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Record Setting Election Season!

Libertarian candidates in Nevada have a lot to be proud of this year. Many of our candidates provided stellar performances this year. They spread the message of freedom to literally thousands. As a result of the hard work, the Libertarian Party in Nevada will be taken much more seriously in Nevada politics in the future.

Leading the way this year was James Dan, who ran for State Assembly in District 28. Running against an incumbent Democrat in a heavily Democratic district, Dan pulled a stunning 45% of the vote. This was the highest vote percentage for a minor party candidate in the history of Nevada politics. It was also the highest vote percentage in the nation for the Libertarian Party.

"This was truly a ground breaking campaign," said Campaign Manager Chris Azzaro. "This proves that we can make a tremendous impact when we are able to get our message out to the voters."

The campaign was able to raise over \$58,000 and used the funds to unleash a massive direct mail series, along with 800 signs, and a big door-to-door effort. "This was the most professional minor party campaign this state has ever seen. We nearly pulled off the biggest upset of the year," said Azzaro.

As a result of top notch effort, James Dan received endorsements from the Las Vegas

Review Journal, Republican Liberty Caucus, Nevada Association of Concerned Motorcyclists, and the Nevada Congress for the Preservation of Small Businesses. His race was also called "the upset special of the year" by Jon Ralston of the Las Vegas Sun.



Libertarian candidate James Dan came within 207 votes of beating Assemblywoman Vonne Chowning.

Brendan Trainor ran an outstanding race for Washoe County Commissioner. He campaigned actively and received quite a few endorsements. He was able to pull an impressive 25% of the vote.

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Libertarians Quash Tax and Bond Increases

Washoe County Chair Brendan Trainor, and Libertarian Party Northern Regional Rep. and Former Sparks City Councilman Ernest Walker were instrumental in defeating Property tax increases in Sparks.

Trainor and Walker, along with community activist David Farside, comprised the Arguments Committee that wrote the Opposition Arguments to the proposed Sparks Property Tax Override Questions, S-1 and S-

2. The City had couched its tax increase proposal in terms of needed public safety, with S-1 being for Police, and S-2 for Fire Safety.

The arguments committee attacked the proposals as evidencing poor priorities on the part of the Sparks City Council. Recent pay raises to staff, the renewal of pork barrel

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LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- Libertarian Party of Clark County meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at the Sahara West Library at 6:30 pm (702) 382-1776
- Libertarian Party of Washoe County meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm: (775) 359-6754
- Libertarian Party of Elko County: (775) 753-0930
- Libertarian Party of Nye County: (775) 727-4313
- Humboldt County Libertarians: (775) 623-1270
- College Libertarians at UNR: (775) 332-9655
- College Libertarians at UNLV: www.UNLP.org

Future Looks Bright!

by State Director Chris Azzaro

Over the past two years that I have served as State Director of the Libertarian Party of Nevada I have seen unprecedented growth for our party. And with the continued support of our members, the next two years should be very exciting.

One area that we have focused on is membership growth. I am proud to say that our efforts in this area have paid off tremendously. We have seen the Nevada LP grow to record-breaking numbers, including a 51% increase in 1999 alone. In fact, we led the nation in state party growth over the past two years. As a result, the LPN was awarded the coveted "Robert Lehman Award" for outstanding achievement in the area of membership growth at the 2000 Libertarian National Convention.

In addition, I was honored to serve as the Campaign Manager for the terrific James Dan for State Assembly campaign. This race proved just how powerful our message of freedom can be,

scoring an incredible 45.3% of the vote.

Just a few years ago, there were no Libertarians holding public office in Nevada. Now, we have eleven Libertarians in elected or appointed office. And with talented candidates such as Aaron Russo, Jessi Winchester, and James Dan, we have every reason to believe that numerous future Libertarian wins are right around the corner.

Thank you for making our progress possible. I hope we can count on continued support for our future success. Let's keep on fighting for freedom!



