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Official Harassment Causes Closure of Headquarters

The Clark County government authorities, in a typical display of cynical power, have forced the closure of the Libertarian Party of Nevada headquarters in Las Vegas. As regular readers of this newsletter are aware, the authorities have been conducting a campaign of harassment against the party and its candidate for Clark County Sheriff, Ed Uehling, on the stated and absurdly ridiculous premise that Mr. Uehling's candidacy is not serious. Mr. Uehling and the state party Chairman, Jim Burns, are currently defending themselves with legal action against the numerous citations that were issued to them because they had the temerity to attempt to exercise their guaranteed constitutional

rights to conduct political activity in this "free" nation. Unfortunately, in addition to the serious nature of the charges which have been brought against Ed and Jim (which carry possible penalties of heavy fines and/or imprisonment), the financial burden imposed by the latest police tactic of confiscation of Mr. Uehling's private property has forced the closure of the party headquarters. As this country continues its slide down the rabbit hole toward a place of Cheshire Cats and Mad Hatters, the party is seeking a new location for its headquarters. In the meantime, Ed and Jim have filed a legal action in federal court seeking redress and are currently considering a civil suit.

Possible Election Fraud to be Discussed

Tom Stone, a Republican Party candidate for the Nevada State Assembly from District 21 in Green Valley, will be presented as the feature speaker at the September meeting of the Libertarian Leadership Council. Mr. Stone, a former commercial airline pilot with a distinguished military career, and who is now retired, describes himself as a conservative whose dream is to see low taxes and the elimination of socialistic government meddling in our daily lives.

Mr. Stone was the first to expose the plans of the Clark County Government to install an all-electronic computer voting system, the Sequoia Pacific DRE, which does not use paper ballots and which experts say can easily be rigged. Without paper ballots, as part of the system, to provide a "paper trail" and thereby prevent fraud, a reliable election or recount tally is apparently impossible. Mr. Stone's extensive research on electronic voting systems has convinced him and many others that this particular electronic voting scheme will put an end to honest elections in Clark County and must be rejected.

For details on the time and place of the meeting where Mr. Stone will speak on this issue, please see the Liberty Calendar on the back page.

From the Chair Leadership and Libertarianism

by State Chairman Jim Burns

In September of 1973, I discovered the Libertarian Party. I was amazed. At last, I had found people who believed as I believed. People who believed in equality of rights before the law, but more: that the law should be limited to protect and defend the right of all people to live as they choose so long as they do not violate the same rights of others.

Libertarianism is not a panacea. Libertarianism is neither a religion nor a philosophy. Libertarianism is just a simple rule that makes it possible for us to live with each other. In the same vein as its sister rule — do unto others as you would have others do unto you (the "golden rule"), the libertarian rule is that no one should initiate force or fraud against another. The vast majority of people live by the libertarian rule, and when they do not follow that rule we have a name for such action: criminal. Libertarianism says that it does not matter if the action is taken by a local thug or a Washington bureaucrat; to initiate force or fraud is a crime. Libertarianism is the fountainhead of civilization. To the extent that the libertarian rule is not followed, the very foundation of civilization is corrupted. If civilization breaks down, the result is famine, pestilence, and war — all of which brings death to large numbers of people. I believe that, to all people of good will, libertarianism should be the paramount cause. In my opinion, the Libertarian Party is the best vehicle for the protection of civilization.

In 1974, I ran for public office for the first time. I am not a rocket scientist, but it did not take me long to figure out that what elections are about is persuasion. To get elected you need to convince more people to vote for you than for your opponent. Persuasion requires human energy, and human energy is the key to the whole matter. Even the publication of this newsletter requires much more energy than some might imagine. The many hours spent on the development, writing and editing of articles and features, on the development of sources of advertising and the preparation of the ads, on the arrangement of all the separate parts into a cohesive and balanced whole, on the development and maintenance of a large and ever changing mailing list (and in a manner that must be in accord with an unbelievable Byzantine maze of postal requirements), on the printing, folding, tabbing and addressing of the final product — and the time you spend to read the newsletter — all of this requires enormous amounts of human energy. The major objective of this energy is persuasion — to persuade you to want to read this newsletter and to want to take action, i.e. to want to spend some of your energy.

