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Presidents Message

By Brian Scroggins

Someone to watch over me...

About 25 years ago while I was attending college in Idaho, a young man rented a room from our landlord for the summer. He was not a student but someone traveling through town looking for work. He seemed relatively normal and polite on the surface but we came to find out some things that at the time we thought were odd. Although he told us his name he never presented any formal identification. By the end of the summer he was off to another town and we never saw him again.

He told us he had no driver's license, no social security card, and would never give any information that could be used to trace him or

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Jack K. Clark Henderson City Councilman Ward III
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Biography:

Jack Clark was elected at large to the Henderson City Council in June 1993 and re-elected for his fourth term in 2005, representing Ward III. As a council member, Councilman Clark serves with the mayor and fellow council members as the legislative branch of the city. He serves the entire Henderson community, which was named in 2006 by MONEY magazine as one of the top 20 places in the United States to live. As the second largest city in Nevada, Henderson has grown by 304% since 1990, with population projected to exceed 517,000 by 2030.

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Jack K. Clark

Guest Speaker Jack K. Clark

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Jack is a native of the Henderson/Las Vegas area. In 1981, he graduated from the Arizona Technical Institute, with honors in Computer Science. From 1983 to 1986 he served with the United States Army in the Military Police Investigation Division. He joined the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department in 1986 and is presently assigned as a forensic psycho physiologist.

In addition, Jack currently serves on the Criminal Justice Advisory Council, the Southern Nevada Gang Task Force, and the city of Henderson Redevelopment Agency. He previously represented the city on the Civilian Military Council and the Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board.

Payroll Tax Savings for COBRA Benefits under Stimulus Package

Provided by
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In today's uncertain economy, it is critical for businesses to save money and reduce expenses wherever possible in order to remain competitive. Most companies have been forced to make difficult decisions pertaining to the structure of their business, including the elimination of jobs and product or service lines. While the prospect of the various economic bail outs conjures up nightmares for many, it is imperative that companies find whatever relief they can in the myriad of tax and other regulations coming out of Congress and the White House.

One such opportunity lies buried in the details of the White House's recent stimulus package. While many have heard about the increased requirement for employers to provide access to continuing health insurance for laid-off workers, few have heard about the opportunity for employers to obtain credits relating to these additional costs.

Under the White House's stimulus package, both laid-off workers and their former employers are expected to receive a credit for a portion of the COBRA premium required. The specifics of the credit are outlined in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This temporary enhancement of COBRA coverage would enable employers to take a credit against wage withholdings and employment taxes for subsidizing a former employee's COBRA coverage.

As all business owners and operators know, COBRA coverage works like this: Most workers who are laid off are allowed to remain in their employer-based health plan for up to 18 months, provided they pay the full premium (their share plus the employer share) and a small administrative fee. The problem for most laid off employees is that the full premium for employment-based coverage averages about

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New Members

Please welcome the new members of the Nevada Republican Men's Club that joined during the month of March 2009:

<u>New Member:</u>	<u>Sponsored By :</u>
D. Grace Leilani Li	Gary Rogers
Mason Workman	Michael Mazur
Donald Sacco	Tommy Thompson

Race for the elephant 2009!

These members are on their way to earn the Pewter elephant which is awarded for each 4 new members sponsored.

Gary Rogers	3
Jack Fink	1
Don Kemp	1
Michael Mazur	1
Mayor Mike Montandon	1
Tommy Thompson	1
Paul Workman	1



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his whereabouts. He would only work for cash and at the time we came to think of him as a big conspiracy theorist, black helicopters and all that, so we were pleasant but kept our distance in case he had a Rambo moment. It's been a long time since I've really thought about him and quite honestly I can't even remember his name but once in a while some of his paranoia comes back to my mind.

When I first discovered Google Earth a few years ago I thought it was great. It was fun to look up my home and see the pool in the backyard or look up the house where I grew up and see it on satellite photos but then I started thinking about it. The government can't seem to control the flow of illegal immigrants or drugs across our borders but they can see me swimming in my pool from space. What a chilling thought. There is always an uproar, with good reason, when politicians start talking about a National ID Card. From history we read that when the social security number was first issued citizens were told it would never be used for identification. Try and get by without one now. As conservatives we are against invasion of privacy. We don't want people knowing too much about us but I'm not sure that there is much left that they don't already know.

