



## BULLFROG RESOLUTE

As its first official act the new County Commission has unanimously adopted a resolution opposing federal attempts to site the proposed nuclear waste repository for the entire nation at Yucca Mountain. The measure serves not only to notify the feds of the undying opposition of the county dads to such industrial growth in Bullfrog, but also moves to settle the question of whether the county is actually a mechanism for redistributing funds when and if the atomic trashheap is foisted on our state.

In his opening statement Chairman Mike Melner left little doubt that the county was dedicated to opposing the nuclear threat at all costs, and planned to begin that process with the first order of business following the election of officers. Following the

assignment of the vice chairmanship to David Powell, a Las Vegas native, and the secretaryship to Dorothy Eisenberg, formerly a south state activist for the League of Women Voters,

Melner made good on his pledge and the Resolution of opposition, detailing the complaints against the project, passed without opposition from either the voting members or the audience of interested Nevadans.

In other business, the commissioners heard from Lincoln County, who presented the results of the several surveys and studies done by inter government panels in the rural southern reaches of the silver state, none of which were conclusive or definitive in their recommendations.

## RENO NUKE WASTE HEARING

Senator Tom Hickey of Las Vegas brought the legislature's traveling road show on High Level Nuclear Waste to Reno this week. The agenda called for only U.S. Department of Energy types and state agency personnel to testify on current siting programs and how they stand in Washington, but Citizen Alert, the Nevada anti nuclear activist network planned a protest.

Prime complaint was the lack of opportunity for Nevada citizens to testify against the siting, and a reminder to the committee of its still unfulfilled promise of June, last year, to vote up or down on a resolution of opposition to the waste dump for consideration by the whole legislature. The matter was put

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## MINERS FILE RECORDER SOUGHT

Among the first orders of county business at the historic first meeting of the Bullfrog Commission was an unsubstantiated report that one or more mining claims have been filed within the county boundaries, but have as yet gone unrecorded, the county being without the services of a Recorder.

Mike Melner, by now Chairman of the Commission, indicated that he would arrange for some sort of probably part time help to be hired, and a short discussion of whether to look for a Clerk/Recorder or simply a Recorder ensued. The decision taken to seek only a Recorder at this time was passed unanimously, as may be expected on most such mundane matters.

Applicants may contact Melner at the temporary county offices adjacent to his law practice in Reno.

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# FROG WARS?

## BULLFROG MILITARIZATION URGED.

### *Call For Nevada Guard*

Speaking at the first meeting of the newly enabled Bullfrog County Commission, Bob Fulkerson, anti nuclear activist and sometime candidate for the state senate, called on Governor Bryan to order the Nevada National Guard into the newly formed county to begin fortifying it against an expected incursion of federal forces bent on dumping atomic waste in violation of a number of laws, both state and national. Since his suggestion came during the public testimony segment of the meeting little action beyond possibly agendizing the matter

for future consideration was taken, although the prospect of sending our weekend warriors south to build revetments and command bunkers in our own mountains instead of those in remote Honduras seems at least plausible.

One does wonder, however, what pulling an overnite pass to Lathrop Wells or Injun Springs will do for the morale of the silver state's last line of defense.

*Why does the Bullfrog  
cross the road?*

*"What road?"*

## REID BUYS TIME

### Filibuster Threat

#### Site Selection Delayed

In a bitter battle over acceleration of at least temporary nuclear waste storage siting with Louisiana's Senator Bennet Williams(?), Nevada's Harry Reid won a victory after threatening to tie the senate up in a floor fight and filibuster on the Bayou democrat's bill to speed up selection and begin work before the turn of the decade. With the Senate already tied in knots by a variety of bills because conservative threats of delay Reid was able to force a probe of the site selection process and postponement of selection until that study is complete.

The divergence between Reids opposition to siting in Nevada and Chic Hecht's more accomodating attitude towards turning Bullfrog County into the nations nuclear septic tank closely mirrors the schism between Bullfrog and Nye county attitudes on the question, and promises to become a factor in future election races, both locally and statewide if Governor Bryan challenges Hecht for the Senate seat as expected.

## EDITORIAL

### HARD-CASE HARRY FOR BULLFROG D.A.

Nye County having finally mustered its meager legal resources and filed suit in the neighboring Esmeralda Courts it would seem a propitious time for the appointment of a District Attorney to serve as barrister for Bullfrog in our time of trials and travail. Although the new county is wholly and solely a creature of the state, it would seem less than fair to ask Brian McKay, our Attorney General and a Republican to boot, to hie himself or some senior state esquire to the historic Goldfield Courthouse over each and every one of the thirty seven pettyfogging complaints associated with the defense of our fledgling county.

Surely the legal representation for Bullfrog should be selected not merely for his legal brilliance and experience, but a certain dedication to the fight against federal folly as well, and while our Attorney General is highly dedicated to his office, his enthusiasm for the Bullfrog maneuver during the last session of the legislature and after has been lukewarm at best.