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What the Libertarian Party needs is very large quantities of human energy. To win, we may need billions and billions of dollars worth. In a libertarian context, there are two basic ways to acquire human energy. First, you may persuade people to volunteer their energy. Second, you may persuade people to give money, so that the money may be turned into human energy. If you have enough human energy, you may turn that energy into such materials as TV, radio and newspaper advertisements, or whatever else may be needed.

I have put considerable thought into how to get the human energy we need and, although it appears to be a hopeless cause, the way to win a hopeless cause is one step at a time — AND to remove as many obstacles as we can, especially the obstacles that we place in our own way. An American humorist once said, "It ain't the things that we don't know that causes us all of our troubles, but the things that we do know, that just ain't so."

Lord Acton was a defender of liberty and a historian. He is best remembered for a two-sentence quote: "Power corrupts. Absolute power corrupts absolutely." In my experience, many libertarians act as if they believe his statement and believe that it is a principle to live by. "Power corrupts. Absolute power corrupts absolutely." Think about this for just a second. This statement is stupid, absurd, and ludicrous on its face. Power is an essential of life. Without power you cannot move. Without power your lungs, heart, and brain will not work. Without power you die! As to absolute power, I don't know much about that. The only absolute power I have heard of is God. I will leave a good defense of God to my religious libertarian brethren, but I will say that if God is guilty of causing evil and corruption, and if God is absolute power, then God would also be responsible for good and virtue (yes, there is some good and virtue in this world). Therefore, God is not guilty of absolute corruption.

Perhaps you will say that I have missed the point — that what is meant is that political power corrupts. This statement is also incorrect. The problem is not that people such as Hitler and Stalin were powerful, but rather that the people such as the Jews and gypsies who lived at that time and place were weak. I hope you remember that I said that libertarians believe in equality of rights before the law. What libertarianism wishes to achieve is more power for everyone, so that each individual may live as he or she sees fit, so long as they do not violate the same rights of others. What corrupts is not political power *per se*, but the lack of political power for the oppressed, for the minority — and for the smallest minority of all, which is the individual. The power that libertarianism opposes is the power that causes people to believe, and to act upon the belief, that the initiation of force or fraud is a good and normal thing. What is needed to fight the power of oppression is

a counter-power (the power of civilization: the libertarian rule) which, of course, must be stronger.

My good friend Rick White likes to say, "You are what you eat, but you do what you think." Many libertarians think power corrupts. 'Power' is a synonym for 'control.' 'Control' is a synonym for 'leadership.' Thus, many libertarians believe that leadership = control = power = corruption. Therefore, leadership = corruption. My experience has shown me that if you even mention leadership as a positive, many of the libertarians in the room will have a cow. People whom I have known for years will suddenly believe that I now wish to become Hitler, and they will do almost everything in their power to stop me.

The idea that power corrupts is a formidable obstacle in the path of liberty. Power is a neutral state of being; in and of itself, it is neither good nor evil. The means by which, and the ends to which, it is employed are what causes power to be either good or evil. The IRS agent or local thug who robs you must utilize power to achieve his or her ends. Likewise, the man who runs into a burning building and picks up a baby in her crib and then runs out of the building and, in so doing, saves the child — this man also must employ power. Tyrants use power to achieve tyranny. Tyranny has had its leaders, such as Hitler, Stalin, and Fat King George. Likewise, liberty must use power to achieve freedom and justice. Liberty has had its leaders, such as Washington, Jefferson, and Ayn Rand. The leadership characteristics of a tyrant are different from those of one who leads free people, and power and leadership are essential elements in the cause of liberty. The tyrant must find and coerce his or her followers and attempt to make mindless robots of them. The libertarian leader must find and persuade libertarians and release the leader that is already within each of them. The tyrant uses coercion. The libertarian leader uses persuasion. The tyrant wants slaves. The libertarian leader must lead leaders.

