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## Channel 10 Bars Libertarian Candidates From Debate

Southern Nevada's public television station, KLVX-TV Channel 10, has refused to allow the Nevada Libertarian Party candidate for the U.S. Senate, Bob Days, and the party's candidate for representation of the 1st Congressional District, Gary Wood, to participate in its scheduled candidate's debates. KLVX General Manager Tom Axtell has been reported to have made this decision because, in his opinion, Mr. Days and Mr. Wood do not represent the substantive issues in which Nevada voters are interested.

There are no words to describe the absurdity of Mr. Axtell's position. Does he really mean to say that Nevadans are not interested in high crime rates, and a sensible way to reduce them? Does he mean to say that they are not interested in the blatant and criminal disregard of the U.S. Constitution by federal government officials on all levels, from our unilateral War Chief in the White House and the murderers and thieves in the IRS and the BATF to

the storm troopers at Yucca Mountain and the local federal judges who prefer zombies in the jury box? Does he want us to believe that they are not interested in such things as the illegal disarming of the citizenry, the growing and illegal governmental control of every facet of the individual's personal life, term limits, etc., etc.? If Mr. Axtell is saying these things, then Nevadans are either brain-dead or they should be outraged at his arrogant and presumptuous attempt to control their thoughts and opinions.

We urge all those who have made contributions to Channel 10 to contact the station and demand a refund of those contributions, and we urge all those who are concerned about the continual erosion of their liberty and the integrity of the political process to register their protest with the station management. KLVX is located at 4210 Channel 10 Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89119. Their phone number is 737-1010.

## Victory in Court Opens Way for Wood

On June 1 of this year, the office of the Nevada Secretary of State imposed a last minute change in its rules governing the filing of papers by political candidates, thus creating havoc with the planned campaigns of a number of minor party candidates, including the Libertarian Party's candidate to represent the residents of Nevada's 1st Congressional District, Gary Wood. Soon thereafter, the LP of Nevada decided to join forces with the American Independent Party in bringing suit against the Nevada Secretary of State, with able IAP attorney Joel Hansen handling the legal aspects of the case. On September 6, thanks to the outstanding work of Mr. Hansen, the Nevada State Supreme Court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs, and on the following September 9 Gary Wood was able to file as an official candidate.

According to Wood, "This entire action delayed any effort to raise money, solicit support, and build a significant campaign effort." Although the plaintiffs were confident the court would rule in their favor, it was not known if the ruling would be in time to file for this election year. In addition, all of

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## From the Chair

## Drug War Mailing to Educate Democrats

by State Chairman Jim Burns

In the very near future, a direct mail campaign will target Democratic voters in State Assembly District 8 in an effort to educate those voters as to some of the more fundamental problems with the government's "war on drugs." The mailing is based on national party material, and will serve the additional purpose of testing new technology involving personalized mailings. The text of the mailing is reproduced below.

Dear John,

We have a serious crime problem here in Las Vegas and across the whole country. Politicians, both Democratic and Republican, claim to be tough on crime, yet the crime problem seems to get worse and worse. John, there is a way to reduce crime by at least fifty percent. However, there is a price to pay. No, the price is not higher taxes. Taxes could actually go down. No, the price is not more police or prisons. The number of police and prisons could stay the same or even be reduced somewhat. No, the price is not that we should give up our liberty. To reduce crime in Las Vegas and across the whole country, to increase our safety both at home and on the streets, we need to increase our liberty. The price to be paid is that we must re-legalize or decriminalize drug use. The price we must pay is to end the "war on drugs."

My name is Jim Burns. I am the Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Nevada, and I want to ask you a question, John. Have you ever thought that perhaps we should re-legalize drugs?

Libertarians, like most Nevadans, demand to be safe at home and on the streets. Libertarians would like all Americans to be healthy and free of drug dependence. But drug laws don't help — they make things worse.

The professional politicians scramble to make names for themselves as tough anti-drug warriors. But, the fact is that the "war on drugs" has been lost, and can never be won. The tragic victims of that war are your personal liberty and its companion, responsibility. It's time to consider the re-legalization of drugs.