Now, when it comes to federal law, a healthy distrust of both motive and method is to be cherished among the qualifications of counsel, along with expertise in the federal venue, and I suggest that one man

in Nevada combines these qualities to an unmatched degree in these times, and that man is Harry Claiborne. No other member of our illustrious Nevada Bar shares his unique perspective on matters federal, though rumour among the strike force fringies suggest that several aspire to just such a viewpoint.

Having paid his debt to society for three vicious misdemeanor tax filing foulups by serving more federal time than most dope smugglers, Harry Claiborne is once again ready to assume the mantle of public trust, and where better than Bullfrog County, in whose lack of public we all trust.

Besides his extensive experience on the District Court for Las Vegas and environs, Harry Claiborne would bring to Bullfrog a vast knowledge of the Silver State's political structure and solid connections within the Democratic

Party machinery which will be essential to the county's ongoing legal and legislative battles to come.

A man for all reasons, and currently at liberty to accept legal employment, Harry Claiborne should be the governor's next appointment to the growing Bullfrog oligarchy, and leave the feds chew that one over.

# Where's the water?

## REMEMBER THE MX!

We hesitate to belabour the obvious, but past experience with the federal government suggests they occasionally fail to grasp basic elements of reality when planning major programs. A prime example was the failure to consider the Nuclear Winter side effects of their war planning for some forty years of scientific oversight.

We therefore rise to ask a simple question; where are they going to get the water for the construction and operation of the massive complex planned for the atomic trash of the nations power nukes?

If there were water within drilling depth on Yucca Mountain it would be too close for the stringent isolation requirements of the nuclear storage program, but if it isn't locally available where do they plan to steal it from, and how will they get it up there? The last time I looked there wasn't all that much water south of Goldfield, and what little there was was most precious to various ranches, towns and the ever thirsty politicians of Clark County, whose growth hopes are currently resting on the long shot discovery and development of an underground river in eastern Nevada.

We are reminded of the famous M.X. Missile, whose only recommendation was its shell game

basing mode, featuring hardened concrete subways and hundreds of launch stations along the Nevada-Utah border area. That plan was scrapped after years of defense planning when someone noticed that mixing the concrete alone would use all the water west of the Great Salt Lake for most of ten years, leaving stockmen and Mormon farmers high and dry for the duration. Are the same planners plotting a water raid of some nature in Nevada?

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## UNSUBSTANTIATED RUMOR

The best view of Bullfrog County is;

- a) from the back porch of the Lathrop Wells brothel.
- b) in your rear view mirror.
- c) the Potomac Basin

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San Francisco's notorious Mitchell Brothers of public service pornography fame are reportedly interested in a possible Bullfrog Brothel and filming complex.

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## RENO NUKE HEARING

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over in June of '86 for a vote at the next meeting, but the solons, apparently shy in the face of that fall's election, avoided going on record with a vote, and the matter has languished since that time.

Citizen Alert asked for both a vote and public testimony, threatening a walkout/demonstration if their requests were denied, but Senator Hickey decided to open the meeting and future hearings to public input, and a vigorous discussion ensued. The committee refused action on the resolution still hanging fire, claiming that passing resolutions is beyond their province, and must be left to the legislature.

Testimony from the state geological studies indicated that the Lathrop Wells Cinder Cone, previously believed to be a benchmark for dating volcanic activity in the area may be less than a tenth as old as believed, dating back a mere twenty thousand years rather than the three hundred thousand years cited in prior reports by the Department of Energy.

A quorum consisting of Senator Hickey and Assemblyfolk Jeffrey, Scofield and Spriggs attended the hearing.



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# BULLFROG CROAKS

## *SHOWDOWN AT GOLDFIELD COURT- HOUSE*

Ruling that the Nevada State Legislature had, indeed, erred in mongering up the law creating Bullfrog County, Former Supreme Court Justice, now District Judge for the Esmerelda and environs, David Zenoff, restored the disputed territory to Nye County jurisdiction and ended the short lived attempt by various state officials to block or cash in on the proposed federal nuclear waste dumpsite at Yucca Mountain.

Zenoff's judgement was entered summarily after only half an hour of oral

arguments in the Edwardian elegance of the Goldfield Court, noting that many elements of constitutional law would needs be stretched to allow for Bullfrog County, and that these problems would generate unacceptable legal tangles for years to come. Among the specifics cited was the lack of access to legal relief for such theoretical residents or indigents as might seek writs or other judicial actions. The Bullfrog law, making Carson City the county seat, would necessitate travel by either defendant or judge of some three hundred miles for the first line legal services guaranteed by the constitution as locally available.

## *Bryan Dictatorship Alleged*

The occasionally heated oral arguments between Nye County D.A. Dunleavy and long time Legislative Counsel Frank Daykin focused on these same theoretical future residents, with the Nye argument denying that they would ever exist, and if they did they would be the victims of a gubernatorial dictatorship under the appointed Board of Commissioners. This, according to Dunleavy, was undemocratic and violated the republican form of government practiced in the United States. The fervor of his presentation



## D.O.E RENO HEARINGS

Accusations of fraud, illegality and procedural failure rang in the north hall of the Reno Convention center as the Department of Energy kicked off its road show technical hearings on site characterization for the nation's high level nuclear waste dump, a process currently restricted to Yucca Mountain, east and a little north of Beatty, Nevada. The late January hearings were attended by around a hundred interested parties, most of them DOE personnel and State of Nevada nuclear affairs bureaucrats, involved in the technicalities of the testing and evaluation of data related to the suitability of the Yucca ecology to long term storage of the world's most dangerous garbage.

