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Our February meeting will be on Monday the 6th at 11:30 a.m. at the Ellis Island Hotel and Casino

Our Speaker will be Joseph Brown JD, National Committee Person

VICTORY IN 2006

We all need to ensure we are doing our share to Support and Elect Republicans.

**Nevada Republican Men's Club
2006 New Member Incentive Program
January, 2006 Report
Paul Workman, Vice President**

Our 2006 Incentive Program is off to a "fast start" thanks to the efforts of the sponsors listed below and the 19 new members who have joined our group this month.

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We encourage each of our NRMC members to invite a prospective member guest to our next meeting Monday, Feb. 6, 2006. Our speaker will be Joe Brown, Republican National Committeeman from Nevada.

We sincerely appreciate these dedicated Republicans who have joined with us to become actively involved in helping elect Republican candidates in 2006 and beyond.

NEW MEMBER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Our 2006 New Member incentive program includes recognition and awards as follows:

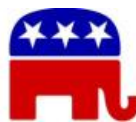
1. Printing names of new members and sponsors in the monthly newsletter.

2. Recognition of new members and sponsors at the monthly luncheon.

3. One elephant bookend for sponsoring .

4. New members, a second elephant bookend for sponsoring 8 new members.

Please participate and invite a prospective new member to our next luncheon.



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The One Percent Solution

By Martin Janowski

Take a look at your monthly family budget. Could you, if asked to, come up with a way to save one percent of it? For example, if your family budget totaled \$2000 a month, could you save \$20 a month? Or if your budget fluctuated from month to month, but averaged \$2000 a month, could you save \$240 over the entire year's budget of \$24,000?

People like you and me would take the time and find those little bits of savings where we could. Take our own coffee rather than ordering that \$5 special at the coffee store. Use more coupons or look for sales when we shop for groceries, plan our outings a little more carefully to save gas while we ran errands, or rent one less DVD or eat out one less time a month. It would be a little sacrifice, but not too difficult to come up with the savings.

We're just ordinary people, coming up with creative and common sense solutions to find these savings. It's not rocket science, or even complex accounting practices by economic wizards. We do it because we spend the money and we know the difference between our actual needs and what we desire to have.

Why is it then that when you suggest to federal, state and local government agencies that they undergo that same kind of exercise, it elicits a cry of despair as if you'd suggested they sacrifice their firstborn child or cut their mother's heart out. Following careful thought (and several emergency staff meetings), the agency head comes out with one of two general responses. First, such a "simplistic solution" fails to address the real "complex" nature of their budget. Second, if they were forced to do it, services would have to be cut to those poor and desperate people who need us.

Translating this to language we can understand, what these bureaucrats are telling you is that you're too stupid to understand their budget. Keep sending them the amount they request or they'll do less of the work to serve the people that they were hired to do.

One percent savings in an agency's budget is not much different than saving one percent in your personal budget. Maybe one less person accompanies the agency director on their "fact finding" trip. Maybe one less person participates in the weeklong out of town "training seminar". Maybe one of their statewide meetings can be held with a conference call rather than paying for meeting space and travel expenses. Maybe they just buy less office supplies or contract out for services done in-house. Remember that we asked them to find the savings and they know which expenses are needed and which are just desirable.

It appears at first glance to be counterintuitive to find savings when the state of Nevada is awash in record sales tax and casino revenues, but this actually is the best time to cut the fat from the budget and achieve fiscal solvency for the future. Give back one percent of a state budget growing way faster than the population and the economy and there's only a little sacrifice and an investment in the future that may hold leaner times or costlier government obligations. And that little bit saves \$60 million in a \$6 billion budget.

Ask this one-percent solution question to a politician appearing in your

community or before your local organization and you'll discover the true difference between Republicans and Democrats. Most Republicans will find it an intriguing idea worth pursuing. Democrats will find a way to move on to the next question and wonder how you got invited to ask that inappropriate question in the first place.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Government is like a baby. An alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other. - *President Ronald Reagan*

President's Message

Dear NRMCMembers:

As we move into the 2006 political campaign year, there's a new term being kicked around. It's "voter anxiety" and it's a serious problem for our Republican Party.

The reality is that a significant percentage of voters are worried. They're anxious about key issues including Iraq, the economy, gas prices and the overall performance of the Federal government led by our President Bush. Many voters question whether our nation is headed in the right direction!!