I was born in a public hospital so they know where I was born, how much I weighed and who my parents are. They know my blood type from when I had some surgery on my finger in college. They know who I married from my government issued marriage certificate. My children all have social security numbers because they make sure you have applied for them before you leave the hospital. My address is well known from the

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Past NRMC Presidents

Russ Mickelson
 Dr. Chris Comfort
 Al Valdez
 Jerry McElroy
 Len Yelinek
 Jim Baumberger
 Bob Heizer
 Oscar Bailey
 Rich Strickland
 Frank Martano
 John Burt
 Susan Turner
 Scott Black
 Wade Stephens
 Mark Risman
 Mike Moody
 Charley Johnson
 Milton Schwartz
 Bernard Nolan*
 Tim Sands
 Ronnie Vause
 Chad Anderson
 Cordova Hicks
 Jim Lamb
 Dave Cook
 Mahlon Faust*
 Robert Wiseman
 Michael Schaefer
 * Deceased



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\$200 per month for individual coverage (\$2,400 a year) or almost \$550 per month (\$6,500 a year) for family coverage.

The tax credit for COBRA allows most employers to pay at least a 50 percent share of the total premium to encourage most employees -- the healthy as well as the sick -- to sign up for coverage. The proposed credit would encourage employers to pay a large share of the premium by making the employer share tax-free to the employee. The tax credit will be either a fixed dollar amount -- for example, \$100 per month for individual coverage or \$250 a month for family coverage -- or a percentage of the full premium.

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, ex-employees would make payments for COBRA coverage to their former employer on a month-to-month basis. With the tax credit, former employers would simply reduce an ex-employee's monthly payment by the amount of the credit. Employers providing tax credits in this fashion would be immediately compensated via bookkeeping adjustments in their regular withholding payments to the IRS for income and payroll taxes.

Companies interested in taking advantage of this credit should contact their CPA or tax accountant to discuss how to specifically take advantage of this credit opportunity. In these challenging times, nobody is happy about needing to make necessary reductions in workforce in order to make sure their core business can survive. However, the COBRA credit opportunity provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 may make the pain a little more bearable for both the former employer and the laid-off employee.

For questions about this article please contact McGladrey & Pullen, LLP at (702) 759-4002

Republican Women of Henderson

host

Meet the Republican Candidates

Henderson Municipal Races
 Thursday, March 26, 2009

Ventano's Italian Restaurant
 191 S Arroyo Grande Blvd
 Henderson, NV 89012
 (702) 944-4848

RSVP before March 24, 2009 Terri Coronado-Dunn (702) 813-8356
 or email TerriDunn@live.com

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phone book, membership lists, church directories and school registration forms. Obviously they have my phone numbers from the amount of mortgage solicitations I get on both my home and cell phone. They know what I purchase from looking at my credit card statements and they know how much I make from my tax returns and bank deposit slips. To prevent losing my computer files they want me to download them over the internet to a company that will keep them safe for me. I received a 10-12 page business census form from the government a few years ago. They wanted to know my sales volume, how much I spent on materials and many other probing questions that bordered on company trade secrets. At first, I threw it away and ignored it. Pretty soon, I got another copy in the mail asking me to fill it out. Again I threw it away and again I got another copy in the mail outlining the financial penalties and jail time I could get if I didn't fill it out. I called my Congressman and Senator's office for advice and was told to fill it out. I eventually did.

***“Just because
you're paranoid
doesn't mean
they're not out to
get you”.***

My wife bought me an Apple I-Phone for Christmas and it's a lot of fun. There is a GPS function that with the click of a button can show a dot on a little map and I know where I am. I just wonder who else knows where I am. Where do personal liberties end? Sometimes I wonder just how off base my old roommate was in his thinking. You know the old saying **Just because you're paranoid doesn't mean they're not out to get you.**



Remember those who serve

The Fallacy of Tax Cuts for All

By Frank L. Martano

The US House of Representatives failed to approve the initial 700 billion dollar bailout. Consequently, the Congressional House leader approached certain "No Voters" and arranged to provide assistance they requested. Subsequently, the required votes for approval surfaced and the bill grew to approximately \$870 billion. This was truly a miracle of approval.

As this is established we consider the constant exclamation of the Democratic presidential candidate that 95% of taxpayers would be receiving a tax cut. The tax cut generally means a tax cut to payers of federal income tax. A simple examination of this 95% would clearly reveal that over 45% pay no income tax. Obviously there can be no tax cut possible for the 45% who pay no tax. The retort is generally that all people pay other taxes, clearly disregarding the income tax aspect. These other taxes would include a myriad of taxes, i.e. social security, medicare, estate taxes, and numerous other taxes. If fairness was at issue and tax cuts were to be considered, it would be equitable to grant tax cuts based on payment of each and every tax paid by individuals. If it were determined that payers of social security taxes would be granted a tax cut, all such payers would be entitled to that particular tax cut. The feasibility of this process would be excessive and perhaps unmanageable leading to a return of 95% tax cuts for all. The logical conclusion would be that the 45% non tax paying groups would be granted a welfare payment and the actual 50% tax payers would be granted a tax cut. Our compassionate country has always willingly assisted our people who are in dire need. Welfare payments are supplied to this segment of our populace as a matter of routine. These payments will do nothing to create a stimulus to our economy, instead they will be used for the basic needs of individuals. Thus they will do very little to promote any true business activity. Welfare payments are truly welfare payments and should not be disguised as tax cuts.

