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AUGUST 7,
2006

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Crime is on the rise in our community**
- **Who is our next sheriff?**
- **Democracy's the worst form of government except for all the others. - Winston Churchill**
- **Book Recommendation: The Top Ten Mistakes Leaders Make.**

This month's celebration of our flag and of freedom should be dedicated to the men and women fighting in Iraq, to the overseas representatives of our country who serve in harms way: from embassy personnel to clandestine agents, and to those Americans who have the pride and gratitude of having the privilege and courage of calling themselves American. I call to a challenge those pundits, naysayers, and those who define themselves in opposition to Republican philosophy, our countrymen, a dare to say thank you. Let us cast aside our political differences for this one day and thank all of those who have been injured by war, those who are making the sacrifice to protect us, our families, our loved ones, our way of life. Our great county is not wrong

...we are a good people. Our courage in the face of an enemy must be and appear united if not for this one day, but for our next generation. We must lead by example. Our children are watching the actions of our political and business leadership. Whereas political discourse is sound, and a just method for achieving a unified voice, and that debate will ensue, let's remember that this country is one nation under God indivisible so let's start bringing about a consensus. Where is our progress? One that says to our army, protect us, keep us free from danger, let's bring to our home, our land, peace in our streets. Let's fight the good fight and win as one, not as a raucous crowd bent on tearing down a stadium. I scream to the media; the ever present watchdog of truth and

injustice, give us something to go on! Be smarter, be wise. Allow us the opportunity to think of solutions to our nations ills, give us time to correct our problems and stop the constant bombardment of negativity. Life as an American is about what is good for our country, knowing that we do good, and make ourselves useful, not the constant harangue of malaise. I think that it is time to re-learn the golden truth; do unto others as you would have them do unto you, or treat others as who they could be and they will become, or treat others in a manner to which you would expect to be treated. It so easy to forget how to properly behave. Let's us agree to celebrate our differences and dream of what we could become, ignore the culture of complaint.

FROM THE PRESIDENT: ALFRED (AL) VALDEZ

"The days dwindle down to a precious few." Primary election "early voting" begins Saturday, July 29, and more than half of the electorate typically votes before election day, which is Tuesday, August 15. The 2006 primary election features a variety of interesting races depending on where you live, that will dictate how the state legislature operates. Additionally, Nevada's six constitutional offices are "up for grabs" and control of our state government

– Governor on down – is at stake! Plus, the primary election will decide who will challenge our federal representatives in the fall and which judicial candidates will advance to the November 7 general election. Historically, about 45 percent of the electorate votes early, 43 percent votes on Election Day, and 12 percent votes by mail. It's extremely important that our NRMC members be aware that only 20 percent to 25 percent of eligible voters are

expected to participate in the primary election. Consequently, many of the primary contests may be decided by a "handful" of votes! Thus, we can realistically say that YOU can make the difference between winning and losing for the candidates) that you choose to support in a variety of ways. Our party deserves to have strong, well-qualified and committed Republican candidates across the board in 2006.

Clark County Public Education ~ Martin Janowski

It's the end of the public school year and with the current teacher shortage in Clark County, the obligatory human-interest stories of teachers leaving schools fill the news media. Every feature focuses on the high cost of living in Las Vegas and that our underpaid teachers do not make enough money to earn a decent living or afford a house.

I will dispense with the logical argument that four year college graduates who obtain a degree with a similar academic rigor (history, psychology, marketing, journalism, etc.) make about the same amount of money that teachers do, if they can find a job in their profession. Furthermore, most of them have to work for an entire year, not just nine months, to earn that same salary. Professions that make more money have to attend additional years of schooling and/or an internship, and a much more rigorous academic load.

Instead, I will urge you to look more closely at all these articles and find the real reason why teachers are leaving the profession in public school districts like Clark County. They get no support from the school administration or parents in handling discipline problems in their classrooms. Trying to teach in such an environment is impossible. You could offer \$20,000 raises to these teachers and it would not be enough to get them to return.