Washoe County Libertarians Quash Tax Increases

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redevelopment, and inefficient use of current resources such as the private paramedical service REMSA were hit hard by the Arguments Committee as reasons to vote against the proposed taxes. In addition, crony capitalism whereby the Downtown Casinos paid less room tax than the rest of the County was cited as a reason for city revenue shortfalls.

Besides writing the ballot arguments, the committee posted signs, walked precincts (Trainor handing out literature to several thousand voters as part of his Washoe County Commission Campaign), attended neighborhood meetings, and spoke out on talk radio. Brendan Trainor hosted a show on the opposition to the overrides on "With Liberty and Justice for All," which the Washoe County LP sponsors for SNCAT, the local public access TV channel. Walker and Farside were his guests.

When the dust cleared, the measures were soundly defeated. S-1 (Police) went down by 61% to 39% and S-2 (fire) was defeated by 59% to 41%.

That was not all the Libertarian Party did for the taxpayers of Washoe County. Brendan Trainor was appointed to the arguments committee against the Washoe County Regional Justice Center Bond Issue, along with attorney Chuck Weller and County Debt Commissioner Richard Pugh. Chuck Weller assumed the chairmanship and spearheaded the opposition. This 86 million dollar bond issue was highly controversial in that the County had already spent \$26 million for a new courthouse just four years ago, and had spent \$16 million to acquire the Pioneer Hotel and Casino to use for the proposed

court complex last summer, before the people had a chance to vote on the issue! The measure was backed by the political establishment in Washoe County, from the judges to the DA to the Commissioners, with few exceptions. They raised a war chest of over 80 thousand dollars to promote the boondoggle on TV and other media.

Trainor helped write the arguments, and again his campaign literature expressed opposition to the bond question. And, he featured the arguments committee on "With Liberty and Justice for All." In the end, the bond issue failed, by a whopping 70% NO to 30% YES. The entire political establishment of Washoe County wound up with omelet on its face, while the Libertarian Party had positioned itself once again as the taxpayers' friend.

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College Libertarians of UNLV Have a Great Start

How do you win an election with just 5% of the vote? Just ask Lewis Whitten, Libertarian candidate for State Assembly District 10. After receiving over \$1000 from family members for his campaign he was faced with the dilemma of how to best spend that money. Lewis was facing a Democrat incumbent with thousands of dollars in his war chest, in a district with over 60% registered Democrats. The odds were stacked against him. He chose to concentrate his campaign efforts on the UNLV campus, which borders District 10. Lewis declared, "if I can organize a Libertarian group on campus, that in itself would be a victory!" So Lewis created a web site, UNLP.ORG, and put ads in the campus newspaper to promote a group called College Libertarians of UNLV. Another great tool for attracting members was an information table at the UNLV Choose or Lose event.

The first meeting was hosted by Lewis, "I basically gave them an idea about what I want our group to do, and meetings are not high on the list of things to do. This group of Libertarians are taking the message of freedom to the streets!" If they get University recognition for the spring semester, Lewis wants an information table out every week, either to inform students about Drug War Prisoners or give students a chance to take the Worlds Smallest Political Quiz. Also planned are activities to empower High School students such as Curfew Protests.

Stewart Rhodes, closed out the meeting with some great things to say about the Liberty Study Committee, started by Congressman Ron Paul. Stewart is a UNLV graduate who worked with Congressman Ron Paul in Washington D.C. He starts law school in the fall, but will be an active member for the spring semester.

Lewis stated, "We're off to a great start, we should have no problem getting University recognition, and everyone is prepared to volunteer time. If we can put ourselves in front of the students every week for at least 2 hours, there's no stopping us!"

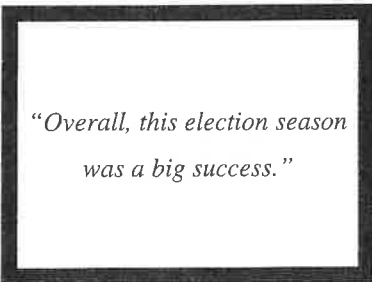
For information about the Liberty Study Committee visit thelibertycommittee.org. The College Libertarians of UNLV web site is at UNLP.ORG

Election Results

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State Assembly in Northern Nevada. In a 3-way race, he came within three percentage points of beating his Democratic opponent. Karen Savage received 16% of the vote in a three-way race for Assembly District 37.