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**Mailing (continued)**

As you know, John, in the 1920's alcohol was made illegal by the Prohibition Act. The result — Organized Crime. Criminals jumped at the chance to supply the demand for liquor. The streets became battlegrounds. The criminals bought off law enforcement and judges. Adulterated booze blinded and killed people. Civil rights were trampled in the hopeless attempt to prevent people from drinking.

When the American people saw what Prohibition was doing to them, they supported its repeal. When they succeeded, most states legalized liquor and the criminal gangs were out of the liquor business.

Today's war on drugs is a rerun of Prohibition. Approximately 40 million Americans are occasional, peaceful users of some illegal drug, and are no threat to anyone. They are not going to stop. The laws don't, and can't, stop drug use.

Whenever there is great demand for a product and government makes it illegal, a black market always appears to supply the demand. The price of the product rises dramatically and the opportunity for huge profits is obvious. The criminal gangs love the situation, because they make millions. They corrupt the police and the courts. They sell adulterated dope and experimental drugs, causing injury and death. They kill other drug dealers to protect their territory, and innocent people are caught in the crossfire. In many cases, children are the tragic victims of these crimes and, to make matters worse, the dealers recruit children to work for them in their criminal activities. (Budweiser doesn't recruit children to sell their product in the schoolyard.) And, because drugs are illegal, their victims have no recourse.

Did you know, John, that half the cost of law enforcement and prisons is squandered on drug-related crime? Of all drug users, only a relative few are addicts who commit crimes daily to supply artificially expensive habits. These few addicts, not the much larger number of occasional users, are the robbers, car thieves and burglars who make our homes and streets unsafe.

Civil liberties also suffer. We are all "suspects," subject to random urine tests, highway check points and spying into our personal finances. Your property can be seized without trial if the police merely claim that you purchased it with drug profits. Doing business with cash makes you a suspect. America is becoming a police state because of the war on drugs.

Today's illegal drugs were legal before 1914. Cocaine was even used in the original Coca-Cola recipe. Americans had few prob-

lems with cocaine, opium, heroin or marijuana. Drugs were inexpensive; crime was low. Most users handled their drug of choice without problems and lived normal, productive lives. Addicts out of control were a tiny minority.

Recent experience in England provides a good example of this. That nation had liberal drug laws until the 1980's, when the Conservative government, strongly influenced by the Reagan administration, adopted a much more punitive policy. The crime rate quickly doubled. When the government's policies were later restored to the earlier, liberal approach, the crime rate went back down to the earlier levels.

The first laws prohibiting drugs in the United States were racist in origin — to prevent Chinese laborers from using opium and to prevent blacks and Hispanics from using cocaine and marijuana. That was unjust and unfair, just as it is unjust and unfair to make criminals of peaceful drug users today.

Some Americans will always use alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other drugs. Most are not addicts, they are social drinkers or occasional users. Legal drugs would be inexpensive, so even addicts could support their habits with honest work, rather than by crime. Organized crime would be deprived of its drug profits. The police could return to protecting us from real criminals, and there would be room enough for them in existing prisons.

John, don't you think it's time to re-legalize drugs and let people take responsibility for themselves? Drug abuse is a tragedy and a sickness, but criminal laws only drive the problem underground and put money in the pockets of the criminal class. With drugs legal, compassionate people could do more to educate and rehabilitate drug users who seek help. Drugs should be legal. Individuals should have the right to decide for themselves what to put in their bodies, so long as they take responsibility for their actions.

The first step to end the "war on drugs" is to make it a part of the political debate. The facts of drug use and the effects of their illegality should be determined, evaluated and discussed — in a public forum. Dr. Jocelyn Elders, the U.S. Surgeon General, suggested that we should look into ending the "war on drugs," and the reply of the Democratic leadership was that they would not even discuss the matter. We need to force them to discuss this vital issue. There is only one political party that says that we should end the "war on drugs" — the Libertarian Party. John, if you vote for Bob Days, the Libertarian candidate for the U.S. Senate, and Gary Wood, the Libertarian candidate for Congress from this

district, you would send a message to the politicians in Washington that ending the "war on drugs" is an issue that must be discussed. If you vote for Denis Sholty, the Libertarian candidate for Nevada Governor, and James Frye, the Libertarian candidate for Lt. Governor, you will send the same message to the politicians in Carson City. Tell them with your vote — the only language they understand — that it's time to discuss this important issue!

