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# Richard Boddie Visits Las Vegas

On July 25, at the state party headquarters in Las Vegas, libertarians from southern Nevada enjoyed a rare treat. Richard Benjamin Boddie, one of the best libertarian speakers nationwide, and a candidate for the 1992 Libertarian Party presidential nomination, visited Las Vegas as the guest of the state party and the Libertarian Leadership Council. Mr. Boddie, with his usual elegant style and flair, delivered an address that was informative, thought-provoking and humorous. His long history of anti-statist activism, his comprehensive fund of knowledge and his gift for satire and sarcasm make him a truly entertaining speaker, and we are looking forward to his next visit to Nevada.

During his address, Mr. Boddie indicated that he is actively considering another attempt, in 1996, to gain the LP presidential nomination, an effort which some LP activists believe would have a successful outcome. Certainly, it would be difficult to find someone who could better represent the party. Our best wishes go to him in this endeavor.

### Labor Day Weekend Picnic

On Sunday, September 4, the day before Labor Day, the Libertarian Leadership Council will host a picnic at Jaycee Park in Las Vegas. This will be a wonderful opportunity to spend a relaxing day renewing old acquaintanceships and making new ones. The gathering will begin at seven in the morning or thereabouts (when it's cool), and will continue until everyone drops out, or until we're thrown out of the park, whichever happens first. Lunch will be served, but those who plan to stay for an extended period of time are advised to bring additional food for themselves. Nonalcoholic beverages will be available, and those who wish to bring alcohol have the kind and generous permission of the government of the City of Las Vegas to do so. Horseshoes, croquet, frisbees. chess and checkers will be provided, and those who wish to bring their own forms of entertainment are encouraged to do that.

Jaycee Park occupies the plot of land immediately to the southeast of the intersection of Eastern and St. Louis Avenues. The picnic will be at Area B, which is the southernmost covered picnic site in the park, next to the horseshoe pits, which are west of the softball field. The best access is from St. Louis Ave., north of the park, where street parking is available. Radical anarchists will enjoy parking in the privately owned, vacant dirt lot (adjacent to the southern edge of the park) located behind the Burger King on Sahara, just east of Eastern.

All libertarians are urged to attend this event, which promises to be a fun time for all. In order to ensure an adequate supply of foodstuffs for lunch, we do ask those of you who plan to attend to contact us and let us know the approximate number in your party. For this, please leave a message on the tape at 251-7123. Hope to see you there!

The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.

— Edmund Burke

### From the Chair

### **Headquarters Under Siege**

by State Chairman Jim Burns

The one problem that the Libertarian Party must overcome is that of fundraising. The Democratic and Republican politicos have this down so well that they don't even need to explicitly say that they will grant special privileges and favors to their big contributors. It's just automatically assumed that a healthy contribution will open the door to the halls of power — and it does! This puts honest political candidates — and especially Libertarian Party candidates — at a severe disadvantage.

Ed Uehling, the LP candidate for the office of Clark County Sheriff, knows this very well. He also firmly and sincerely believes that America is approaching a time of change, and that the key to breaking through the last remaining barriers to progress will be found in the human capacity for creativity, and especially in the discovery of creative solutions to the problems that stand in our way. Mr. Uehling is a man of great character and courage, and he practices what he preaches. Thus, in his election campaign, he applied creativity, in a masterful fashion, to the problem of fundraising, and achieved remarkable success. That success may have been the catalyst for what has become a program of oppressive harassment directed by the Clark County government authorities against Mr. Uehling and myself, a program that — by conscious intent — threatens to force the closing of the new state party headquarters!

As we reported in the last newsletter, Mr. Uehling rented a campaign headquarters, decorated it in a very creative fashion, and began holding fundraising dances. The response was overwhelming. At that point, the bureaucrats of the local government, who had initially indicated that they had no problem with Mr. Uehling's approach, suddenly did an about face and told him to close down his operation or they would do it for him! When Ed contacted me and explained the situation, I felt that it was my duty, as LP state chairman, to do what I could to help. In an effort to disprove the claims of the local officialdom that the Uehling for Sheriff campaign was not sincere, we expanded the function of the campaign headquarters to include that of the state party headquarters. So that there could be no question in the matter, we decorated the front of the new headquarters with a colorful, thirty-foot banner bearing the party name. (The banner was stolen within a week. What a coincidence!) This, however, only seemed to inspire the local officials to greater lengths of harassment.

