

# We The People

## Shades of Big Brother

In his classic novel *1984*, the British writer George Orwell created a society where government reigned supreme over the private lives of all its citizens. The world, unfortunately, is crowded with governments that follow the "Big Brother" example outlined in *1984*.

Americans are protected from such abuse of power by the U.S. Constitution, whose 200th anniversary we are celebrating this year. The power of the federal government is tempered with specific limitations on its power over individual citizens. Under our democratic form of government, where the majority of the electorate chooses our leaders, the Constitution wisely protects the rights of those in the minority.

The framers of our Constitution were well aware of the often flagrant abuses of power by colonial governments. Many colonies had adopted state religions supported by public tax dollars. If the members of a certain denomination or sect were predominant in a colony, they were able to, and often did, outlaw the open worship of other creeds. While the cruelest discrimination may have been in Puritan-dominated New England, where followers of other faiths were at times executed, other areas also had long records of discrimination. For example, Baptist preachers were jailed routinely in Virginia.

By guaranteeing the basic rights of all, the U.S. Constitution established a watchword for our nation: tolerance. Mr. Jones may be a Baptist and a Democrat but that doesn't keep him from respecting his neighbor, Mrs. Smith, who happens to be a Methodist and a Republican. It would never occur to either of them that laws should be passed outlawing churches and political parties other than their own.

Freedom to choose our own lifestyles and to grant others the same right is the true spirit of America. To forget those principles is to begin to destroy that precious gift given to us 200 years ago by our Founding Fathers—the U.S. Constitution. ■

This is one of a series of columns celebrating the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution.

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## GOVERNOR APPOINTS SOCIAL BOARD EXAMINERS

CARSON CITY — Governor Richard Bryan today announced the appointment of the five member Board of Examiners for Social Workers. This is a new commission created by the 1987 session of the Nevada Legislature.

The new members are Mel Kalagian, Mary All Salmon, and Roy Garcia all of Las Vegas, Jan Lamb of Reno and Jerry Clark of Winnemucca.

Kalagian, an 18 year Las Vegas resident, is an administrative assistant at the Las Vegas Senior Center on East Bonanza Road. He is on the board of directors of the Clark County Health District, Senior Health Program, board member and treasurer of the Steelworkers / Old Timers Foundation, Senior Repair Home and Maintenance. Kalagian is a graduate of UNLV in social services.

Mary Ann Salmon is a social work supervisor with Clark County Social Services. She is a member of the American Society for Public Administrators, the National Association of Black Social Workers and the Home Health Service Utilization Review Board for Clark County Health District.

Roy Garcia is a partner in the firm of Garcia and Garcia.

He is a member of the Latin American Bar Association, Nevada State Bar Association, Nevada Trial Lawyers Association, Clark County Bar Association and the Latin Chamber of Commerce.

Jane Lamb is an associate professor at UNR in the Department of Social and Health Resources. She has been involved in social work for 23 years. Lamb is a member of the board of directors of Crises Call, on the advisory committee for United Way of Northern Nevada and a member of the Western Nevada Regional Juvenile Justice Advisory Council.

Jerry Clark is currently clinic director for Rural Clinics Community Mental Health Centers in Winnemucca and Battle Mountain. He is a member of the Humboldt County Social Welfare Committee and Humboldt General Hospital allied professional staff.

The Board of Examiners for Social Workers regulates the social work profession in Nevada.

## NLV Offers Recruitment Brochure To Businesses

The City of North Las Vegas has published a new brochure to assist employers in recruiting employees, according to North Las Vegas City Councilman W. Brent Hardy.

"This is part of an outreach program to inform employers about the types of recruitment assistance that are available in our community," said Hardy. "We hope to encourage aggressive equal employment opportunity practices by our businesses to assure that jobs are made available to all members of our community." The brochure is being mailed to nearly 2,000 North Las Vegas business license holders.

The brochure lists several public and private organizations that provide free applicant recruitment and screening assistance for employers. Business start-ups or expansions may also receive special consideration from some of the agencies to help offset employee-related costs through a variety of training

and employment incentives. Employers who want to request a copy of the brochure may write to the City of North Las Vegas, Office of Economic Development, P.O. Box 4086, North Las Vegas, NV 89030, or call 649-0248.

## Allied Arts Council Holds 25th Birthday Open House

The Allied Arts Council of Southern Nevada invites the public to attend their 25th birthday party and open house rescheduled to Thursday, October 1, 5 to 7 p.m. at 3710 So. Maryland Parkway.

This inaugural event in their new building coincides with the reception of an exhibit of large paintings by Tom Holder and Lynda Yur-off. There will be champagne birthday cake and entertainment by the Bob Badgley/Tom Ferguson Jazz Trio. Call 731-5419 for more information.

## MEETING HOUSE

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and mortar. It is a renewal of historic purpose," says Henry Hampton, chairman of the board of directors of the Museum of Afro American History and president of Blackside, Inc., the independent film company that produced the recent PBS documentary on civil rights, "Eyes on the Prize."

Through a closer examination of the history of the African Meeting House and the community it once served, we begin to appreciate Boston's early black citizens' spiritual strength and commitment to freedom in the face of discouraging odds —

and perhaps better understand the sacrifices that must be made to obtain that freedom.

*The African Meeting House is one of fifteen sites on the Black Heritage Trail, a 1.6 mile walking tour that introduces visitors to the history and architecture of the free Afro-American community that lived on the North slope of Beacon Hill in the 1800's. The trail weaves its way through the largest concentration of pre-Civil War black historic sites in the United States, which now constitute the Boston African American Historic Site.*

Owned by the Museum of Afro-American History  
Preservation services provided by the National Park Service

## Home Based Business Workshop Offered

Home Based Business will be the focus of a four hour workshop on Friday, September 25. This workshop offers guidance for those operating business from the home and those considering a home based business.

The program is co-sponsored by the Small Business Administration, Nevada Small Business Development Center, and Clark County Community College.

Topics that will be discussed are: Personal Consideration When Starting a Business, Developing a Business Plan, Marketing Your Home Based Business, Zoning, Licensing, Codes and Regulations, Recordkeeping, and Small Business Resources.

Concluding remarks will be made by a panel of successful business owners.

Registration fee is \$15.00. For reservations or additional information, call 643-6060, extension 200.

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