Sincerely,

*Jim Burns*

Chairman, Libertarian Party of Nevada

## Election Night Party

On Tuesday evening, November 8, local Libertarians in the Las Vegas area will host an election night party. The site for the event has not been finalized, but plans include election night coverage via all three major local television stations and festive accompaniments. This could prove to be an important election for the Libertarian Party of Nevada, and we urge all southern Nevada libertarians to attend what may be an historic occasion. Several of the party's candidates in this election promise to make a strong showing, and more than one have realistic chances of being elected to office.

By the time this newsletter is distributed, plans for the event will have been finalized. For details on time and place, call Bill Kenyon at 897-3197, Jim Burns at 642-4165 or 870-7296 (Wednesday through Sunday, 2 - 10 p.m.), or the state party message phone at 251-7123.

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# Hello Sucker!

*(This article was written over a decade ago by the self-made millionaire inventor, the late William Thomas)*

It has been almost 50 years since the 18th Amendment was repealed, and as my memory turned back to those events I realized there is an interesting parallel to be drawn between what happened then and what is happening in American society today. It illustrates how little thought we have given to the fundamental principles upon which our nation was founded and how little we learned from those events.

Although alcoholic beverages had been in common use for centuries, during the early part of the 20th century a political party called the Prohibitionists, with the aid of other politicians, was able to amend the Constitution and prohibit the sale and consumption of beer and liquor. As I recollect, it was called "the noble experiment," and its stated purpose was to protect the people from themselves.

Human nature being what it is, the inevitable followed. Speakeasies sprang up overnight, supplied with contraband liquor by underworld gangsters who had anticipated the demand. It was during this era that a lady named Texas Guinan ran a speakeasy in which she sold liquor at outrageous prices to her patrons. Texas Guinan achieved a passing notoriety for the manner in which she welcomed her customers; her standard greeting was, "Hello Sucker!" In view of the prices she charged, her greeting certainly made sense. The reason she and others could charge high prices was, of course, because they had a monopoly which the government had created by default.

Although government warehouses were filled with bonded liquor, organized crime enjoyed this monopoly from 1920 to 1933, when the law was finally repealed in response to the demands of a disgusted and outraged citizenry. But the major harm had been done. The various crime syndicates had organized and were flourishing. Murder and corruption had become endemic, so much so that local authorities were unable to cope with it and even the federal authorities were so hampered by corruption and

the legal tactics of lawyers hired by organized crime that very few successful prosecutions occurred. It is interesting to note that although, next to machine guns, lawyers were their most potent weapon, the gangsters contemptuously referred to their lawyers as their "mouthpiece." Al Capone, the kingpin of organized crime, who was known to have been implicated in many murders, was finally prosecuted successfully only on charges of income tax evasion.

The history of the continued growth of organized crime from that period to the present is well documented — narcotics, gambling, prostitution, extortion, loan sharking, corruption of labor unions, crooked business ventures aided by unscrupulous lawyers and a general corruption of the judicial process.

It is a truism that, when government undertakes to do something which is not properly within its sphere, or fails to do that which is properly within the sphere of government only, it creates malfunctions and distortions in society. Such was the case with Prohibition. The attempt of government to deprive the people of their right of access to liquor, a right which they had enjoyed for centuries, was clearly not within its province or competence. Consequently, it not only failed, but the corruption which it spawned proliferated to the extent that today, only the federal government can cope with organized crime, and then only to a limited extent.

As for crime in general, the U.S. has today the highest crime rate of any nation in the world. Few people understand the underlying reasons for this, but they really are very simple and can be illustrated in the parallel of what happened during prohibition. When the government was denying to the people their right of access to liquor on the spurious grounds that they were being protected from themselves, it was (and still is) failing to protect the citizens from each other — the very thing our government was originally formed to do!

Just as the government created, by default, a monopoly for organized crime in the sale and distribution of beer and liquor, so it has also created a monopoly for another organized group in the sale and distribution of the right to justice — i.e., the lawyers. Few people understand that when the government delegated its primary duty and responsibility to protect and ensure justice for the individual to a pri-

vate group operating under a monopoly, and whose sole aim and purpose is profit, a price was automatically placed both on justice and on injustice. The latter has, of course, a natural affinity with corruption.