On Saturday night, July 23, after weeks of threats and citations, the authorities used a new tactic. In the middle of the fundraiser, the cops marched in and confiscated over \$1500 worth of liquor! This was done without a warrant and, in my opinion, in violation of individual rights protected under this nation's constitution. (This also may involve a serious conflict of interest, inasmuch as the Metro detectives involved in the latter phase of this operation have, as their superior, the department's Chief of Detectives, Deputy Chief John Sullivan — an opponent of Ed Uehling in the campaign for Sheriff!) As a consequence, in addition to our legal problems, we now face a serious financial crisis.

Ed is, of course, very upset at this blatant abuse of power. And, as he pointed out, (continued on page 2)

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"We actually pay them to do this!" He sees this whole situation as a microcosm of what is happening in our society generally, where government authority supports the status quo, expects people to obediently play their part in the establishment economy, and goes out of its way to make trouble for those who demonstrate a creative approach to their role in society.

Meanwhile, the struggle continues. Ed and I have had our first "day in court," and it seems that we're in for a long haul. Look for news of further developments in the next issue of the newsletter.

As was mentioned in the above story, the battle over the fundraising efforts of Ed Uehling's campaign has resulted in a complicated tangle of legal problems. In this connection, anyone who has witnessed a political campaign event, hosted by one of the major political parties, where liquor was served is urged to contact Jim Burns at 870-7296, Wednesday through Sunday, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 10 p.m.

### Clark County Libertarian Party Organizing Convention

On Monday, August 22, 1994, at 7:00 p.m., at the Nevada State Libertarian Party Headquarters at 3310 South Highland (at Desert Inn, north of Spring Mountain Rd.), an organizational convention, chaired by the state party chairman, Jim Burns, will be held to form a new Libertarian Party in Clark County. All persons who are legally and currently registered to vote in Clark County and who specified their party affiliation as Libertarian, and all those who are not legally qualified to vote but who are residents of Clark County and are members of the national Libertarian Party, are qualified to attend this convention as delegates, and are urged to do so. The fee for attendance will be \$5.00, and delegates are cautioned to bring proof of their qualifications.

He who has no inclination to learn more will be very apt to think that he knows enough.

— Thomas Powell

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# A Change at the Helm

We have a new editor at the newsletter. The previous editor, Scott Kjar, is pouring every ounce of his resources into his state Assembly campaign in southeast Las Vegas, and is out every day in the hot sun knocking on doors and introducing himself to his future constituents. Naturally, his position as editor represented an enormous drain on his time and energy. As a consequence, the editorial production of the newsletter has fallen into less capable, although committed, hands.

As many Nevada libertarians are aware, Scott has been very active in libertarian affairs. His high-volume, and often single-handed, production and distribution of quality printed matter dealing with libertarian concerns has frequently been the only means by which Nevada libertarians have been able to keep abreast of the local libertarian scene. His presence at the helm of this newsletter will be sorely missed. When asked about his plans for activity to follow the election campaign, his response was, "I'll be busy in Carson City as an Assemblyman!" We sincerely and fervently hope that he is right about that. He does, indeed, have an excellent chance to win his election, and he would make a fine Assemblyman. The task he has chosen for himself, however, is a daunting one, and he can certainly use all the help he can find. Anyone who can aid Scott in this effort is urged to contact him at 735-4433.

The newsletter, meanwhile, will continue to receive the attention it deserves. The readers will see innovations and experiments, some of which were already in the works before the change in personnel. Hopefully, the end product will improve as time passes. We are planning to increase the volume of information in each issue, and we are hoping to add a number of new features. The readership can be of great help in this matter. We sincerely and eagerly welcome all submissions for publication and all letters to the editor. Of course, we cannot promise that we will be able to publish everything that we receive, and we may find it necessary to edit material for clarity and/or considerations of space. However, we do view the newsletter as a service to the libertarian community in Nevada, and we believe that this community is best served when all its members participate.

It is also important to remember that this newsletter is not a free lunch. Our effort is fueled by advertising and donations. The more fuel we have, the further we can go. With a statewide circulation of over 3,000, the newsletter represents a worthwhile investment for advertisers, and at a ridiculously low price. Try it. You'll like it.

