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Leaving his post as communications director for the Republican Party of Nevada, Charles Muth can now speak his own mind as the chair of the RLC of Nevada. And the press is listening. Muth's action, as well as his vocal positions opposing a quarter-cent sales tax and banning racial preferences in government hiring and contracting, are making it regularly into the pages of the *Las Vegas Sun* and other papers, including the *Elko Daily Free Press*. His hard work is putting both the RLC and honest, limited government politics on the map in Nevada.

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On a Sunday morning news program recently, television journalist Geraldo Riviera announced that he is a "libertarian."

The *Star-Ledger* of Newark, NJ, in November reported on a libertarian within the GOP jockeying to finish out an unexpired term for a New Jersey freeholder.

As the *Star-Ledger* explained it: "Lafayette resident JoAnn D'Angeli announced she would seek GOP Freeholder Erma Gormley's unexpired term. Gormley, who won the county clerk's job in an uncontested race during Tuesday's general election, expects to resign from her freeholder post in a few weeks.

"Former Freeholder Joseph DelBagno and Fredon resident Robert Heitner also lined up for the partisan battle, while about 10 other people are being mentioned or are considering a run... The matchup will be decided by the 200 members of the county's Republican committee during a convention that will be scheduled within 30 days after Gormley issues her resignation.

"DelBagno...said the specter of Heitner landing a freeholder seat drove him into the race for Gormley's seat. 'I'm not too thrilled over the fact that somebody like Heitner could wind up getting in there. The only thing he ever did was attack government,' he said.

"DelBagno also wondered whether Heitner would espouse Republican or Libertarian philosophies, citing Heitner's prior freeholder run in the alternative party.

"Heitner acknowledged he does criticize government policies when he thinks they are wrong, and he is not willing to back away from libertarian views.

"I do believe the Libertarian philosophy of limited government and individual freedoms should be a philosophy of the Republican Party. And I do believe there are too many Republicans who adopt about 95 percent of the Democratic philosophy," he said."

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The television program *Murphy Brown* is certainly insipid, but is it dangerous? The chief of the Drug Enforcement Administration thinks so.

DEA Administrator Thomas Constantine accused CBS television character Murphy Brown recently of sending a dangerous message to children by using marijuana to relieve nausea caused by chemotherapy.

In a statement issued a few hours after a broadcast of the situation comedy, DEA Administrator Thomas Constantine said CBS and the show's creators were "doing a great disservice" by "trivializing drug abuse" and "pandering to the libertarian supporters of an 'open society' and to the myths of legalization."

California RLC Rolls Up Sleeves for Westmiller Race

by Laura Crockett-Gordon

Part of the package that comes with the Cal RLC endorsement of William Westmiller for Congress is a hands-on approach. We are not content with handing out checks. The Ron Paul experience in Texas showed the leadership of the California chapter that rolling up sleeves and actually working for a candidate was the way to go. This allows for a certain measure of control in the direction a candidacy takes.

Toward that end, I have signed on as chair of the advisory

committee for the Westmiller campaign. Matt McDonald, Southern California RLC Coordinator, has also offered his services.

Westmiller promises to be the sort of Member of Congress that would hit the ground running the moment he landed in DC. He certainly would be a strong confederate for Ron Paul.

Westmiller webpage is at <http://www.westmiller.com>. His HQ address is Westmiller for Congress, PO Box 1959, Thousand Oaks, CA 91358. Email: Westmiller@aol.com.

RLC Notes

RLC Welcomes New State Liaison, Campus Coordinator

The RLC will begin 1998 with a much stronger organization, due to the recent addition of two new staff members.

Ray Lehmann of Union, N.J., a media relations specialist with Lockheed-Martin, has joined the RLC as its state liaison, replacing new RLC Executive Director Tom Walls. Lehmann has previous experience as a whistle-blowing journalist for various newspapers including the Forbes newspaper chain and is on his local Republican executive board and a member of the Union County Libertarian Club. Before he applied for the position, he got in touch about strengthening the NJ chapter.