Each and every libertarian is a leader. Each and every libertarian starts by leading himself or herself. But, just as the division of labor is essential to civilization, it is also essential to the success of liberty. The task ahead of us is formidable. The libertarian leader of leaders should act as a catalyst, an enabler, a facilitator, a coordinator, a motivator, a tactician, a communicator, a guide, a trailblazer, a pace-setter, a promoter, an organizer, and someone who empowers and inspires, just to mention a few of the qualifications that are necessary. The libertarian leader of leaders cannot achieve much without the cooperation, thought, help, and work of others; that is to say, if libertarians do not spend their human energy to support the leader, his or her success will be limited. Since each leader, even a leader of leaders, is a human being, and may not have all of the qualifications necessary for such an enormous task, the help of supporters to compensate for his or her imperfections, and to bring their own unique and valuable talents and abilities to the cause, is an absolute

necessity for success.

The types of leadership I have just described are authoritarian and hierarchical. They are not the only way in which people can organize themselves; for example, networking is another way. The Libertarian Party and the libertarian leader of leaders should allow and encourage all forms of voluntary organization among libertarians. Nevertheless, in my opinion, the hierarchical form of leadership is best suited to achieve the best results for campaigns for public office, because the candidate for public office and the elected party officers who do the work of the Libertarian Party are the obvious leaders.

I am a libertarian leader, just as all libertarians are. I do not follow lightly or blindly without thought, and once I give my alliance, I do not give it permanently, nor without qualification. My support must be continually earned. The how, when, and where of my support are always mine to choose. I am sovereign, just as each of you is sovereign.

I would like to quote five sentences that have always inspired me — and I believe these words are just as relevant today as they were more than two hundred years ago. "These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives every thing its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as Freedom should not be highly rated." These were the words of Thomas Paine.

These are, indeed, the times that try our very souls. We have a choice. We know the obstacles that tyranny has placed in our path. You can surrender. You may hope that others will do the job. Perhaps you just don't care. If that is your choice, I will not judge you; each person must live with his or her own conscience. But, if you choose not to surrender — oh, what glorious times we live in! We have it within our power to change the course of human history. We can establish a world where people can live free, "...come or go, buy or sell, drunk or sober — however they choose."

I respect your sovereignty. The U.S. government does not respect you. It wants you to comply, obey and conform. It wants you to be mindless robots. I want you to think for yourself, to follow your own conscience. I ask you to remember that "...What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly." So, please consider making a contribution — joining the national LP, signing up with NTC (see the ad on page 5), attending meetings, helping candidates, or doing whatever you can and want to do to help. Give until it hurts — at least a little. Be a leader. Join and help other leaders. We need your help. You need ours.

Only Juries Can Protect Us From Tyrannical Majorities

by Mike Iamaio

Libertarians believe that all citizens and professional government servants in a free republic have a responsibility to uphold justice in every facet of their lives as citizens and in all areas of their jobs as professional government servants. In other words, every citizen has a right and a duty to "break" an unjust "law" and every professional government servant has a right and a duty to NOT execute an unjust "law."

The ethical principle that every individual is responsible for all of his actions — governmental or otherwise — is scary to the vast majority of people, nowadays. The common wisdom, of course, is that once an Act passes through the Assembly and Senate, it is the duty of the executive branch to blindly enforce it and of the citizenry to unquestioningly obey it.

As a matter of fact, most of the people to whom I have explained this libertarian principle seem to have never considered such an idea. Their usual response is, first a puzzled look, and then something usually hits them and they remember from somewhere, "Isn't it the Supreme Court's job to interpret the laws?"

When I remind them that the Nazis (or at least some of the Nazis) weren't allowed this defense, the typical response is that "the Nazis were different." I once asked Federal Judge Hubert Will — formerly a young prosecutor at the Nuremberg trials — what was different about the Nazis, why they have been virtually the only people held responsible for the crime of blindly obeying criminal laws. He explained that it was only because the Nazis had committed "crimes against humanity" that they were held to this high standard.

In a libertarian republic, however, the policemen that break into houses and steal people's guns, drugs, and property are held to the same standard to which Judge Will held the Nazis. In a libertarian republic, each person — whether a professional government servant or a citizen — has a right, power, and duty to uphold justice and this is the only way that justice has ever been maintained in any republic.