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### **The House That Bill Won**

A NURSEry Rhyme by Al Fox

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This is the wife who lives in the house that Bill won.

This is the board that was chaired by the wife who lives in the house that Bill won.

This is the plan to improve our health that came from the board that was chaired by the wife who lives in the house that Bill won.

This is the Congress, upright and true, that looked at the plan to improve our health that came from the board that was chaired by the wife who lives in the house that Bill won.

This is the law, so carefully made, that came from the Congress, upright and true, that looked at the plan to improve our health that came from the board that was chaired by the wife who lives in the house that Bill won.

This is the city, shiny and new, conceived by the law, so carefully made, that came from the Congress, upright and true, that looked at the plan to improve our health that came from the board that was chaired by the wife who lives in the house that Bill won.

This is the army of bureaucrats bold, who live in the city, shiny and new, conceived by the law, so carefully made, that came from the Congress, upright and true, that looked at the plan to improve our health that came from the board that was chaired by the wife who lives in the house that Bill won.

This is the mountain of new regulations, made by the army of bureaucrats bold who live in the city, shiny and new, conceived by the law, so carefully made, that came from the Congress, upright and true, that looked at the plan to improve our health that came from the board that was chaired by the wife who lives in the house that Bill won.

These are the ranks of brave, honest cops who enforce the mountain of new regulations made by the army of bureaucrats bold who live in the city, shiny and new, conceived by the law, so carefully made, that came from the Congress, upright and true, that looked at the plan to improve our health that came from the board that was chaired by the wife who lives in the house that Bill won

These are the dirty, dastardly rats who were caught by the ranks of brave, honest cops who enforce the mountain of new regulations made by (continued on page 3)

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# **Ride the Donkey**

by Jim Burns

There is no single, eternal solution to the problem of how a political party can achieve dominance in its society. History has shown that this matter revolves around the circumstances of time and place. A political party that does not take into account the particular circumstances of its own, unique situation is a party that will never achieve its goal.

We should note, in this regard, that we live in an age of instant, mass communications. O.J. Simpson did not surrender himself to the court at the agreed time and place. Within a few hours, the entire world was watching the vehicle in which he was a passenger, followed by a parade of squad cars, as it made its way through the maze of the L.A. freeway system—while it was happening! That was, indeed, impressive.

It is also important to note that this occasion did not represent the normal procedure used when officials discover a fugitive from justice. A chase of that nature may hit the local news, usually on tape on the evening newscast, but it does not go worldwide. In the case of O.J., however, the fugitive was someone who has been very much in the public eye for a number of years.

There is an important lesson here. Once the attention of the public is gained, the desired message can be transmitted instantaneously. For a minor political party in this time and place, the lesson offers a promising opportunity. We all assume that the Libertarian Party has a powerful and convincing message, if only it could be heard. The problem for us has to do with gaining the attention of the public in a way, and for a sufficient time, that will enable us to deliver the message.

In this connection, the Ross Perot circus of the 1992 presidential election campaign can be instructive. Aside from a relatively small number of people who were desperate for anyone — even Ross Perot — to step out in front of an anti-establishment parade, there was really no obvious reason for anybody to take an interest in the funny little fellow with the big ears who claimed to have all the answers. Yet, throughout the campaign, he continued toattract the attention of everyone, including the national

media, even when it was thought that he had abandoned the effort altogether. The reason for this was that he commanded enormous power. No one with the slightest political acumen seriously believed that he had a snowball's chance in Hell of being elected to the office of the presidency. It was clearly seen, however, that he could have a tremendous influence on the outcome of the election! That was the source of his power, and that was the reason for the attention that was focused on him during the campaign.

The same formula could be of tremendous use to the Libertarian Party of Nevada during this year's election campaign. If the LPN could demonstrate an ability to alter the results of the elections statewide, it is very likely that this would bring a great deal of media attention to the party, especially here in Nevada, and most especially during the next election campaign in 1996. The interesting thing is that we have an opportunity to do just that, and this is where the idea of "riding the donkey" comes into play.