Other noteworthy races were Billy Oswald, Mark Warden, and Alice Lillie, who did quite well in their races for State Senate. Oswald, who received 15% of the vote, was publicly endorsed by the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee in his race against Sen. Dean Rhoads.



In the Clark County Commission races, Dr. Ken Lucas advertised in the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* that he has not been bought with campaign donations from special interests. Tim Hagan, like many Libertarian candidates, created a web site for his campaign.

The only setback was the loss of ballot access for the Nevada LP. Because our statewide and congressional candidates failed to receive a high enough threshold of votes, we will have to petition to get on the ballot in 2002. But thanks to the lobbying



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efforts of the LPN last year, we only have to collect a mere 250 signatures to place a statewide candidate on the ballot, making the petitioning requirement a relatively easy task.

Nevadans overwhelmingly voted with the Libertarian position on medical use of marijuana and state investments.

Overall, this election season was a big success. The total votes for Libertarians was more than any other minor party in Nevada. They gains made this year will lay the groundwork for bigger and better campaigns in the future. And our respect level with the media has improved greatly. Much thanks goes to all of our candidates, volunteers, and contributors who have made this possible.

Washoe County Election Results

The Libertarian Party of Washoe County had a strong presence in this year's local elections. And, the State and National Party did very well in Washoe County against our third party opposition with the possible exception of the Green Party.

In Sparks, County Chair Brendan Trainor lost to incumbent County Commissioner Jim Shaw with 25% to Shaw's 75%. Trainor was endorsed by the Reno News and Review, the Nevada State Rifle and Pistol Association, and conservative radio talk show host Ira Hanson. Shaw was endorsed by the usual suspects for a Democrat, such as the teacher's and other unions, as well as benefiting from his Vice Chairmanship of the pork laden RSCVA to receive the Associated General Contractor's and Chamber of Commerce endorsements. Shaw raised over \$40,000, while Trainor spent about \$2,000.

In Assembly District 24, Chuck Eby, the recently graduated former head of the UNR College Libertarians, garnered 3.4 percent of the vote in his first Libertarian Party bid for partisan office. He had major party opposition from both parties.

In Assembly District 37, Karen Savage received 16.7% of the vote to come in second in a three way race with Republican Greg Bower and IAP candidate DT Lee, who got 5.7 percent.

This was the encouraging pattern for the Libertarian Party in every race. Although the Green Party came out ahead among the third parties in the federal races, riding the coattails of media darling Ralph Nader, the Libertarian Party was second best. Northern Nevada is considered more conservative than the South. Yet, Washoe County voted Libertarian over the Independent American, Reform and Natural Law Parties. The Independent American Party, in particular, would seem to be the loser as it has many more registered voters in the county compared to the LP.

In a nonpartisan race, libertarian school board candidate in District A, Ed

Seykota, lost a tough one to Dan Carne, who was the establishment spokesman, by 52% to 48%. Seykota has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Nevada Policy Research Institute, the libertarian and conservative think tank, and he impressed many with his strong campaign showing a human touch with a good grasp of the issues.



Brendan Trainor

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Ballot Access Request

We lost ballot status this year, but if every Nevada Libertarian registered just one person as a Libertarian we would have more than enough registered voters to gain ballot status and would not have to spend money and time getting petitions signed. Do you have a friend that is sympathetic to the Drug War victims? A family member that is afraid of losing his gun rights? A coworker that hates the IRS? Sign them up!



Savage Steps Down As Chair

Terry Savage has resigned as the Nevada LP Chairman. He cited work related issues as the reason for his resignation. Savage is currently the highest appointed Libertarian in the nation. He serves as Director of Information Technology for the State of Nevada.. Long time activist Dan Wisnosky has now taken the reigns as the new Chairman.

Savage said, "I'm the first Libertarian to head a state cabinet level department. The most important think I can do for the party now is to do this highly visible job well. I have complete confidence that I am leaving the management of the state party in well qualified hands!"