Any further attempt to explain the tax cut would necessarily require expanding on the specifics outlined above. Reality dictates that a true reduction of income taxes for the tax paying populace would create the stimulus sorely needed in today's economy.

Jan. 20, 2009

Meet the Candidates - The NMRC wants to assist all Republican candidates who attend our meetings and would like to introduce the NRMC members to the candidates in the E - Newsletter here below.





Glenn Trowbridge Las Vegas City Council Ward 4

www.glenntrowbridge4lv.com

I'm running for Las Vegas City Council in Ward 4, the seat recently vacated by Larry Brown.

I'm running because I know I have the experience, knowledge, and desire that is necessary to represent the residents of this Ward on the City Council. These dire economic times make it even more essential that we get people who have a proven record of public service working for us in elected government.

I've been a resident of Las Vegas for over 30 years and have lived in Ward 4 for 20 of those years.

Honesty, integrity, and personal accountability have never been just words to me, but standards to live by. I believe government needs to be financially conservative and responsive to the public it serves, delivering quality service with strict accountability and a policy of getting the job done correctly the first time. Government should be conducted in an open environment with considerable public input.

I want to be known as the representative who reaches out to every part of Ward 4 and who is accessible to the residents. I approach issues with energy and an open mind.

Please visit this site to get more information or the latest updates about our campaign. Please e-mail or phone me if you have any questions about my stance on any issues. Thanks again.

*“Experience,
Knowledge and
Desire.”*

Stavros S. Anthony Las Vegas City Council Ward 4

www.anthony2009.com

My name is Stavros S. Anthony and I am a candidate for the Las Vegas City Council Ward 4. I have served as a police officer with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department for the past 29 years. A Police Captain for the last 10 years, I have lead bureaus to include, Traffic, Vice/Narcotics, Internal Affairs and currently the Captain for the Financial Crimes Bureau, where I lead 150 personnel and a \$40 Million dollar budget to protect victims from fraud and identity theft.

We must embrace the "broken window theory" when it comes to neighborhood crime (for example, if one house on a block has a broken window, it is only a matter of time before there is more neighborhood deterioration). I will support programs that encourage community oriented policing, neighborhood watch, crime prevention strategies and other programs that will help Metro fight crime.

I am a former educator and have been elected twice to the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents where I have fought to improve our universities and colleges and worked to keep tuition low. I served 2 terms as Chair of the Board of Regents where we developed a value statement, master plan and realigned the goals for higher education. I want the city and our community college to partner in such a way that we can work together to help our citizens gain an education, a technical trade or certification so they can find jobs to improve their lives.

I understand that home foreclosures drive our home values down and create public safety hazards in our neighborhoods. I want to hold the owners of foreclosed homes accountable for maintaining their properties until they are sold. I would also support the creation of a data base of foreclosed homes that the police can use to patrol and inspect to ensure these properties are not breeding grounds for criminal activity.

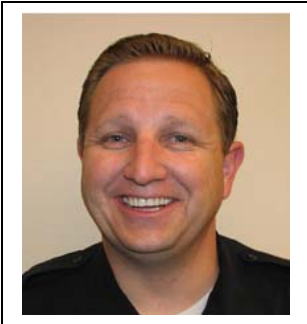
I understand that fiscal responsibility is an important job of a city councilman. I will look at ways we can consolidate government services to be more efficient and effective. As a city councilman I will work to create conditions that attract business and new jobs to Las Vegas. Many of these can be healthcare, biotech, and green jobs. To attract these businesses, we need to ensure city hall is business friendly, that Las Vegas is a safe place to live, we have a solid educational system, and we have sustainable and responsible growth. I want to ensure that the city provides those vital services that include protecting our seniors and our children.

I have worked my entire life to improve myself and my family. I am a graduate of Wayne State University with a Bachelors degree, and I have received my Masters and Ph.D. from UNLV. I am a Graduate of the FBI National Academy and the University of Louisville Southern Police Institute Leadership program. I have been married 28 years and have 2 wonderful daughters, one a graduate of the University of Nevada-Reno and one in her third year.