This current negative political environment must be dealt with effectively by we Republicans if we're to prevent a Demo take over of the House and Senate.

Although we have a strong economy in Nevada, we're not immune to the voter concerns noted above. Nevada voters will need to be convinced that the Republican Party and its candidates are the better choice to lead our state and nation in 2007 and beyond.

In my opinion, that can best be accomplished by our party and its candidates strongly emphasizing our prime principles of lower taxes, limited government, strong national defense and a passionate dedication to moral authority, integrity, and to common sense moderate and conservative values.

This approach combined with an overwhelming effort to recruit and organize Republican volunteers who will register new voters and get all registered Republicans to vote in the 2006 general election. All of us -- every NRMCMember --- must be personally involved in this great endeavor!

Alfred "Al" Valdez
NRMCM President

The Clark County Republican Party has organized a grassroots plan to provide a vehicle for everyone to get involved and influence the process. Email your Senate District Leader at SenateDistrictX@ClarkGOP.org, where X is your Senate District. There are multiple coalitions being formed to cover a smorgasbord of issues. For information on the coalitions, send an email to Grassroots@ClarkGOP.org. You can keep up to date on developments by visiting the CCRP web site at <http://www.clarkgop.org/>. Don't just sit back and complain, get involved. Make a difference.

If you have not already paid your dues for 2006, please do so as soon as possible.

Contact Grassroots@ClarkGOP.org to volunteer in the CCRP grassroots organization.

LINCOLN DAY DINNER - DETAILS

The Clark County Republican Party will hold its annual Lincoln Day Dinner on TICKETS on SALE!!

Plan to attend the annual Clark County Lincoln Day Dinner
Saturday, February 18, 2006
At the Venetian

\$100 per person VIP \$300 per person

TICKETS will be on Sale January 9th at the Ensign Lunch or call 258-9184

Make checks payable to CCRP and mail to **CCRP, 574 S. Decatur, Las Vegas NV 89107**

Contact the CCRP at 258-9184 or email Events@ClarkGOP.org for further information

If you would like to donate an item for our live auction, please contact Ulli Miyashiro at 258-9184

NEVADA LEGISLATURE WEB SITE

Visit <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/> to keep up to date on what is happening in Carson City. This is an excellent site, with links to let you meet and communicate with legislators [Assembly](#) or [Senate](#), find [information on pending bills](#), sign up for [Personalized Bill Tracking](#), [listen or view hearings](#), and [provide your opinion on bills](#).

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State Dept. to Iran, Syria: Get in Step By BARRY SCHWEID

AP Diplomatic
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January 2006

WASHINGTON -- The State Department, reacting negatively to Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's meeting in Damascus with leaders of militant Palestinian groups, said Friday that neither Iran nor Syria can proclaim itself a champion of the Palestinian people.

The claims are "clearly bankrupt and hollow," said State Department spokesman Sean McCormack, citing Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas as calling for foreign governments to stop their support for Palestinian rejectionist groups.

In fact, McCormack said, Abbas has called for Damascus to close down the headquarters of these groups, including Islamic Jihad.

"This is one more example of the Iranian regime being out of step with the trends in the region," McCormack said.

The statement was issued in response to the Iranian president meeting Friday with the leaders of the Palestinian groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad in Syria, expressing his support a day after 20 people were wounded in Tel Aviv in a suicide attack claimed by Jihad.

Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz has said Syria planned the attack and Iran funded it. But Iranian and Syrian officials have denied any involvement by their countries.

McCormack said, "The Palestinian people have said what they want is a more peaceful, prosperous, stable future and one in which the live in their own state side by side in peace with Israel."

Government Has 'Dirty Bomb' Cleanup Guide

By H.
JOSEFHEBERT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON -- A terrorist attack using a crude nuclear device or a "dirty bomb" could leave anywhere from a building to many square miles contaminated --

perhaps even uninhabitable.

Now the government has issued cleanup guidelines that some critics maintain would expose people returning to such a site to high cancer risk. The guidelines issued Tuesday by the Homeland Security Department would allow cleanup standards that in some cases would be far less stringent than what is required for Superfund sites, commercial nuclear power plants and nuclear waste dumps.

