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A resolution drafted by North Las Vegas City Attorney Carl Lovell, Jr., to place questions concerning pornography on the North Las Vegas City election ballot "conspicuously omits live sex shows," Las Vegas City Attorney Earl Gripentrog said.

Gripentrog said Lovell "surely did not just forget to include in the resolution the North Las Vegas-based live sex shows such as the Gay 90's Club and the Palomino Club." Lovell's "repeated failures to take any meaningful action against the only bottomless live sex shows operating in the entire State of Nevada indicates that he is protecting those obviously lewd shows," Gripentrog charged.

The United States Supreme Court case of California vs. La Rue leaves no doubt that such live sex shows can be closed. The U. S. Supreme Court held:

"The States have broad latitude under the 21st Amendment to control the manner and circumstances under which liquor may be dispensed and lewd and naked entertainment at such places can be prohibited."

Such live sex shows as the Gay 90's and Palomino Club are exactly the type of cases the U. S. Supreme Court held could be closed.

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LEVY FOR COMMISSIONER

Las Vegas Mayor Oran Gragson said he is "appalled and insulted by the desperate smear attempts made upon my family" by City Commission candidate Ron Lurie.

Gragson referred to a press release issued by Lurie in which the candidate charged the Las Vegas mayor and members of his family with "conflict".

Gragson emphasized he has made it a practice not to involve himself or take sides in city commission races during his many years in office, but he declared, "I am now forced to make this statement in defense of myself and my family."

The mayor said Lurie's "unprincipled attack has viciously and untruthfully affected my family at a time my wife is recovering from a serious illness. The emotional strain on my wife as a result of these unfounded charges has forced me to respond."

Gragson said, "Typical of Mr. Lurie's unfounded and politically motivated charges is the fact that he has deliberately misled the public in his reference to the fact that I passed my vote on the Focus zoning matter."

"I publicly stated at the time that I would not vote on the matter because my son, Kenneth, was handling the real estate sale. What was also publicly stated at that time -- but which Mr. Lurie conveniently declined to mention -- was that my son donated his commission to Focus because of the worthwhile community services this organization performs."

"We all acted in the most ethical and straight-forward manner possible in this matter," Gragson said, "and I challenge Mr. Lurie to say otherwise."

Gragson said, "Political charges of this nature insult the intelligence of free thinking members of our community, and I am parti-

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cularly appalled that anyone would try to abuse the name of my family for his own gain.

I have, during my 14 years of service to the people of Las Vegas, always prided myself on honesty and integrity. And the voters have shown they were happy with my performance as mayor by their overwhelming support at the polls.

Mr. Lurie's statement," Gragson said, "smacks of desperation by a very politically ambitious young man -- one who has been fast and loose with charges of conflict of interest."

Gragson said that Lurie should be informed that a conflict of interest "involves the abuse of public trust by an individual for personal gain. Such a charge is one of the most vile that can be made against a person holding public office, and I am offended and outraged by Mr. Lurie's reckless and untrue statements."

If Mr. Lurie or anyone else has any basis whatsoever for saying I have used public trust for personal gain, I invite him to make public a disclosure of his information," Gragson said.

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Thornley charges that Christensen 'stalling'

City Commissioner Hank Thornley criticized Paul Christensen's "stalling tactics."

"I can't believe his answer to my debate challenge," said Thornley. Christensen said, "I haven't decided if I'll debate Thornley or not. After all, it's his media."

"First of all," said Thornley, "I never mentioned television in my challenge. I asked Christensen to meet me in public forum. I told

him to pick the place. However, if he is unwilling to do that, we can have a joint press conference in his own jewelry store. That should give him the safe ground he has been looking for."

Thornley continued, "I'm willing to go to any lengths to insure that the people have all the information regarding credibility, credentials and platform before they cast their ballot on June 5."

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