

RENO HAPPENINGS

Voter registration trend leans toward Democrats

CARSON CITY--The Democratic Party apparently has reversed a four-year trend during which far more people registered as Republicans in Nevada, according to figures released Monday.

Since January, 20,568 Nevadans registered as Democrats in comparison with 19,195 residents who registered as Republicans. Until the latest report, Republicans had been narrowing the registration gap between the two parties since 1982.

Secretary of State William Swackhamer released figures that show 173,709 Democrats and 148,282 Republicans have registered to vote in next week's primary.

Last January, Swackhamer released figures that showed 129,087 Republicans and 153,141 Democrats were registered in Nevada.

The shift toward Democrat was most notable in Clark County. Since January, 12,847 new Democrats were registered in Clark County, compared with 8,110 Republicans.

"People are coming to the conclusion that Reaganomics is not what it is cracked up to be," said Charles Waterman, Clark County Democratic chairman. "The

Councilman Robinson Elected First Vice President, Nevada League of Cities

North Las Vegas Councilman William E. Robinson has been elected first vice president of the Nevada League of Cities. "The League represents the interests of Nevada's 18 incorporated cities," Robinson said. "Through the League, we have a forum in which to discuss common problems and work together toward solutions that will serve the needs of our citizens."

The Nevada League of Cities recently held its annual conference in Boulder City where delegates approved the organization's legislative package for the 1987 session of the Nevada Legislature.

so-called 'Reagan Revolution' is winding down."

Republican Party Executive Director Stu Peiper discounted the figures as showing a Democrat trend. He said the Democrats gained in numbers only because they had twice as many voters purged from voting rolls for not voting in the 1984 presidential election.

"They'll have to scramble to get back to where they were," Peiper said. "We know they had a strong registration drive last winter. We had strong drives in the spring and summer."

Personal funds spent in race total \$200,000

CARSON CITY--Millionaire inventor Paul Fisher has spent more than \$200,000 of his own money in an attempt to wrestle the Democratic nomination for the 1st Congressional District seat away from two better known opponents, reports showed Monday.

Fisher, 72, of Boulder City, has spent \$221,805 on the primary election campaign for the Southern Nevada seat in Congress, according to reports filed with the secretary of state's office.

His campaign expenditures are more than twice the \$102,039 spent by one of his primary election opponents, state Sen. Jim Bilbray. They are considerably more than the \$145,117 spent by the other Democratic contender, state Sen. Helen Foley.

From the opening gun, the race was deemed by political pundits as a battle between Foley and Bilbray. Fisher

The conference also included installation of officers for the coming year; the new president is Thomas J. Grady, Mayor of Yerington.

"I'm really looking forward to my duties as first vice president," Mr. Robinson stated, "and to continue my association with municipal officials from across the state as we work to achieve our mutual goals."

was given little chance for victory.

Fisher, however, may be attempting to narrow the gap by spending his own money. In his campaign report, Fisher listed contributions of only \$2,210.

So far, he has paid most of his expenses through loans to himself. Fisher is the inventor of the Fisher space pen, carried by astronauts on space flights.

While Fisher is spending his own money, Foley listed contributions of \$119,092, including recent gifts of \$1,000 each from Lady Luck Casino owner Andrew Tompkins, Sports Form owner Charles DiRocco and businessman Herb Kaufman.

In addition, Foley reported that she received \$3,000 from the Engineers Political Action Committee in Washington, D.C., \$2,500 from the Ironworkers Political Action League, \$2,000 from the Laborers Western Political League in Sacramento and \$1,500 from the Summa Employees Public Affairs Committee.

Bilbray showed contributions of \$64,614, including \$1,000 each from bankers Jerome Mack and E. Parry Thomas, pre-school owner Don Hamilton and Bally's Political Action Committee.

Peggy Cavnar, a Republican seeking the congressional seat, listed contributions of \$82,873 and expenditures of \$77,292. Her contributions included candy maker Forrest E. Mars, who gave \$1,000.



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Most of Cavnar's contributions, however, were not in actual money but in the form of in-kind payments for work performed. She indicated she has received \$55,653 in such payments from herself, including \$11,920 received for the use of a computer and word processor.

Van Heffner, another Republican in the 1st Congressional District race, has raised \$64,840 and spent \$72,209, according to reports. State Sen. Bob Ryan, the other GOP contender, reported raising \$36,752 and spending \$28,646.

In the 2nd Congressional District, Democratic candidate Pete Sferrazza listed contributions of \$35,512 and expenses of \$28,240.

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