In Nevada, the Democrats have a slight edge over the Republicans in voter registration - less than 5% of the total for the two major parties. Since the voters usually cast their ballots in a partisan fashion, and since the two major parties usually gain an approximately equal share of the nonpartisan vote, the Democrats win most of the statewide contests most of the time. But the LPN could change all of that. If we could convert, to the LPN ticket, roughly 25% of the Democratic and non-partisan voters in the southern congressional district, we would wipe out the Democratic margin statewide, and the Republicans would be the winners! Furthermore, that would apply to more than just statewide offices, like that of the governor. It would mean that Bryan and Bilbray would both be dumped out of office! If that wouldn't get the attention of the media in Nevada, then I don't know what would.

The truly exciting part of all this is that we could actually do this. Past election results indicate that, by targeting the registered Democrats and nonpartisans in Bilbray's district with an inexpensive, three-phase direct mail cam-

paign, we could convert the 25% portion of the voters that we need. Bingo!

Of course, this whole plan revolves around the same old stumbling block finances. We can't have the direct mail campaign without funding. However, it can be done, with a small bit of help from Nevada libertarians. Naturally, donations are wonderful, and sorely needed. It would also help this effort tremendously if we could increase enrollment in the Libertarian Party, since a major portion of the party dues stay with the state party. Signing up with NTC (see the ad on page 5) would also help us. We will probably need the help of at least one major contributor to do this. But, if every person who reads this newsletter did just three things - joined the LP (or renewed membership early), signed up with NTC, and sent a small donation to the state party — that could make up the difference!

Please think about this seriously. We are at a critical time in our nation's history. The government is becoming more oppressive every day, and being more blatant about it, and the citizens don't seem to know where to turn. This could be our chance to get our message out and stop the statist march before it's too late. Please help.

#### The House That Bill Won (continued)

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### A Smoking Ban May Be Bad for Your Health by Al Fox

It has been fairly well established that smoking can be bad for one's health. But it is also true that a ban, even a partial ban, on smoking can be bad for everyone's health!

As this is being written, the United States Food and Drug Administration has begun a process designed to restrict access to tobacco products by designating tobacco as an addictive drug. By the time you read this, tobacco may be restricted to prescription use only, or even banned outright as an illegal substance. If this happens, it will constitute a giant step forward in the elimination of personal liberty in this once-free nation. The irony lies in the fact that this particular infringement of personal liberty will actually have a negative effect on the health and welfare of individual citizens, including nonsmokers.

No one should oppose reasonable restrictions designed to protect the air used by nonsmokers. Every smoker who respects his or her fellow human beings recognizes the need to control his or her use of tobacco in a way that will not pollute the air. That, however, is not the issue here. What is at issue is the question of whether those individuals who choose to smoke will be allowed to do so at all, even in the privacy of their own homes!

Libertarians have long pointed out that government efforts to protect citizens from harm often end by inflicting more harm than they prevent. A perfect illustration of this is provided by a quick look at the effects likely to be produced by a ban on smoking.

The most visible and immediate effect of a smoking ban will be the instant criminalization of up to one-third of the nation's population. This is the sort of thing that happened in the early part of this century as a result of a ban on alcohol. More recently, we have seen a similar situation develop as a result of the so-called "war on drugs." In each case, an attempt by the government to "protect" the health and welfare of its citizens resulted in a rapid and deadly growth of an organized crime network, a drop in the general standard of living as a result of a greater percentage of national income being used for the purchase of substances that had become more expensive because of their illegality, and an enormous diversion of the nation's wealth to the efforts of the government to fight the criminal establishment that had been created by the actions of that very same government. In both cases, but particularly as a result of the recent "war on drugs," there was also a very substantial loss of personal liberty, as the government developed police-state methods to deal with the negative and destructive effects of its own programs. Does anyone seriously believe that a ban on smoking will not have the same results?

The government claims that it is planning this action as an effort to protect the health of its citizens. How much "health protection" will there be for the individual who suffers stress, injury and/or death while frequenting bad neighborhoods in search of illegal tobacco products? Will he or she have improved health as a result of being imprisoned for the use of illegal substances? Is it healthy to receive a bullet in the brain from a trigger-happy policeman or a paranoid dealer? Will there be an improvement in the health of the family members who are left behind when a parent, or a sibling, or a child, is lost to prison or death as a result of a criminal smoking habit?