In a libertarian republic, representatives have a duty to veto unjust bills passed by the senate, and senators have a duty to veto unjust bills passed by representatives. Likewise, professionals in the government's executive branch — such as governors, sheriffs, district attorneys,

policemen, and bureaucrats — all have a duty to NOT execute legislative enactments that they deem unjust. Similarly, judges and magistrates in the government's judicial branch must NOT enforce statutes that they consider to be unjust or unconstitutional.

However, these professional government servants are elected by majority vote (or appointed by those elected by majority vote). Hence, despite the fact that laws have to square with the sense of justice of all of these different government officers, a democratic republic would still be susceptible to tyranny of the majority were it not for the institution of trial by jury — where 12 randomly selected citizens, composed of the community at large, and representing minority factions, are required to unanimously judge that a statute is just each time that any citizen is threatened with punishment for transgressing it. Since a unanimous verdict is required, minority factions that are not represented in government offices get to exercise their veto by hanging a jury when their sense of justice differs from that of the rest of the jury.

Today, trial by jury has been effectively abolished and consequently absolutism has been set up in place of a free republic. For many "crimes," jury trials have been abolished outright by renaming the "crime" an "infraction" or "misdemeanor," despite the fact that the accused can be sentenced to prison and fined heavily. For example, Clark County Sheriff candidate Ed Uehling and Nevada Libertarian Party State Chairman Jim Burns face up to 6 months in jail and several thousands of dollars in fines for each "infraction" of "holding political fundraisers" while not being "serious." But because the "infraction" has been labeled as a "misdemeanor," a professional government servant — a judge — will decide their cases.

For the "infractions" that our current absolutist government calls "crimes," the government accuses the defendant with 2 sets of charges — one set of charges should he demand a jury trial (with draconian penalties should he be found guilty) and another set of charges with lesser penalties should he quietly submit to the D.A.'s threats and plead guilty. These threats work so well that there is virtually NEVER a criminal jury trial going on in ANY of the court houses in all America except when the charges call for very

long prison terms. Just go down to your local county courthouse and watch what is going on.

Hence, only a tiny fraction of those filling our jails were put there by jury verdicts. Therefore, only a tiny fraction of the "laws" that have been invented by our tyrannical majorities have ever been judged to be just by all of "the people" through the jury system.

And when a brave soul exercises his right to have "the people" judge upon the justice of the enactment that he has been accused of violating (despite the intimidation and threats from the D.A.), the judges routinely intimidate prospective jury members by telling them that they must judge only the FACTS of the case and that to judge the LAW is a violation of the juror's oath.

Under our current absolutist system of government, the judges threaten prospective jurors by telling them that they must blindly enforce statutes. In a free republic, the people — through randomly selected juries — have the final veto on enactments before they have the force of laws.

A free republic depends on one essential principle: All of the people, from the top down (i.e., citizens > jurors > bureaucrats > police > judges > sheriffs > and governors) must think and behave like ethical and responsible human beings. That means policemen aren't off the hook when they say that they're just following orders or just doing their job. That means that jurors aren't off the hook when they say that they had to vote someone guilty because the judge told them that they had to follow the "law" as the judge directed them.

All over America, evil tyrannical majorities have elected and appointed mindless government officers who, like robots, will obey any law, break into any house, search any car, and steal any amount of guns, drugs, and money. Yet, there still may be a remedy for those under attack — even though they have no representation in the professional government.

First, those attacked must demand jury trials. This is very difficult because not only does the government threaten the defendant with cruel and unusual punishment, but they make it clear to the defendant that the trial will be a total sham. They tell the defendant that he will not be allowed to act as his own counsel and argue his own case. He must accept a government-approved counsel to

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Confessions of a civic shirker (reformed)

by Kent B. Van Cleave

This was the year it finally caught up to me. Not the frustration at the growing intrusiveness and ineptitude (except in matters of intrusiveness) of government; that had been festering for years. Not even the sense of urgency that if we don't get control of our government *now*, it may soon be too late — though I'll admit that my urgency has been growing exponentially. It was the guilt over having failed, as a citizen who this government is supposed to be of, by, and for, to do my part to make things right.