Long-term radiation exposure using some of the cleanup standards in the guidelines could be as high as 10,000 millirems a year, equal to more than 1,600 chest X-rays or 30 times the average background radiation from natural sources.

By comparison, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission limits public exposure from the facilities it licenses to no more than 100 millirems a year. The radiation exposure limit proposed for the future Yucca Mountain nuclear waste site is 15 millirems per year.

The exposure allowed by the new Homeland Security guidelines "could cause one in four people to get cancer" if they return to the site of the attack, said Diane D'Arrigo of the Nuclear Information and Resource Service, a watchdog group that has lobbied for more rigorous federal requirements. The Environmental Protection Agency limits the risk of additional cancer to 1 in 10,000 at Superfund toxic waste sites when they are cleaned up.

The guidelines, which have been several years in the making, are designed to help local, state and federal officials plan how they would deal with a terrorist attack where radioactivity was released.

An attack using a crude nuclear device that produces an actual nuclear detonation could contaminate many square miles. A dirty bomb -- mixing a conventional explosive with a radiation source, such as the cesium-137 used in medicine -- probably would have a more confined impact, perhaps a building or several city blocks, the guidance says.

Donald Tighe, a spokesman for the White House Office of Science and Technology, said the guidelines specifically avoided setting a numerical cleanup standard because there is such a wide range of potential cleanup scenarios.

In the long term a community would "have to evaluate not only public health, but the health of the community as well," said Tighe. "This is the feedback we've gotten

from state and local officials. (They want) a flexible approach."

So the guidelines direct local, state and federal officials to various benchmarks used by other agencies as well as international organizations.

One benchmark that could be used is the standard established by the International Commission on Radiation Protection, a London-based group, which maintains a long-term release of 10,000 millirems a year is an acceptable exposure standard after cleanup.

Daniel Hirsch, president of the watchdog group Committee to Bridge the Gap, said the task force clearly favors that standard. Hirsch accused the Homeland Security Department of "proposing a nuclear Katrina, a formal policy of allowing the public to be exposed to massive radiation doses from a dirty bomb while the government does nothing to protect them."

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Mark your Calendars for the Clark County Republican Party Biennial Convention on Saturday, March 18th at the Palace Station Hotel and Casino. Registration @ 7:00 to 8:00 am. Pre-registration is \$50.00, after 3/14 will be considered late registration. The fee will be \$60.00. Make checks payable to CCRP, 574 S. Decatur Boulevard, 89107

Biography of next month's speaker,

Dean Heller

Dean Heller got into politics early in life, making daily trips to the Capitol Building to give then Governor Mike O'Callaghan an update on local, national and world events. That is, Dean was delivering the Governor's newspaper as his paperboy at the age of twelve.

Dean grew up in a log cabin---oops, wrong story. After graduating from Carson High School, Dean received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, specializing in finance and securities analysis, from the University of Southern California in 1985.

Dean was first elected Secretary of State in 1994, and re-elected in 1998 and again in 2002. He previously served Carson City as an assemblyman in the Nevada Legislature from 1990-1994. Prior to that, Dean worked as an institutional stockbroker and as a broker/trader on the Pacific Stock Exchange.

Secretary of State Heller is the third highest-ranking constitutional officer in Nevada, serving as the state's Chief Elections Officer. His office includes the Elections Division, Commercial Recordings Division, Securities Fraud Division and the Notary Division. In his official capacity, Dean also is a member of the Board of Examiners (which includes the governor and attorney general), State Prison Board, and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency.

Dean was also a Founding Board Member of the Boys and Girls Club of Western Nevada and the Western Nevada Community College Foundation, and is an Advisory Board Member for Nevada's Foster Grandparent program.

Dean and his wife, Lynne, who met while they were attending the University of Southern California, live in Carson City with their three younger children: Harris, 15; Drew, 14; and Emmy, 9. Their daughter, Hilary, attends Arizona State University.

The Heller family is Carson City's version of the Von Trapp family. Lynne has been a major force in the development of the Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company, and Dean and the children have performed in many of the group's plays. Dean has performed-although that is stretching the definition-as a sailor, baseball player and a 6'4 Chinese gambler. He even performed at Carnegie Hall in 1996. Okay, so all he actually did was serve as narrator for the Sierra Nevada Master Chorale Singing Troop's performance, but his Mom, Janet, who sings with the group, said her "little Dean-O" was just great.