This situation was made to order for organized crime which, operating illegally, could not establish itself without the aid and cooperation of lawyers, judges and politicians who could be persuaded to tailor the law to fit the occasion or the decision. It is quite evident that the members of these two monopolies achieved a *modus vivendi* of sorts in this respect which exists to this day, as witness the fact that organized crime has more lawyers on its payroll than are employed by the U.S. Department of Justice.

The lawyers' monopoly has grown invincible with the years, and if Texas Guinan were with us today and was a member of this same monopoly, she would, no doubt, be sorely tempted in her exuberance to welcome her prospective clients with her standard greeting, "Hello Sucker!"

## Pratt Making Strong Effort

Paul Pratt, the Libertarian Party candidate for State Assembly District 12, is the former manager of the largest gun store in Las Vegas, and he is focusing his campaign toward gun owners.

He is in a two-way race against a nonincumbent Democrat. His campaign already has been endorsed by a number of gun shop owners, and he is currently involved in a targeted, direct mail effort to more than 3,000 likely pro-gun voters. Pratt is making personal appearances and working hard — running to win.

For more information, write Pratt for Assembly, 6069 Bing Cherry Drive, Las Vegas NV 89122, or call 431-3558.

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## Gary Wood (continued)

the requests for appearances and questionnaires sent to candidates during the first three months excluded Gary because he was not listed as a candidate.

"Since Sept. 9th I have received several requests. I am going to be addressing several groups during the second and third weeks of October. I will also be meeting with *The Las Vegas Sun* editorial board. This exposure will be helpful, but it is far less effective than it would have been had we been given the entire time to run," Wood said.

There continues to be a problem with the treatment of Libertarian Party candidates by the media. Channel 10 is threatening to exclude both Wood and Bob Days, the LP candidate for the U.S. Senate, from its scheduled debates. The station claims that they are forced to limit the debates to "...real and essential..." candidates. Despite this claim, the station attempted to offer 30 minutes of separate time for Gary to let his views be known. Gary said, "This is unacceptable. As I explained to Channel 10's Lee Winston, the people undecided will be tuned in to the debates. This is where we need to be, on the debates. I urge everyone reading this article to contact Channel 10 and demand that we be allowed access. Bob Days and I are threatening a lawsuit, if necessary."

Gary has a traveling billboard attached to his truck. He is also distributing flyers to various points. He urges everyone who receives one flyer to pass out ten more. "The Libertarians have not been winners in local races. Most believe that we don't win because we don't have enough money. It is difficult to raise money because of our record. It's the old 'stove, give me heat and I will give you wood' syndrome." Wood said, "The easiest way to overcome these challenges is for Libertarians to speak out in favor of the party and the candidates. If every registered Libertarian would influence twenty people to vote for a candidate that believes in people's rights, we would have great results. If ten of those twenty just told one friend, we would begin to win. When we begin to win, significant funds can be

raised for future campaigns. The cost of this approach is a little time and effort. We don't have to reach in our wallets to support our candidates."

Although Wood does not believe he has enough time left before this year's election to use this strategy for victory, he does believe there is time to use it to score a high enough percentage to build for 1996. "Word of mouth advertising works," he explains. "We can significantly change the outlook of any election race, and win many, by doing this simple thing. I am convinced that our party is the only source of realistic, workable solutions to America's problems. If you feel this same way, you need to let people know."

*The Las Vegas Review-Journal*/Channel 8 poll does not give people a true choice. It asks people to select a Republican, a Democrat, or declare themselves to be undecided. Gary urges that we need to contact these two media outlets and let them know we want a poll that delivers the complete list of candidates for the office in question. The poll conducted by Rep. Bilbray's campaign staff showed Gary at 6%. This is two percent higher than the total LP win in 1992.

Wood said, "My goal is to finish the election in the double percentile. The current disenfranchisement of the voters is a perfect opportunity for us to unite and spread the word that we are here, we are real, and we are ready to take the lead to get America back on course. I urge everyone to spend the time, from now until Nov. 8th, talking to anyone and everyone about your candidates and your party. Don't let an opportunity go by without talking to someone. Open your mouths and save your cash. We can win, and we will win, with everyone working as a team. After the election, we must continue the verbal push. If we do, we will see surprising results in 1996 and beyond. Let's give them heat!"