I speak from experience as a substitute teacher and a relative of career veteran teachers (more than 25 years experience each from my sister and sister-in-law). I knew that the "inmates were running the asylum" the day I substituted in a middle school classroom and a student (with obvious issues) picked up a chair and threw it at another student. The first question the vice-principal asked me was "what did I do to cause him to throw that chair?" Stories like this from other teachers and myself could fill several volumes of books. So here are a few simple suggestions to improve public school education in Clark County that will cost little, if any money, retain good teachers, and attract new teachers to the public school district:

REMOVE STUDENTS WITH BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS FROM THE CLASSROOM

This sounds like common sense, but is rarely done today. The student who disrupts the classroom may get sent to the office, but soon returns to disrupt the classroom again. Learning is a privilege, not a right. Teachers are told to call the parents, but never reach them by phone. If they do, parents threaten to sue the teacher for creating a "hostile environment" for their little darling. Sending a student to the office and requiring a parent to come pick them up before they can leave school will at least get that parent involved in the process. Require the student to change their behavior with the support of their parent before they return to the classroom. If the behavior does not change, require the parent to attend class with the student until their behavior is within acceptable public school standards.

Require each parent to attend one full day of classes with their child

This is more than a brief open house. Each parent will sign up in advance for a single day to attend their child's classes, but also have the freedom to survey the school's facilities, policies and practices. Having guest adults on campus will require courtesy and better behavior of all students and may reduce vandalism and unsavory activities. If students know that on any one day, there may be 10 to 20 parents wandering throughout the school grounds, locker facilities and restrooms, with a cell phone and the number to reach campus security, it's bound to improve the environment. There's a side benefit for teachers as well. Many parents will be business and civic leaders. Teachers will have an opportunity to talk directly to these leaders about their classroom needs. Parents may also suggest public/private partnerships that could improve the learning experience in the classroom.

All of the above suggestions could be immediately implemented through a memo from the school superintendent. No legislation, no committee meetings or consultant studies and above all, no additional tax dollars. It would open up the school system to a review and scrutiny it has never had before...from the parents who send their children to it and pay their hard-earned tax dollars to support it. The teachers' union would never allow it.



The desert in summer!

Red, white and blue!

This month's meeting is the first Monday in July available to us: **July 10th**



[August 15th is primary day!](#)

NRMC IDEAS

Clark County is Republican territory, Nevada is Republican territory... write into my office with your exercise in cerebral, gray matter exaltation, and give us some quotes! You write it and we will consider it during our next board meeting. Thank you: Please direct all suggestions to your corresponding secretary. Tell us what you like about our candidates. Please keep your one liners to one sentence. No offensive, denigrating, untrue, or otherwise, in poor taste quotes will be published. We will not allow quotes from convicted felons, unethical business men, questionable characters, or fricking idiots. That is why this is a Republican Newsletter! LOL

Your opinions regarding county issues are welcome. Unfortunately, this newsletter will be unable to publish everyone's thoughts. We sincerely hope that you enjoy the new format and find it an easy read. We encourage you to write in for our election year tell-all-that's-worth telling format. Enjoy your club and please refer your friends and colleagues. Come prepared with good questions for our candidates and our e-board team!



A Serious Consequence of the Illegal Alien invasion from south of the border ~~ Frank Martano

The 74th Annual Conference of Mayors was held in Las Vegas on June 2nd 2006. Among the several resolutions under consideration was Resolution #61 opposing the construction of reinforced fencing from Laredo to Brownsville, Texas on the Gulf Coast and along the Rio Grande River between the United States and Mexico? The Mayors assumed that the expense and symbolism of this proposed fence would create misunderstanding between the residents of the United States and Mexico along the entire border area.

While acknowledging that the Mayors support the efforts of the Federal Government to enforce the nations immigration laws, including apprehension of persons who enter illegally and the apprehension of persons who may traffic in the business of transporting and concealing illegal entrants, the specific construction of this fence would be an insult to our Mexican neighbors and also to the Texas residents in the area.

There is a time old adage that "Good Fences make Good Neighbors". It appears that our Mayors have a contrary view. It also appears that the Mayors advanced this resolution without consulting the various property owners on the American side of the border. There has been extensive documentation clearly detailing the massive problems created by the indiscriminate avalanche of illegal aliens streaming across the border without any consideration of the property rights of homeowners on this border. All the negative aspects of this illegal alien invasion have been ignored. Briefly the problem of no health examination, no specific employment and the burden on all social and economic support on the American side of the border were ignored

The resolution was authored by the Mayors of Laredo, Miami and Albuquerque—hardly a representation of US Mayors. The Associated Press reports that the Mayors declined to support the resolution. Perhaps the persistent effort of the general public to inform our Mayors of the necessity to secure our borders has registered. Hopefully, the US Senate will also hear the cries of the public shouting "Secure and close our borders at once".