Many people believe politicians are always in a fog, but Dean actually went the extra mile and created fog...during a play that is. Seems he was in charge of the fog machine during a play and kept it going so long that the entire theater was covered.

Dean also enjoys stockcar racing, competing in several races a year throughout Nevada and California. He grew up around the sport following his dad, "Blackjack" Heller, who raced for many years. That background has led many people to ask the question, "How could someone who always turns left end up as a Republican?" Dean loves sports, especially basketball, golf and snowboarding, and attending his children's events.

Are you aware that we need Republicans to run for our assembly? We are in the minority! Urge your friends to run, or run yourself!

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If you are a candidate or know of one who has been left off of this list: Please e-mail Dr, Chris Comfort as soon as possible. Thankyou!

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I am a Republican because Republican Principles

I'm a Republican because...

I BELIEVE the strength of our nation lies with the individual and that each person's dignity, freedom, ability and responsibility must be honored.

I BELIEVE in equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, sex, age or disability.

I BELIEVE free enterprise and encouraging individual initiative have brought this nation opportunity, economic growth and prosperity.

I BELIEVE government must practice fiscal responsibility and allow individuals to keep more of the money they earn.

I BELIEVE the proper role of government is to provide for the people only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations, and that the best government is that which governs least.

I BELIEVE the most effective, responsible and responsive government is government closest to the people.

I BELIEVE Americans must retain the principles that have made us strong while developing new and innovative ideas to meet the challenges of changing times.

I BELIEVE Americans value and should preserve our national strength and pride while working to extend peace, freedom and human rights throughout the world.

FINALLY, I believe the Republican Party is the best vehicle for translating these ideals into positive and successful principles of government.

Important notice, take heed!

"The slate has been wiped clean": John Hembrecht, Chairman of the Clark County Republican Party. Comments made during the CCRP meeting on Tuesday, January 17th, regarding our platform for Nevada. During the county convention, the new platform will be discussed and agreed upon by reregistered attendees. "The major business of the convention is to organize the party and to develop the CCRP's positions on the issues that we believe are important to Nevada and to Nevadans. Your willingness to participate in this process shows that you are concerned about our state and its future" stated JH.

The best way to get involved and stay involved is to find a coalition for which you may contribute ideas and to share information that is vital to Republicans winning this state. It is a GRASSROOTS effort! "Anxiety is for those who are not involved!"--CJC



Year 2006 Meetings -- All dates are Monday -- Please Mark Your Calendars

Month	Regular Meeting	Executive Board	Month	Regular Meeting	Executive Board	Month	Regular Meeting	Executive Board
Jan 06	16	23	Apr 06	3	17	Jul 06	3	17
Feb 06	6	13	May 06	1	15	Aug 06	7	21
Mar 06	6	20	June 07	5	19	Sep 06	11	18

The cost of the luncheon at the regular meeting of the Men's Club is \$15.00 each for Members and Guests.
Membership is \$10.00 for the year.

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Scott Black	** Deceased
Mike Moody	
Charley Johnson	

Guiding Principles

By Chris Comfort, Corresponding Secretary

Please remember while volunteering and assisting the NRP and CC with their goal of electing Republicans, that the garbage and ill-will we dig up today will be the democrat's cannon fodder of tomorrow. Let us focus upon the issues that affect our great state. Discover the truth, which is what matters. Our goal for the primary is to identify issues and get out the vote. August 15th is admittedly a difficult date for anyone of sound mind and body to vote; it's hot, middle of summer, and vacation time.

As Republicans, we will take those issues to the ballot box in August and identify our top candidates to fulfill our mission. Our mission speaks of limited government, fiscal responsibility, meritorious advancement, and the avoidance of new taxes. Please visit the [NRP website](http://www.nevadagop.org) at www.nevadagop.org for our current platform.

Our six constitutional offices are open; please volunteer your time and efforts with the Clark County Grassroots Republicans.

For some comedic relief: please visit [Reid's Retchings](http://Reid's_Retchings) or [Reid World](http://Reid_World) at www.thereidworld.com. Now, this stuff is what I call great politics in the style of the late Lee Atwater.

For a comprehensive web page regarding Clark County, please visit the Clark GOP website at: www.clarkgop.org. It is very informative and current.

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