Craig David Lemonds, a libertarian who currently lives in Davison, Michigan, will soon be moving to the Las Vegas area and is seeking employment. Craig holds a Master of Arts degree from the University of Tennessee and has a strong interest in foreign cultures and languages.

## Letter on "...Smoking Ban..."

(Re:)...your article "A Smoking Ban May Be Bad for Your Health" in the Aug./Sept. '94 *Nevada Libertarian*...So many of your points are the same ones that occurred to me in writing to empty senators and representatives...during the Waxman subcommittee hearings...The grandstanding and noble posturing, the self-righteous meanness of spirit — I could hardly believe what I was seeing and hearing. It was like watching Joe McCarthy in the 50s or the Spanish Inquisition. Scary...

It's the New Puritanism. The Constitution restrains the State from dictating to our souls (spiritual matters), so it has created its own sub-stitute religion on the physical plane, complete with a priestly caste (physicians) and a growing roster of sins and penances. The health Nazis are the new Inquisitors and witch burners — which, sad to say, seems to delight the William Bennett/Jerry Falwell crowd no end...The Religious Right of today (as in every era) has taken on the role of the Scribes and Pharisees, fearing and hating the enemy who could spoil their game. They lie in wait to kill off Freedom and its Messenger(s) at the first opportunity...

...(W)hen you spoke of studies showing that nicotine enhances the thought process...I immediately thought of all the other 'drugs' for which the same claim has been made — by the best authorities: the users themselves. One is tempted to suspect that this is the very thing the health Nazis are most afraid of. How dare any of us go searching for insights and pleasures outside of their jurisdiction, outside of their power to confer?! How dare we pursue happiness from any source but our Nanny?! Such independence is obviously dangerous.

Joanna Parker  
Ocean Shores, Washington

His recent experience includes a successful and trail-breaking position as an office manager and manager of logistics and quality control. Anyone interested in talking to Craig should write to him c/o the Libertarian Party of Nevada, PO Box 3752, N. Las Vegas, NV 89036-3752.

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by Jeremy Farnsworth

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# Harry Browne Seeks LP Presidential Nomination

Long-time Libertarian activist Harry Browne has announced that he is actively seeking the Libertarian Party nomination for President of the United States for the 1996 presidential election. Browne, who is well known to veteran party members, first gained fame in 1969 with his best-selling book, "How You Can Profit From the Coming Devaluation." In addition to another best-selling investment book, "You Can Profit from a Monetary Crisis," he has authored a total of nine books. He has also published a financial newsletter, served as an investment consultant, and has been much sought after as a public speaker and commentator, having appeared on a number of popular television programs.

Most Libertarians know him best, however, as the author of the highly popular book, "How I Found Freedom in an Unfree World" (1973), in which he criticized those who become politically active in the system. Thus, his announcement regarding his candidacy for the LP nomination comes as a surprise to many, since this latest venture appears to be directly contrary to his well-publicized ideas over the last twenty years.

In a recent interview with the *Libertarian Party NEWS*, Browne was asked, with reference to an article he wrote last year, "The Breakdown of Government," why he has had a change of heart concerning political action. He responded by saying, "I don't believe it's a change of heart. In the context of the article, my point was that you can't reform government to make it more benevolent or efficient. You don't reform bad laws, you repeal them. The only thing that will help is to reduce government's size and scope as much as possible."

Browne explained further, "I believe we have reached the point where politics can make a difference — where a Libertarian presidential candidate actually has a chance to win, even if that chance seems remote right now. And I believe there is enough public support that a Libertarian president could bend Congress to his will by vetoing everything until Congress agreed to get rid of taxes, regulations, and government programs."

As an LP candidate, Mr. Browne would be outstanding. He has experience and contacts in all the required areas, is very well known in many circles (including those that hold enormous potential for campaign funding), and knows the Libertarian philosophy probably as well as anyone. Most importantly in this electronic/video age, he comes through the tube extremely well, being highly articulate, totally relaxed and with a very attractive image. He has already assembled a campaign staff that is impressive indeed, and there are many in Libertarian circles who sincerely believe that, in this time of political disillusionment and disgust with professional politicians, Browne has a legitimate shot at winning the election.