Oh, I voted. I groused aplenty with friends over how screwed up things are in American politics and government these days. There was even the occasional letter to the editor I sent. But I never so much as wrote a letter to my congressman, or volunteered to campaign for a candidate I believed in.

Compared to the founders of this country, who pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to ensure that this country would truly be the land of the free...well, I was a pretty sorry case.

I knew that the vision of those founding fathers had been abused, ravished, and abandoned. I knew that, of the ten amendments in the Bill of Rights, only the Third is not being routinely trampled by government today (that's

the one restricting the quartering of troops in private homes). I knew that the separation of powers set up by the Constitution has been subverted, leaving us at the mercy of a monolithic, bureaucratic federal entity functioning only to perpetuate its existence and expand its power by doling out political favors and pacifying the masses with bread and circuses.

I believed — at least in a cool, intellectual way — that the principles of liberty and limited government that our forefathers had fought and died for were worth that sacrifice. That when those principles are under attack, it eventually becomes necessary to set aside one's personal enjoyment and convenience *and defend them* — for our own benefit, but primarily for the sake of our posterity.

Posterity? I wondered dimly why we seem to have stopped caring about it. Perhaps because the meager degree to which we *have* had economic and political freedom has produced such prosperity that the welfare of our posterity seems on the surface to be assured. Maybe we're understandably complacent.

But our complacency, understandable or not, is the root of our political and economic malaise today. We have allowed government intrusions, like gnats, to feed on us with no more resistance than an occasional wriggle or swat. Little annoyances are tolerated to the point that, in aggregate, they sap our vitality and threaten our future. Had they come all at

once, even the most trusting soul would have immediately recognized them as *intolerable*.

And that's what it finally comes down to: Can we continue to tolerate the intolerable and still call ourselves Americans? Have we not shamed our forefathers enough?

My decision is obvious from the fact that I've written this article. I couldn't remain one of the silently acquiescing herd and still face myself in the mirror each morning. I could no longer ignore the words of Edmund Burke: "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

Others may choose different ways to serve the cause of liberty; I chose to work as a volunteer for the Libertarian Party. I went to meetings. I went door-to-door with petitions. I sold raffle tickets. I contributed artwork and other professional services that I could. I coughed up cash. I pitched in on the mindless, sweaty grunt work. I donated appliances, furniture...even beer for some of those hot and thirsty summer meetings.

Well, I have to tell you that I feel a lot better about myself these days. And if you're suffering from the kind of guilt I have described here, I heartily recommend this guilt-reduction program. Who knows — maybe it will even restore the nation our forefathers dreamed of.

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argue his case to the jury. During the trial, the government-approved counsel will not be allowed to argue or even mention justice, the Bill of Rights, or the Constitution, or he will be held in contempt. The defendant is told that he will not be allowed to make one peep during the whole proceeding, except in response to cross-examination. He is told that the jury pool will be scrutinized with a microscope. The prospective jurors will be asked a multitude of personal questions. The answers will reveal which jurors are capable of checking their brains at the door and obeying the judge's command to NOT judge the "law." All other prospective jurors will be dismissed.

But it's possible that some of those attacked will gamble on demanding a jury trial if we can start a genuine SNEAK ON THE JURY movement. "All" that is required for this to succeed is, first, to get about 8% (that's 1 out of 12) of the people to become ethical responsible libertarians, and then, to teach them how to respond to the judge — like one of the blindly obedient — when they go through the filtering-out process during jury duty.

The hard part will be getting the libertarians

through the government's invasive "jury stacking" process. In America, the government has had over 100 years of experience in fine tuning their system of preventing libertarians from SNEAKING onto juries and judging the "laws." For example, during the 1850's, in the Fugitive Slave Law cases, the federal judges routinely asked each prospective juror whether his opinion of the Fugitive Slave Law would induce him to refuse to convict a person indicted under it.