Another matter for concern involves the question of what government actions might follow a smoking ban. When citizens fail to resist government efforts to control their lives, government is always emboldened to take further and more drastic measures in the same direction. Alcohol is certainly more harmful and addictive than tobacco. Will we find ourselves forced to revisit the days of Prohibition? Will we soon be prohibited from using coffee and tea? Will we have a ban on sugar? What about such high-cholesterol items as meat and eggs? Some government bureaucrat may note that headphones have been known to damage hearing; perhaps headphones will be banned. Matches often fall into the hands of children, and this can result in deadly fires; clearly, matches

would present a prime target for a ban. As the government broadens its efforts to ensure the health and safety of its citizens, it will undoubtedly take note of the undeniable dangers of sky-diving, skate boards and skates, motorcycles and bicycles, off-road vehicles, private watercraft and aircraft, horseback riding, mountain climbing, snow and water skiing, etc.

There is really more at stake here than the simple question of a proposed ban on smoking. We have long been warned by libertarians of the threat posed by developments of this kind. The greater the extent to which a government — regardless of its intentions — intrudes into the lives of its citizens, the more harm that government does. The intrusion, in this case, attacks the freedom of the individual to take risks.

There are those who would say that risk is the only thing that makes life worth living. Many people whose lives center on activities that involve high degrees of risk — sports car racing, for example — have this attitude. Surely they are entitled to feel that way. Their attitude may be too extreme for some, or even most, of the rest of us, but it would be safe to say that some level of risk, at least on an occasional basis, adds to the enjoyment of life for a great many people. How is it that our government has acquired the power and means to take this away from us? I, for one, never agreed to grant that power to it. No libertarian of my acquaintance would ever argue that the government should have such power. When did the United States government gain ownership of our lives?

There are other activities involving risk -- driving an automobile on a typical freeway, for example -- that some individuals pursue because they have decided that the advantages to be derived from those activities justify the element of risk involved. Smoking is one of those activities. The news media have reported recent studies which have shown that nicotine stimulates the pleasure centers of the brain. Those studies also show that nicotine enhances the thought process. Many people, for whatever reason, find that smoking enables them to relax. Most individual smokers have knowingly accepted the element of risk involved in smoking in order to enjoy whatever advantages might be derived from that activity. Many of those same individuals very much resent the idea that our government can take away their freedom to make that choice. Why should a government bureaucrat have the power to make that choice for them? When and where was the decision made that the values and life style of an individual are matters that must be determined by a Washington bureaucrat? It may or may not be the case that a government has the duty and obligation to inform its citizens of the risks and dangers involved in certain activities, such as smoking. It might even be argued by some that government has a moral duty to advise against such dangerous activities. But there is no question whatsoever that government has no proper business forcing its citizens to comply with those bureaucratic value judgments!

Nor is this a matter of economics. Some government officials claim that smoking must be eliminated because health care for smokers is a burden that falls on society as a whole. This claim is absurd. It may sound harsh to some, but it is nevertheless a fact that the medical costs involved in the treatment of an individual who is likely to die at a relatively early age from lung cancer or heart disease are certainly less than the costs associated with a nonsmoker who lives to be ninety years of age, collects Social Security benefits, and uses Medicare to be treated for the many ailments that afflict the elderly, including such things as surgery to replace a broken hip bone, kidney dialysis, a liver transplant, etc. Also, the longer a person lives, the more likely it is that the person in question will require extended full-time care in a nursing home. Clearly, when government bureaucrats claim that medical costs are a determining factor in the effort to impose a smoking ban, they are uttering arrant nonsense. Are they too stupid to see the truth, or are they simply trying to confuse the issue in the minds of the public? If they are just too stupid to

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### A Ban on Smoking (continued)

see the truth, then they certainly have no business telling the rest of us how we should be living our lives. If they see the truth and are simply trying to confuse the issue, then they are too dishonest to be allowed to exercise any power over our lives whatsoever.

The whole matter probably comes down to the simple question of personal preferences in life style. If an individual enjoys living the life of a mindless sheep, with government bureaucrats always present to make decisions for that individual - and to enforce compliance with those decisions — then that particular individual would probably see no problems with a ban on smoking. On the other hand, any individual who agrees with libertarians in their assertion that everyone should have the freedom to make such decisions for themselves will necessarily resent any governmental intrusion into his or her life, whether it involves smoking, mandatory seat belts, safety helmet requirements for cyclists, or any other area of personal choice, and will resist such intrusions in any and every way possible. This is because that person knows that a life without any element of risk — which means a life without liberty — is not a life that is worth living.