Not coincidentally, the planned formal beginning of his campaign in September of 1995 in New Hampshire will coincide with the publication of his latest book, "The Breakdown of Government," which will certainly add strength to his electoral effort. Of course, his candidacy will also not hurt sales of the book, and a cynical observer might wonder whether this fact may have played a part in the decision of the arch-apoliticist to become actively involved in politics. On the other hand, who cares? Mr. Browne will, without doubt, provide a well-funded, well-organized, professional and highly visible campaign — in other words, a *credible* campaign. Even if he fails to win the election, he will undoubtedly provide a powerful, well-needed boost for what many consider to be the sagging fortunes of the party.

Mr. Browne's announcement can only be considered as wonderful news for Libertarians everywhere, and the Libertarian Party in particular, and we most sincerely wish him the very best in his effort.

"I don't want anyone joining the campaign out of duty — but, rather, because it will be fun talking about our ideas for a change. Libertarians should be the party of joy and prosperity."

# YES!

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# Sparks/Washoe Election Update

## by Ernest Walker, Vice Chairman, Libertarian Party of Nevada

To say that the Libertarian Party has established a "beachhead" in Sparks and Washoe County is not only old news, it's a gross understatement. The influence of the party is manifesting itself on a growing number of fronts and people from all quarters are factoring in the Libertarian effect on their once tranquil equation. Seldom does a day go by without a Libertarian presence on the radio, on the television, or in the printed media. On the body politic, we were once a flea offering occasional irritation, but now we are some type of carnivore, incessantly gnawing on the vital organs of the status quo.

Membership has more than doubled in the past couple of years, and next month we will announce the birth of a new Reno Libertarian Club affiliate (see the Liberty Calendar on back page).

This election season holds great opportunity to employ a creative strategy which essentially nets three dollars in value for every one dollar spent. I'm sorry to write so cryptically, but we don't know who may be reading this and, after all, we are playing for keeps!

I am very proud, and thankful, for the Washoe County candidates that have come forward to advance the Libertarian cause. Lieutenant Governor candidate, **James Frye**, is an excellent choice to have only a heartbeat away from the top state office.

The Controller race could be the "sleeper" that will have **Louis Tomburello** receiving more votes than any Libertarian to date, while maintaining our all-important ballot status! Louis is running against a vulnerable incumbent Republican and a less-than-popular Reno Mayor who is jumping off a "sinking ship." The Louis Tomburello campaign has a popular angle to bring forth — *the abolishment of the office of Controller as soon as possible after Louis wins office!* The incumbent State Treasurer, Bob Seal, is in favor of this course of action, but only the Libertarian in the race is willing to follow through with the government-cutting money-saving measure. *Opportunity!!!*

The current record-holder for the highest vote total, **Kent Cromwell**, is running a strong race against two relative unknowns. His campaign will crescendo to a blitzkrieg of activities which will include radio, signs, and cross-canvass work with Ken Hopkins.

**Ken Hopkins**, candidate for Washoe County Commission 5, is a popular radio personality who is working with me to expose

a multimillion dollar boondoggle and recover money that was, in our eyes, obtained illegally. The Libertarians are taking the lead on this case. Stay tuned!

The **Brendan Trainor** Assembly 30 race and **James Dan** Assembly 31 race have many issues that show them to be the best choice in their respective races. However, they also have a "secret weapon" that could mean two more new Libertarians in office. Brendan and James have been instrumental in what will become the biggest and most popular success for the party in the state since your humble author took the oath of office.

As was reported in last month's newsletter, the **Sparks Taxpayers Opinion Petition** (S.T.O.P.) has enough signatures to qualify for the June 1995 city ballot. No new tax or fee can be imposed on the citizens of Sparks without a 2/3 majority vote in the affirmative. This project has been woven into the campaigns of James Dan and Brendan Trainor, and they are still working hard with me to gather yet more signatures while meeting their soon-to-be constituents.

We will hold a big press conference to announce this victory for the taxpayers just nineteen days before the election. Get the picture? We, as a party, are no longer a debating society, but rather a well-oiled machine working toward goals through action. I am asking all Libertarians who read this (and there's a lot of you) to call and let me know if you can be there with us in October, on the steps of Sparks City Hall, when we declare victory for the taxpayers.