I understand that the job of a city councilman is to make our daily lives better. I would appreciate your support in helping me become a member of the Las Vegas City Council. If fortunate enough to win, I will resign from the police department to become a full time city councilman. I can be reached at 3275 S. Jones #105, LV, NV 89146, 254-2035, www.anthonyforcitycouncil.com, or my email stavros@anthony2009.com. Thank you.



"The job of a city councilman is to make our daily lives better."



Matthew Zobrist Henderson Municipal Court Judge

www.electzobrist.com

My name is **Matthew Zobrist**. I believe I am the clear choice to be the next Municipal Court Judge in Henderson. I believe in community service, protecting our families and in pursuing justice.

I have lived in Henderson since 1995. My wife and I moved here when she got a job with the Clark County School District. I attended UNLV while my wife taught elementary school. I graduate with a BA in Criminal Justice in 1998. Our daughter was born in 1996 and we have had 4 more children since then – all boys! My wife is due with our sixth in May.

In 1998 I was hired by Henderson Police. For the last 10 ½ years I have served the community as a member of the Henderson Police Department. In 2002, I was accepted into the Boyd School of Law part-time evening program. I continued to work full-time as a police officer, mostly on graveyard shift until I graduate in 2006. I passed the Nevada Bar in 2007, and have been a licensed attorney since then.

While my education qualifies me for the position, my police experience is what makes me the best candidate for this position. I have investigated countless misdemeanor crimes; I have interviewed the victims, witnesses and suspect in those crimes. I have written the crime reports, made the arrests and have testified in Municipal Court numerous times. For the last 3 years I have been a Sergeant. In this position, I have the responsibility for checking Officers reports and ensuring their arrests are within the bounds of the law and adhere to our policies.

As an experienced police officer, I have interviewed numerous criminals and I have an insight into offenders' minds. I have sat with emotionally traumatized victims and gained an understanding into many of their situations. I have seen crimes occur in my presence and felt the gut-wrenching emotions they evoke. And I have watched the damage done when justice is not served. This familiarity gives me a unique perspective: I will simultaneously be able to hold officers to a high standard, while being able to recognize and balance the needs of victims, the rights of the accused and interests of justice.

Police experience has a proven track record. Judge Ken Proctor was a police officer prior to becoming judge. He won re-election several times and was Judge of the Year in 2002. Judge Warren Vanlandschoot, who presides in NLV Municipal Court, was a police officer prior to becoming judge also. Neither of them attended Law School.

It is important to understand Municipal Court is charged with administering justice for misdemeanor crimes. We need a judge who is sensitive to the

needs of victims, respects the hard work of police and prosecutors, and who can balance the rights of the accused while still pursuing the community's need for justice. The community needs a judge with a clear understanding that administering justice requires an understanding mind and a firm hand.

My 10 ½ years experience as a police officer gives me that understanding. I have investigated and taken reports for all types of misdemeanor crimes. I have seen and felt the emotional trauma of the victims, especially in domestic violence situations. I have interviewed and consoled people, who have sometimes witnessed traumatic events. I have interviewed and arrested suspects when they are intoxicated, disheveled and willing to fight with police. This unique perspective gives me *that* understanding! It helps me understand the difference between those people who make mistakes and criminals who consciously decide to commit crimes.

My opponent learned the law by being a Public Defender. I learned the law by working the street, making arrests, taking reports, writing warrants, interviewing victims and seeing the first-hand effects of crime. He read police reports looking for the "technicality" which would allow his clients to avoid justice. I wrote police reports and attempted to accurately and fairly portray the events and evidence, both for and against, which lead me to make my decisions. The last three years, as a sergeant, I have been reviewing other officers' reports. I have checked their work to ensure arrests were made on solid probable cause, evidence was clearly identified and all involved parties and their perspectives were considered. In checking and correct these reports. I use officers' errors as training opportunities; chances for them to improve individually and for the department to improve collectively. In addition to insight into the criminal mind, I know police procedures and reports. I can tell good police work from poor, I know that police are not perfect. As a sergeant, I am constantly checking performance levels and counseling officers to help them improve. This set of unique skills allows me to hold the police to the higher standards the public expects while still maintaining a healthy respect for their efforts. I am the only candidate with this unique blend of skills and experiences, who is able to adequately balance serving the community, protecting our families and pursuing justice.

I believe in accountability; owning up to the consequences of your choices. Where defense attorney's look for justifications, excuses, loopholes or technicalities; cops look simply for the truth: what happened? Who is responsible? As a judge I will take this common sense equation to the next logical step: What are just consequences for that action?

I am asking for your support. Please vote for me on April 7. (Early voting starts March 21)