More recently, in Mike Hutton's federal Gun & Tax Law trials, jury pool members were forced to reveal what kinds of guns they owned, why they owned guns, whether or not they were NRA members, whether they or anyone in their family were members of groups that advocate that the income tax is unconstitutional, and on and on. In all Federal cases, the U.S. Attorney has access to the IRS 1040 forms of every prospective juror. Some judges have demanded that jurors reveal what bumper stickers they had on their cars!

What should ethical responsible libertarians do when judges ask them whether or not they will obediently enforce the Gun Laws, the Drug Laws, and the Tax Laws? Many have felt compelled to tell the judges that they have a duty to nullify unjust "laws" — and

have been dismissed from the jury pools. For example, last year in Las Vegas in Phil Carter's federal Tax Law trials, when questioned by the judge, nearly twenty potential jurors told the judge that they had doubts about the constitutionality of the federal Income Tax Laws. All were dismissed from the jury pool. Phil Carter might still be a free man today if just ONE of those potential jurors had responded with courage.

Today, many of America's libertarian jury pool members are spilling their guts to the judges and getting bounced out of their rightful positions as vetoers of the Gun Laws, Drug Laws and Tax Laws. They're scared by the face of Big Brother and all of his officers in the courthouse; so, like the Nazi police — and the American police — they say that they're just obeying their oath to follow the orders of a superior government officer. Only when America's libertarian jury pool members uphold justice instead of the rules of a judge's inquisition will we begin to reverse America's absolutist system, which has more per capita prisoners, jails, jailkeepers, spies and police than the Russian or Chinese Communist systems ever had at the peak of their power.

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by Jeremy Farnsworth

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Libertarian Candidates Run Strong Campaigns in Southern Nevada

Bob Days proves to be an impressive newcomer

Although a fairly recent arrival in Southern Nevada, Bob Days, the Libertarian Party candidate for the United States Senate in this year's election, has established himself firmly in the local libertarian community with his activism, his knowledge of libertarian concerns, and his sincere commitment to personal liberty. In addition to his activities as a candidate, he has been spreading the word on local radio stations and was recently elected as Chairman of the new Libertarian Party of Clark County.

Bob, who is a consultant on public assembly facility management, has impressive credentials as an educated man and as someone with long experience in the communications and entertainment industries. A longtime activist and dedicated libertarian, he is a welcome and valuable addition to the libertarian struggle in Nevada.

Bob's campaign approach is somewhat of a mix of anarchistic clowning, a smorgasbord of proposals, and a serious and sincere treatment of the issues. He does whatever is necessary to gain the attention of his audience, and then blows their minds right out of their heads with his obvious command of the facts and his sensible and appropriate proposals. He's perfectly comfortable with anyone, and can be found discussing gun control with a patriot one minute and the so-called "war on drugs" with someone from NORML a minute later.

A mature and dedicated libertarian with a long record of past accomplishments in many areas, Bob promises to be a major bastion of strength for the Nevada party for a long time to come.

Denis Sholty blazes a path on the campaign trail

If one wants to find Denis Sholty, the Libertarian Party of Nevada candidate for the office of Nevada Governor, the best place to look is on the road. That's where he has been in recent months, travelling literally thousands of miles back and forth across the state in his campaign to restore sanity to the state government's highest executive position. Whether it's a candidate forum or a backyard barbecue, Denis will go when he's invited — and sometimes when he's not.

Denis is a well-founded libertarian thinker who, like so many others, wasted years of committed involvement in the Republican Party. When he finally realized that "...the Demopublicans and Republicrats have sold us out..." this only intensified his dedication to the fight for liberty.

Denis, who is a firm believer in the United States Constitution (and especially the Bill of Rights) and an avowed enemy of the federal government's abuse of power, provides his listeners with an eloquent and thoughtful presentation of the libertarian position on a wide range of issues. Much of his campaign is centered on the federal government's intrusion into state and local affairs, including crime (especially drug laws), education, environmental issues and governmental control of public lands. He is quick to express his feelings of disgust at the opportunism and cynicism of his opponents (and major party politicians in general), and frequently voices his outrage over "...the Waco episode."

Denis is a veteran campaigner who knows his stuff, and the party is truly fortunate to have him in its ranks.