Man's most important characteristic and that which bestows upon him his dignity is his freedom to choose.

— John Wood Krutch

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### The House That Bill Won (continued)

dirty, dastardly rats who were caught by the ranks of brave, honest cops who enforce the mountain of new regulations made by the army of bureaucrats bold who live in the city, shiny and new, conceived by the law, so carefully made, that came from the Congress, upright and true, that looked at the plan to improve our health that came from the board that was chaired by the wife who lives in the house that Bill won.

These are the agents from IRexcesS, who took our money, houses and cars to pay the increase in taxes needed to finance the prisons, dreary and gray, that house the dirty, dastardly rats who were caught by the ranks of brave, honest cops who enforce the mountain of new regulations made by the army of bureaucrats bold who live in the city, shiny and new, conceived by the law, so carefully made, that came from the Congress, upright and true, that looked at the plan to improve our health that came from the board that was chaired by the wife who lives in the house that Bill won.

These are the nervous breakdowns we had, brought on by the agents from IRexcesS who took our money, houses and cars to pay the increase in taxes needed to finance the prisons, dreary and gray, that house the dirty, dastardly rats who were caught by the ranks of brave, honest cops who enforce the mountain of new regulations made by the army of bureaucrats bold who live in the city, shiny and new, conceived by the law, so carefully made, that came from the Congress, upright and true, that looked at the plan to improve our health that came from the board that was chaired by the wife who lives in the house that Bill won.

These are the doctors that we will be needing to treat the nervous breakdowns we had, brought on by the agents from IRexcesS who took our money, houses and cars to pay the increase in taxes needed to finance the prisons, dreary and gray, that house the dirty, dastardly rats who were caught by the ranks of brave, honest cops who enforce the mountain of new regulations made by the army of bureaucrats bold who live in the city, shiny and new, conceived by the law, so carefully made, that came from the Congress, upright and true, that looked at the plan to improve our health that came from the board that was chaired by the wife who lives in the house that Bill won.

These are the lines in which we must stand to see the doctors that we will be needing to treat the nervous breakdowns we had, brought on by the agents from IRexcesS who took our money, houses and cars to pay the increase in taxes needed to finance the prisons, dreary and gray, that house the dirty, dastardly rats who were caught by the ranks of brave, honest cops who enforce the mountain of new regulations made by the army of bureaucrats bold who live in the city, shiny and new, conceived by the law, so carefully made, that came from the Congress, upright and true, that looked at the plan to improve our health that came from the board that was chaired by the wife who lives in the house that Bill won.

There seems to be but one remedy for acute Politicoholics. They should be placed in a comfortable institution, beyond the seach of dangerous weapons, where they can act out their fantasies with each other, unencumbered by the real world.

—Sy Leon



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## LIBERTY CALENDAR

### Monday, August 22, 7:00 pm

### **Libertarian Party Clark County Organizing Convention**

An Organizational Convention will be held to form a new Libertarian Party in Clark County. It will take place at the LP headquarters at 3310 S. Highland (at Desert Inn, just north of Spring Mountain) in Las Vegas. All registered Libertarians and/or Party members in Clark County are urged to attend.

### Sunday, September 4, all day and evening

### **Labor Day Weekend Picnic**

For libertarians and those of like mind. Fun and food at Jaycee Park in Las Vegas. See details in this issue.

### Wednesday, September 7, 7:00 pm

#### **Nevada Defenders of the Constitution**

Public meeting in Las Vegas on the first Wednesday of every month. Call 225-5599 for location.

### Thursday, September 8, 7:00 pm

### Sparks Libertarian Club

Monthly meeting in Sparks at 410 L Street. For more information, call Ernest Walker at 359-6754.

### Monday, September 12, 8:00 pm

#### **NORML Meeting**

Due to the holiday, the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws will hold this month's meeting on the second Monday of the month at Cafe Copioh (on Maryland Parkway across from UNLV).

### Wednesday, September 14, 6:00 pm

#### The Desert Libertarian Club

Holds monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at Denny's Restaurant (on Maryland Parkway across from Sunrise Hospital) in Las Vegas.

If you would like to have your group activities listed in the calendar, call the editor at 384-6090, Ext. 210.