From Bordello to Ballot Box

Jessi Winchester, who in the mid-1990s made worldwide headlines as a legal prostitute competing in the Mrs. Nevada beauty pageant and then later running for US Congress and lieutenant governor of Nevada, has now written a best selling autobiography entitled "From Bordello to Ballot Box."

The book has only been out for a month but is already in the top ten in sales in Nevada on Amazon.com. Winchester said, "Every booksigning I have had so far has sold out within the first hour. No one is more surprised than I am!"

Having appeared on many radio and TV shows, including interviews with Jerry Springer and Geraldo Rivera, and dubbed by the media as "the world's most famous living prostitute," her refreshing and outspoken story focuses on the real world of legal prostitution in Nevada and offers first-hand accounts of corruption and political dirty tricks in the state practiced by both the Republican and Democratic parties.

The book talks about Chris Azzaro and the LPN in the political section and offer the Libertarian Party as an alternative to a two party system that is crumbling from within and no longer works for the every day American. Winchester discusses the ideals and goals of the Libertarian Party and encourages voters to consider it at the ballot box.

"From Bordello To Ballot Box" is a journey as seen through the eyes of a person who wears a scarlet label and is often treated differently by society.

This outspoken chronicle takes the reader behind closed doors of the mysterious legal bordellos and peeks at the every day life of the women who work there, the men who visit them, and keeps you spellbound with true stories of life in the brothels.

Part One discusses her early years of childhood innocence, where she was raised in the down-to-earth, common sense lifestyle of an Iowa cattle and crop ranch. She moved west, married and raised a family, and worked in Hollywood. After having re-married and moved to Nevada, Winchester explains why she became a legal prostitute and provides the scintillating account of her bordello years, taking the reader behind the doors of this little understood industry. She speaks freely about the types of women who work in the brothels and the kinds of clients who visit them, and provides historical and business background on the world famous Mustang and Old Bridge Ranch.



The political section explores the authors transformation from innocent, trusting patriot to cynical activist for reform and looks at her first hand experiences as a candidate which led the author to realize the far reaching extent of corruption in our political process and explores solutions for reclaiming honorable

government - the way our Founding Fathers intended it.

Part Two describes why she entered the political arena and her campaigns for office, discussing those who helped, as well as those who hindered her. Incensed by attacks on Constitutional liberties, she ran for US Congress in 1996, placing second in the primary election, and for lieutenant governor of Nevada in 1998, where she finished third in a field of nine. She entered politics as a feisty voice for the underdog, and promised to return government to the people the way the Founding Fathers had intended.

She says, "I decided to run for office because I was fed up with the status quo and decided I was going to do my best to change it. What an eye opener were those years in politics! I invite my readers to take that journey behind-the-scenes and discover what caused my transformation from naive patriotic American to cynical activist for reform."

The surprise of the book is that the "hooker" has a more solid value system than most elected officials. Her inspirational journey documents the strength of the human spirit in refusing to be held back by society's labels and limitations and one woman's determination - against great odds.

"Winchester explores solutions for reclaiming honorable government – the way our Founding Fathers intended it."

Winchester craves for an America that promotes patriotism, where children's hearts can swell with emotional fulfillment when they hear the national anthem at ballgames. An America where children have the courage of their convictions,

maintain an independent mind, are willing to explore all sides of an issue, and avoid becoming part of the herd mentality.

This book provides a fascinating look at an extraordinary women whose life reverberates with adventure, exploration, creativity, and a solid value system.

The book can be purchased on Amazon.com and most major book stores.



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United Nations Course

By Alice Lillie

Dr. Jack Ringler, of the Community College of Southern Nevada History Department, offers a course at the CCSN Charleston campus, that will be of value in understanding what is happening to Americans' national sovereignty and individual liberties.

The three-credit course was entitled "The New World Order: The Ultimate Conspiracy" but has been re-entitled "The United Nations." The course number is 23617 and it meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. from January 22 through May 14. Enrollment is \$139.50, which is refundable if the course is cancelled or if you have to cancel your enrollment. The class is transferable to UNLV and UNR.