Scott Kjar senses victory in race for Assembly

One can sense the excitement at the campaign meetings for Scott Kjar, the Libertarian Party candidate for the Nevada State Assembly seat representing District 41, which surrounds UNLV in southeast Las Vegas. Scott and his campaign team sincerely believe that they can win this election, and the conditions are right for them to do so. Scott, especially, is driving forward with enormous energy, coordinating fundraising efforts, providing oversight for publicity, polls and strategy, and defying the Las Vegas summer heat in his avowed purpose to bang on every door in the district.

All of this activity reflects Scott's many years of political experience, beginning with the Republican Party. He has been involved in many political campaigns, and has held a number of responsible positions in various freedom-oriented organizations. Since moving to Las Vegas in 1991, he has been very active in the Libertarian Party, including service as chairman of the Clark County LP, during which time he eliminated all of that party's outstanding debt, which was considerable. (He currently performs, admirably and diligently, his duties as the state party Secretary.)

Scott is at present pursuing his second Master's Degree (this one in economics) at UNLV, under the inspiring tutelage of famed libertarian economist Murray Rothbard, and also manages to somehow find the time to further a career as an independent businessman. Yet, despite all his heavy responsibilities, he is always ready and eager to provide substantial support to any libertarian endeavour that is in need of his help. He certainly deserves to win this one.

Clark County Libertarians Form New Party

On August 22, at state party headquarters in Las Vegas, libertarians from Clark County formed a new county party. The LP candidate for the U.S. Senate, Bob Days, was elected as Chairman, the LP candidate for Clark County Sheriff, Ed Uehling, was elected as Vice Chairman, Stan Vaughan was elected as Secretary and Tim Hagan was elected as Treasurer. A new constitution and bylaws were also adopted.

Bob Days said that the event, which was chaired by state party Chairman Jim Burns, "...must go down in the record books as one of the most efficiently run meetings in Libertarian history."

Bob is committed to making the party's

influence felt on the Clark County political scene, and is confident that the new party will show a vigor and level of activity that will exceed anything seen in the past. "I am very excited about being the new chairman...Hang on folks! We're in for a hell of a ride!"

Members of the party's Executive Board will be meeting on September 6 to set some basic goals for the coming year and to determine priorities for committees and assignments for volunteers.

The new party's first formal meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20 at 7:00 pm at the residence of Bob Days at 225 Lana Ave., #3A (near Harmon and Koval, behind the MGM Grand). All interested Clark County libertarians are urged to attend. For directions or further information, call 893-1256.

Sparks Libertarians Succeed With Initiative Petition

The libertarians in Sparks, led by the Libertarian Party of Nevada Vice-Chairman, Sparks City Councilman Ernest Walker, and with the able assistance of the state party's Northern Regional Representative, James Dan, and the Washoe County LP Chairman, Brendan Trainer, have succeeded in gathering enough signatures to qualify their initiative petition for the next election in the City of Sparks. If the petition is approved by the voters, all future tax increases in the city will also require the approval of the electorate before they become law. The folks in northern Nevada worked hard on this one, and they deserve their success. Let's hope that the electorate has enough sense to reward their efforts with passage of this important initiative.

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LIBERTY CALENDAR

Tuesday, September 20, 7:00 pm

Libertarian Party of Clark County

The Clark County LP will hold its first regular meeting at 225 Lana Ave., #3A (near Harmon and Koval). For directions, call 893-1256.

Monday, September 26, 7:00 pm

**Libertarian Party of Nevada Executive Committee
Libertarian Leadership Council**

The Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Nevada and the Libertarian Leadership Council hold joint meetings on the fourth Monday of every month. This month's meeting will feature Tom Stone, who will speak on electronic voting fraud, and will be held at 225 Lana Ave., #3A (near Harmon and Koval) in Las Vegas. For directions, call 893-1256.

Monday, October 3, 8:00 pm

NORML Meeting

The Las Vegas Chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws meets on the first Monday of each month at Cafe Copioh (on Maryland Parkway across from UNLV).

Wednesday, October 5, 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.

Wednesday, October 12, 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.

Thursday, October 13, 7:00 pm

Sparks Libertarian Club

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

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