Picture, if you will, a championship basketball game between the Republicrats and the Libertarians. The score is tied with three seconds left in the game. The Libertarian Party shoots from far across the court and the ball spins on the rim of the basket for what seems like an eternity. Then **YOU**, the reader, rise to the occasion and slam-dunk the ball for the winning score. It will happen next month on the steps of city hall, but it's more than a game. *Carpe diem!* Call me at (702) 359-6754.

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Submitted for your consideration: The nonpartisan race for Washoe County Sheriff offers a clear choice for lovers of constitutional government: **John Paszek!**

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*Don't throw out that "junk" business reply envelope! tactic.* You know all those

unsolicited junkmail pieces you get in the mail every day? I put a Libertarian flyer in each one and send it back to the company secretary with a note that simply states, "Here's a present for you!" Ah, the power of O.P.M. Just think, if 3,000 state Libertarians did that three times per week, every week for one year, that would be almost 1/2 million pieces of Libertarian literature going first class mail to new prospective Libertarians. My favorite one to send out is "The World's Smallest Political Quiz."

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*Dateline: Friday, September 30, 1994.* Libertarian "shock-jock" Howard Stern appeared on the *Donahue Show* to defend the First Amendment rights of a librarian from a small Texas town who was forced to resign because she ordered Stern's best-seller book, *Private Parts*, for the public library. A representative from the American Civil Liberties Union, also on the show, did a fine synopsis of how everyone's liberties are in danger if one individual's rights are ignored. The television show *A Current Affair* has contacted Stern to cover the controversy.

## Sholty Forges Ahead

Denis Sholty, the Libertarian Party candidate for Governor in this year's election, continues to blaze a trail on Nevada's highways in his quest for meaningful change in state government.

On September 27, Denis will address the Utility Shareholders Association at the Stardust Hotel in Las Vegas. On the following October 12, he will appear before the Homeowners Association in Henderson. Oct. 14 will find him with Women in Mining at the Winnemucca Convention Center, followed by a visit with the Nevada Freedom Coalition at the Carson City Commercial Center on October 21. On October 26, Denis will be participating in the gubernatorial debate at the University of Reno, which will be taped and aired on November 4 on Reno TV Channel 5. He will also be heard on KLAV AM radio on Oct. 18, 7:30 — 8:00 a.m.

Denis has informed us that, "I have once again been contacted by the Jim Gibbons supporters up north and asked to get out of the race. They compare me to Perot as a spoiler that will take votes away from Gibbons and guarantee Miller another four years in office. I declined for the fourth time. They fail to see the big picture of what the Libertarian Party is all about. I have no intention of quitting the race."



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## **LIBERTY CALENDAR**

Monday, October 10, 7:00 pm

**Libertarian Party of Clark County**

The Clark County LP holds regular meetings on the second Monday of every month at the Palace Station Denny's Restaurant at 2201 W. Sahara Ave., at the corner of Rancho Dr.

Monday, October 24, 7:00 pm

**Libertarian Party of Nevada**

**Libertarian Leadership Council**

The Libertarian Party of Nevada and the Libertarian Leadership Council hold joint meetings on the fourth Monday of every month at Denny's Restaurant at 2201 W. Sahara Ave., at the corner of Rancho Dr., across the street from Palace Station.

Tuesday, October 25, 6:30 pm

**Libertarian Party of Washoe County**

**Reno Libertarian Club (new)**

The Washoe County LP will hold its meeting in the Meeting Room of the Round Table Pizza in Old Town Mall at S. Virginia and Peckham Ln. in Reno. On the agenda will be the '94 elections, the Honey Lake controversy, Reno local government, and an organizational meeting for the Reno Libertarian Club, including election of officers. Featured speakers will be Sparks City Councilman and state LP Vice-Chairman Ernest Walker, state LP Northern Regional Representative James Dan, and Guy Felton. For further information, contact the Washoe Co. LP Vice-Chairman Jim Clark at 359-4100 (days) or 825-1654 (home).

Wednesday, November 2, 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.

Monday, November 7, 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). This month's meeting will include a reorganization and election of officers.

Tuesday, November 8, evening

**Las Vegas Election Night Party**

See details on page 2.

Wednesday, November 9, 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, November 10, 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 382-4702.*