

NV Legislature

State Senator Richard Bryan, a five-term veteran of the Nevada Legislature, announced today he will seek the Democratic nomination for attorney general.

Bryan, 40, served two terms in the Assembly before election to the Senate in 1972 and 1976. In both Senate campaigns, Bryan was the leading vote-getter.

"I think it is time for everyone to say that we stand together for vigorous enforcement of our laws and that this job can be done without trampling on individual liberties.

"This is the message the people of Nevada want to hear, and I believe they want to hear it from their next attorney general."

Bryan also said that if elected attorney general he "would take an aggressive position to protect Nevada's legal position against unwarranted intervention into our affairs by the federal government."

He said he would also encourage meetings with district attorneys and top police officials throughout the state with an objective of exchanging information and ideas and formulating a legislative program.

"In addition to being the chief law enforcement officer of the state," Bryan said, "the attorney general is the legal advisor to all state departments, boards and agencies. The present staff has done an outstanding job and it is my hope that many of these people would remain in the attorney general's office so we can continue to build a staff of bright and selfless men and women devoted to the highest ideals of public service.

"I will also do everything possible to render opinions as promptly as possible, consistent with exploration of every legal consideration of the subject on which an opinion is requested."

Bryan has served as chairman of the Senate Committee on Education and presently is chairman of the Senate Taxation Committee. He has also served on the Senate committees on Commerce, Judiciary and Environment and Public Resources.

A graduate of Las Vegas High School and the University of Nevada, Reno, Bryan received his law degree from Hastings Law School.

He served as an officer in the U. S. Army, as a prosecuting attorney and served as Nevada's first public defender.

Bryan and his wife Bonnie have three children.

CAGE STARS

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Two local cage stars, Ronnie Ross of A Division Indian Springs High School and Otis Jackson Of 'AAA' Division Valley High School sign letters of intent for the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, in the present of their parents and coach Steve Smith.

Ronnie Ross statistics: 6'7" center, all conference, all state, all zone, and voted team most valuable player at state tournament. Average score per game is 19.9 points. Coached by Len Czarnezki. Otis Jackson statistics: 6'4" guard, all conference, all state, all zone, and voted team most valuable player. Average score per game is 20.9 points. Coached by Bill Bobier.

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff is member of the South-Western Athletic Conference (SWAC).

Both athletes were recruited by the UAPB Alumni Chapter Las Vegas.

This year U.A.P.B. Basketball Team won their last 6 games. Coach Smith has been coaching for 12 years. Four years at Oklahoma State University. High School record of 107-5 in 6 years. U.A.P.B. is in the NCAA Division 2.

SHUTTLE BUS

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Vernon Williams, President of Westside Charter wishes to express thanks to its personnel, Gwyn Brown, General Manager, Art Chapman, Operations Manager, Sally Ortiz, Secretary/Dispatcher, Lisbon Eagles, (Red) Maintenance Manager and its drivers. A special thanks to Bob Bailey and the staff of NEDCO and to REECO and its staff for their valuable assistance. And finally a special thanks to the many friends in the Westside Community, whose faith and encouragement has helped us over the difficult roads.

Martin Hoffenblum for Congress in 1978

Below is a copy of my fourth letter to the Governors. It is written in response to warm words of encouragement from Governor Thomson. The replies from the Governors have been interesting. None have disputed my statements of fact. The general response has been one of agreement, but that change would be difficult. None has as yet grasped my conviction that THE GOVERNORS COULD BE A POWERFUL INSTRUMENT FOR CHANGE, and that is my problem.

The top men in our major political parties are the Governors. They just don't realize it, as yet.

Of course, I keep hoping that someday my letters will initiate an exchange of thought between the media and myself. Nothing so far, but I am a hard man to discourage, and I will continue with my progress reports.

Dear Governor Thomson,

Thank you very much for your letter of encouragement, and I will continue to speak out. During the past decade many men have sought election to Congress, with promises of reform. They succeeded in their campaigns for election, but failed in their attempts to obtain reforms. I would be lying if I tried to tell you, or the voters of Nevada, that I could succeed with the Congress, where others have failed.

The purpose of my letters is to convince you that, with a friend in Congress, A COALITION OF GOVERNORS AND BIG CITY MAYORS CAN SUCCEED where individuals have failed. Unless I can convince you that this is a fact, there is not much purpose to my campaign for election to Congress.

I have been told that my proposals are impractical. If that is true, then the Constitution of the United States is impractical.

I believe that our Constitution is one of the great documents of human history, and with IT, as the supreme law of the land, this country flourished and became one of the great nations of this planet.

Our Constitution, as written, provided for a Congressional upper house composed of two Senators from each State, appointed by the State Legislatures of the several States. Our founding fathers lived in fear of an oppressive federal government. Ratification of our Constitution required several years of debate and was completed only after they were satisfied that State control of the federal Senate, plus the 9th and 10th amendments would insure a balance of power.

In 1912, the proponents of federal authority, BACKED BY STATE FAILURE TO ASSUME CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY, obtained ratification of the 17th amendment authorizing election of federal Senators by popular vote. In 1913, the same proponents of federal authority, aided by the same State failures, obtained ratification of the 16th amendment which authorized a federal income tax.

Concurrent with the passage of the 17th amendment, Congress approved \$5,000,000 in grants-in-aid to the States. A cynic might allege that the 16th and 17th amendments, were purchased for \$5,000,000. I am not a cynic. I believe that the proponents of these amendments were sincere. Nevertheless, I can see no difference between a Tammany Hall politician passing out \$2.00 bills, outside of an election booth, and the federal grants-in-aid system. Both purchase votes, degrade the moral fibre of the nation, and perpetuate the growth of welfare as compared to productivity.

I think all Historians agree that our State governments did, in fact, founder in their attempts to govern thru the industrial revolution, and national expansion to the Pacific ocean. I think the same Historians will agree that federal efforts to fill the "vacuum" in local government has fundered on the rocks of sheer size and complexity.

I submit to you the idea that my proposals are practical and will work, as compared to current federal proposals which are created in theoretical "brain trusts" far removed from local realities, and approved by a Congress more concerned with votes than solutions to national problems. A Congress convinced that the Voters can't stand to hear the Truth.

This is only the fourth of a planned series of letters. I believe that the National Governors Conference can change the course of American history, and I would rather be a Consultant to the Governors than Nevada's Representative in a Congress dedicated to the proposition that all men are created Stupid!

Sincerely,
Martin Hoffenblum

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