

### TOM KRUSE FOR STATE CONTROLLER

TOM KRUSE, Democratic candidate for State Controller became the first candidate on the General Election ballot for State office to disclose his campaign receipts and expenditures. Mr. Kruse showed cash receipts of \$4,560 and contributions in kind of \$9,050 for a total of \$13,610 contributed toward his election. Kruse's expenses totaled \$12,197. There were six contributions of \$100 or more, with Mr. Kruse placing \$1,780 of his own money into the campaign.

candidates for State office file information on receipts and expenditures.

Kruse stated, "I feel it is my duty to inform the citizens of Nevada of the individuals or organizations supporting me and I challenge my Republican opponent to do the same."

Kruse has filed a complete list of receipts and expenditures with the Secretary of State's office along with his personal financial statements. Kruse indicated that these are public records, open to all interested persons.

Tom Kruse, Democratic candidate for State Controller, charged the present Controller with what Kruse termed irresponsible spending.

Kruse said that his opponent has utilized for additional help one particular accounting firm for the last five years and has paid this firm more than one hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars (\$195,000) in the last thirteen months alone.

Kruse believes the Controller's office already has a staff of

qualified people and should function independent of outside help, if outside help is necessary why has the controller used only one particular C.P.A. firm and not allowed other C.P.A. firms to participate?

Kruse said "The spending of \$195,000 in the last thirteen months is the same thing as having hired eighteen (18) new state employees at annual salaries of \$10,000.00 per employee."

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## POLITICAL HOPEFULS

### SHIRLEY CRUMPLER FOR GOVERNOR

Governor O'Callaghan's plan to seek a two-cent a gallon increase in the state gasoline tax at the next session of the legislature even though gasoline tax revenues increased by more than \$8 million during his administration, was denounced today by Shirley Crumpler, his opponent in the upcoming general election.

"Nevadans were greatly relieved when President Ford didn't call for a hike in the federal gasoline tax in his effort to fight inflation, concluding that such action would hurt the little guy most and further flame the fire of inflation," she said. "Nevadans, of course, were also concerned with the effect the tax hike would have on the state's tourist traffic."

"But now along comes the governor saying he wants to up the state gasoline tax by 33 percent," she said, "proving he cares little for

the low wage-earner or the state's Number One industry."

Shirley said the proposed two-cent hike would provoke the state's already rampant inflation rather than serve to cool it off.

Speaking for O'Callaghan, a state highway department spokesman earlier this year was quoted by the press as saying "gasoline tax revenue is going down and the state was in a position of having to think about closing down some roads because the cost of maintenance is still going up and up."

The spokesman, deputy highway engineer Don Crosby, also claimed "we have to bring enough revenues in to keep our highway program going. Not enough money is coming in now and inflation is eating us alive."

Shirley said Crosby either didn't know what he was talking about or was purposely deceiving the public. "The truth is," she pointed out,



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"revenue" from the state gasoline tax was up 34 percent in 1973 over 1970, the year the governor was elected, or \$28,056,418 compared to \$20,925,711."

As for inflation eating away the tax revenue monies, Shirley said she wished the O'Callaghan administration would make up its mind whether the state's economy is floundering or booming.

"Just last week, Larry McCracken, director of the Nevada Employment Security Department, told Carson City newsmen

that the state's economy had been "extremely strong and grown tremendously over the past four years" of O'Callaghan's administration," Shirley recalled.

"But if inflation and other factors are eating away the gasoline tax revenues," she said, "then the same inflation and other factors must be devouring other state tax revenue monies -- the people can only wonder what other state taxes the governor will seek to raise after pushing the gas tax hike through the legislature."

### CHAD ANDERSON FOR ASSEMBLY 16

Chad Anderson, a 35-year resident of Las Vegas, is candidate for Assembly, District 16.

Standing for honest government, no conflict of interest, open meetings, better public parks and no new or higher taxes, Anderson has

been in management 13 years, tourism 13 years, construction 6 years and a union member for 16 years.

He was president and director of the Las Vegas Jr. Chamber of Commerce, and executive with U.S. Jaycee's, Sunrise Jaycee's and Nevada Jaycee's.

### EMPLOYMENT DEPT. REFUTES CRUMPLER

Larry McCracken, Executive Director, Nevada Employment Security Department, refutes Shirley Crumpler's argument with the U. S. Department of Labor.

"The statistics from my department are correct," says McCracken. "In fact, the Nevada Employment Security Department is the official source of labor-related statistics in Nevada. The figures also are submitted monthly to the federal government and audits are conducted to verify the findings."

"I said last week that Nevada's economy remains strong, despite the nationwide problems of inflation and tight money."

"That strength is clearly evidenced by a 5.2 percent increase in the number of jobholders within the

the last year, a fast and impressive growth rate. Also, in the past 4 years, the number of jobholders has jumped by 27.2 percent, compared to a 19 percent increase in population.

"In numbers, that growth means 57,000 more Nevadans working now than 4 years ago."

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