Ron Lisy of Bedford, OH, is the new RLC campus coordinator. Lisy is an analyst with Office Max in Cleveland, and is getting a political science degree from Kent State. He's worked directly with Reps. Hoke and Latourrette on campaigns as well as with Chris Hrivnak, RLC OH coordinator, on spreading the cause in Ohio.

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Five of the 17 Republicans who have filed a resolution seeking to force the House Judiciary Committee to investigate whether there are grounds to impeach President Clinton are members of the RLC's Advisory Board.

The RLC-affiliated cosponsors are: Todd Tiaht (KS), Helen Chenoweth of Idaho (ID), Ron Paul (TX), Jack Metcalf (WA) and Sam Johnson (TX). The others were: Reps. Jack Kingston (GA), Roscoe Bartlett (MD); John Doolittle (CA), Barbara Cubin (WY), Lindsay Graham (SC), Pete Sessions (TX), Linda Smith (WA), John Mica (FL), Chris Smith (NJ), Mark Souder (NJ) and Bob Stump (AZ).

The RLC voted to support impeaching Bill Clinton at the 1994 RLC National Convention in Gallinburg, TN,

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RLC member David Kopel research director for the Independence Institute, a free-market think tank in Colorado, has authored a new book *No More Wacos: What's Wrong with Federal Law Enforcement and How to Fix It*.

The book is a main selection at the conservative book club, and won the 1997 award for outstanding contribution to human freedom, presented by the Center for Independent Thought. Extensive information about the book is available at <http://i2i.org/Waco.htm>.

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On Nov. 7, Massachusetts RLC Chair Alan Cousin attended a fundraising breakfast in Hingham, MA, for the campaign of state Sen. Bob Hedlund (chapter member and RLC Advisory Board member). Speakers, besides Hedlund, were state Treasurer Joe Malone and Citizens for Limited Taxation and Government co-director Barbara Anderson.

Malone, Anderson, and Hedlund are all pushing a state income tax cut, 5.95 percent to 5.0 percent. Cousin was seated at the head table and introduced as the MA RLC chair.

RLFCF, the RLC's PAC, sent a \$100 check, which Cousin

presented to Hedlund at the breakfast.

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Libertarian Republicans often wince at the thought of politics as the art of compromise and are embarrassed by statist running under the Republican banner.

This is usually not a problem for Libertarian Party members. Although not taken seriously, LPers are at least quite serious about libertarian politics.

But as RLCer Cameron Kelley reported recently, the shoe was on the other foot in Philadelphia recently.

The Philly LP nominated a black attorney, Leon Williams, to run for District Attorney of Philadelphia. The major parties fielded white candidates. Good press was sure to follow.

However, Williams wasn't really a libertarian and began to tell interviewers that he was only running as the LP candidate because they allowed him. He was running an anti-police, black pride campaign in a relatively racially polarized city.

It then came to light that he had written a number of columns for black community papers in the past which included racist and antisemitic commentary, a la Louis Farrakhan.

Local LP party honcho John Famularo even got into the act, when the news media pressed him about Williams statements. He tried to justify the LP's actions without really explaining how the LP could have nominated a non-libertarian racist.

Williams finally received 15 percent in the election, far ahead of the normal LP vote.

This is evidently all the LP was after, according to Kelley.



MA RLC Chair Alan Cousin (right) presents a RLC PAC check to MA State Sen. Robert Hedlund at a fundraising breakfast in November.

Texas RLC Endorses Candidates

The Texas RLC has been very busy this year, following up on their successful "Texas Liberty Rally" in July.

On Aug. 5, Texas RLC chair Lonnie Brantley and RLC national treasurer Mike Holmes appeared on Rob McKinnon's KENR morning talk show, discussing the RLC. The mostly conservative audience was surprisingly hostile to the GOP, expressing considerable cynicism about the prospects for using the Republican Party for meaningful change.

The Executive Committee of the Texas RLC voted to endorse three GOP primary candidates at their Sept. 11 meeting in Clear Lake. Unanimously endorsed were incumbent District 14 U.S. Rep. Dr. Ron Paul, incumbent Texas Railroad Commissioner Carole Keeton Rylander running for State Comptroller, and current Ron Paul congressional staffer Don Loucks running for Land Commissioner.

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