We cannot procrastinate, walls, fences, gates National Guards, US Troops all must be utilized and employed at once.

Legal immigration is always encouraged and welcomed.

New Member Report; Paul Workman, Vice President, Membership Chair & Banker

It's a pleasure to recognize the following NRMCM members who have sponsored one or more new members during the first five months of our incentive program. Thank you and congratulations upon your great thinking and networking ability. The names and numbers are: Al Valdez 12, Paul Workman 10, Dr. Chris Comfort 7, Corey Santos 4, Dr. Joe Heck, State Senator and John Hambrecht 3; Gene Empey, Kurt Hanson, Rebecca McNair, Jim Gerbe, Mike Mazur, Basil Raffa, Javier Sanchez 2, and the following have sponsored one: Tim Andring, Kathy Augustine, Bob Beers, Senator Bob Beers, Joe Brown, Mike Danon, Sandy Frank, Monica Fuller, David Gibbs, Edwin Helfman, Mark Larson, Matt Passalacqua, Javier Sanchez, Richard Scotty, Amelia Tomashek, Toni Valdez, Todd Valle, Doris Wortman!

We sincerely appreciate the efforts of the above named 35 members who have contributed significantly to the strength of our NRMCM. Believe it or not, we have added **85 new members** to our club roster in this year!

15 new members joined this past month. Thank you to the members who have sponsored these individuals. Because of them, we are closer to winning Nevada and electing great candidates

<u>New Members</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Mike Casey	Al Valdez
Debbie Chabarría	Chris Comfort
Bill Conger	Al Valdez
Mark DeStefano	Paul Workman
Dustin Dingman	Ray McKay
Mitchell D. Horst	Norman Rothbart
John Jackson	Javier Sanchez
Shari James	Chris Comfort
Bedford Lockard	Gene Empey
Maria Maskall	Paul Workman
Christine Milburn	Al Valdez
Anthony Ruggerio	John Hathcock
Jerry D. Wiese	Al Valdez
Mason Workman	Paul Workman
Michael L. Yepco	Steve Sanson



We had 140 members last luncheon, time for the press to show up! Watch out you pundits and prognosticators, we know what is best!

The quickest way to end a war is to lose it. - George Orwell



Happy Birthday!

We are on the web!

<http://www.republicanmensclub.com>



Clark County Republican Party

QUESTIONS: Clark County Republican Party HQ, 574 S. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89107 Phone: (702) 258-9184. On the web at: <http://www.clarkgop.org>

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Anyone interested in assisting in preparation of the Newsletter should contact Dr. Chris Comfort.

Visit the Club Web Site at <http://www.republicanmensclub.com>. If you have ideas for newsletter content, or desire to receive the newsletter by email –Please contact [Dr. Chris Comfort](mailto:Dr.Chris.Comfort)

OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

Reminder: Our 2006 New Member Incentive Program includes recognition and awards as follows:

1. Our newsletter will e-print the names of the members who join plus the names of the sponsoring members.
2. The above-noted names will receive recognition during the monthly meeting.
3. Recruitment awards: Four members ==> an elephant bookend, eight ==> another one!

We encourage each of club members to invite a prospective member or guest to our next meeting. It begins at 11:15 in the Ellis Island Casino. Officers

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Membership is an affordable \$10 per year. Our monthly lunches cost \$15. Great value, great food, great speakers, great friends, and of course, a great political party. We are proud to be Nevada Republicans !

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, spending constraints and the avoidance of new taxes. Please visit the [NRP website](http://www.nrp.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://www.reid.com) or [Reid World](http://www.reidworld.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 their website at: www.clarkgop.org. It is very informative and current.

There is no room in this country for hyphenated Americanism. The one absolutely certain way of bringing this nation to ruin, of preventing all possibility of its continuing to be a nation at all, would be to permit it to become a tangle of squabbling nationalities. - *Teddy Roosevelt, Speech before the Knights of Columbus*

Yeah...look at California...duh!?