Dr. Ringler is not trying to convince anybody, just trying to inform. The course is about the gravitation of political and economic control towards centralization, even as



the people are assured that their liberties are safe. It is about entities libertarians suspect are evil but may not be sure exactly how they do their evil, such as the Federal Reserve, the Trilateral Commission, and the Council on Foreign Relations.

"You begin to see how all this stuff fits together," said Dr. Ringler. "The quest for world power on the part of the elite is germane to the course."

Call CCSN at (702) 651-5610 or visit www.ccsn.nevada.edu for information on enrollment and class schedules.

This subject is important for liberty. Therefore it is important for libertarians to know. See you in class.

LPN Attacked by Burns and Vaughan

Earlier this year, the Libertarian Party of Nevada (LPN) was aggressively attacked by former activists Jim Burns and Stan Vaughan with an arbitration suit that drained thousands of dollars from the LPN in legal costs. The suit was mostly based on a special convention that a previous LPN executive committee held in Winnemucca in September 1998. Although most of the current officers (and State Director) had nothing at all to do with the 1998 special convention, Burns and Vaughan still sought to collect money from the current committee members, as well as the party itself.

"It appears that the party took great effort to meet the substantive concerns of Mr. Burns and Mr. Vaughan."

Burns and Vaughan disputed the 1998 Special Convention because the party did not mail notice to its 5000 members in the traditional way. Due to a lack of funds, the party instead placed ads in the major newspapers, as is required for major political parties, and announced the convention on e-mail and at meetings in Las Vegas and Reno. The bylaws at that time did not define what constituted "Notice to the membership."

They also alleged that the LPN had not conducted its most recent 1999 and 2000 conventions in full compliance with the rules, and did not prevent members from distributing critical campaign material prior to the 1999 convention.

In the suit, Burns and Vaughan asked for 10 separate actions to be taken against the LPN, including the nullification of the party's last three conventions, monetary relief, and a mandatory apology mailing. The LPN disputed all charges, and hired legal council to defend itself.

Back in June 1999, after initial threats of legal action, Burns and Vaughan signed an agreement with the LPN promising to accept the results of the upcoming 1999 convention "with no legal challenges" so long as all of the actions taken at the 1998 special convention were revoked. The 1999 convention revoked on all of the actions taken at the 1998 Special Convention. And all of those actions were overwhelmingly approved and ratified by the delegates. Unfortunately, Burns and Vaughan broke their word, and decided to take legal actions against the LPN anyway. The ensuing arbitration was held under the rules of the American Arbitration Association in October 2000.

The arbitrator ruled in favor of the LPN stating "the nature of the claims brought by Mr. Burns and Mr. Vaughan lack merit" and, "it appears that the party took great effort to meet the substantive concerns of Mr. Burns and Mr. Vaughan." He went on to say that "any impropriety in the results of the 1998 Winnemucca Special Convention was rectified by ratification." Therefore, all of the claims by Burns and Vaughan were denied.



Former State Chair
Jim Burns

However, the party still had to pay all arbitration fees, along with its own attorneys costs. This has amounted to more than \$7,600. Most of these costs were incurred during the election season, thus preventing the LPN

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Burns and Vaughan

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from assisting candidates who badly need the funds. This struck a crippling blow to our election efforts, and perhaps cost James Dan a seat in the state legislature, as well as the party's future ballot status. The party was forced to divert resources away from promoting our candidates.

The most unfortunate thing about this was that Burns and Vaughan never attempted to work out their differences with the LPN. Instead, they attacked the LPN just when it looked like some real successes were possible. In fact, some say Stan Vaughan and Jim Burns ended up being bigger enemies to the LPN this year than the Democrats or Republicans.

The LPN hopes to find a way to recover these legal costs in the future. In the meantime, we felt that you, our members, deserved to know exactly what happened. We can only hope that Burns and Vaughan will stop attacking the Libertarian Party in the future, and allow us to blossom to our full

potential as rapidly as possible.



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Michael Thomas and Lewis Whitten at the UNLV Choose or Lose Event

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