### OPPONENTS WALK OUT

Also present were thirty to forty opponents to the whole project, who led off the first day's festivities with a short and eloquent denunciation of the whole federal process to date and a demand that the government begin the entire selection over again, obeying their own rules and laws in the process. Bob Fulkerson, of Nevada's "Citizen Alert" concluded the un-scheduled objections by refusing to participate in a rigged game, and led a walk out of the opposition from the hearings, thereby saving his forces the tedium of two days of tech talk between the expense paid boffins of govern-

ment.

### STATE DECRIES COLD DECK

Those accusations were echoed in testimony by the Nevada Agency for Nuclear Projects chief, Robert Loux, in opening remarks and a detailed analysis of the deficiencies in the Consultation Report as prepared by the Washington-Mercury axis. In his closing statement Loux, like Fulkerson, demanded a complete abandonment of the current plan and the opening of new hearings throughout both the state and nation in which public input would be encouraged and data developed by citizen activist groups included, as well as the self-interested conclusions of the DOE technocrats. Loux noted the questionable necessity of the two day meeting, decrying the lack of specific criteria for evaluating proposed works and criticizing the obscurantist nature of the proposed process.

It remains to be seen if the seeming unanimity between the citizen opponents and Nevada officials can breed effective tactical defense against the Nuclear Power Industry, whose White House connections and beltway flaks have so effectively worked Capitol Hill and environs to stack the deck against the Silver State.

**Justice needs lawyers  
like true love needs  
a pimp!**

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and the  
*Times Picayune*

### SIGNED DENIALS

Travus,  
The following is  
my signed denial — use it  
however you wish ...

Doug Walling  
Virginia City, Nevada  
*The above missive  
received hand-written on  
a small, brown paper bag  
of the sort normally  
associated with bottles.*

*continued*

occasionally threatened to engulf the Nye county barrister, but Daykin's precise and often pedantic presentation of the case precedents and the judges's decision to cut debate short and rule as he had already decided damped the fires of rhetoric before anyone else was insulted. Bullfrog County Commissioner Mike Melner, down from Reno for the last act, appeared more amused than angered at the charges of pettyfrogging tyranny.

### NYE COUNTY "DEAD MEAT" ANYWAY

The ruling creates more problems than it solves for Nye County, according to Melner, who notes that the latest changes in Department of Energy regulations provide for payment of government impact moneys to both the county in which the nuclear dump is eventually sited AND congruent counties effected, (a move instigated by Nye County forces as a backstop in case their Bullfrog challenge failed in the courts). With Bullfrog surrounded by Nye, Tonopah would have been the sole recipient of such funding,

but now that the potential dumpsite is back in Nye, eight counties, (Esmerelda, Lincoln, Clark, Lander, Eureka, White Pine, Mineral and Churchill) can apply for their share of the atomic largesse. Nye will probably get significantly less than they would have netted if they had just left Bullfrog alone.

### APPEAL UNLIKELY

Considering the intent of the Vegans in creating Bullfrog, and the new situation outlined above regarding the federal funding distribution, it is unlikely the legislature will ask Daykin to file an appeal of the Goldfield decision. Backroom politics is the new venue for carving the federal turkey, and few of the maneuvers will be done in public forum before next year's legislative circus comes to Carson City once more.

This leaves the distribution of funds entirely at the discretion of the DOE, and subject to lobbying pressures, not the least of which will be Nye county, which enjoys a relationship with the nuclear industry not unlike that of the Lathrop Wells brothel to tourism.

## BULLFROG HUMOUR

What makes the Bullfrog jump?  
"What bullfrog?"

Why does the Bullfrog cross the road?  
"What road?"

What do you call a tiny Bullfrog?  
A pettyfrog!

What do you call an even tinier Bullfrog?  
A county!

How many people does it take to screw in a light bulb in Bullfrog County?

644 Contractors  
1103 Federal  
administrators  
\$30 Billion  
12 years

What is Bullfrog County's top priority

Controlled Growth! ↓

## EDITORIAL

# ~~NOTHING HAPPENED~~ ~~AFTER ALL~~

In this modern era where media makes it possible for us all to be famous for fifteen minutes, according to Andy Warhol, the passing of Bullfrog County after less than a year of political existence is more to be lamented than scorned. Created for the most part by pecuniary self-interest on the part of Clark County legislators, Bullfrog nevertheless offered untold opportunities to imaginative activists and political adventurers alike. Unfortunately, such visionaries are in short supply in state government circles, and the record of Bullfrog County will be one of do-nothingism on the part of all parties except for Nye County, whose temper tantrum legal and lobbying efforts may well have proved their own undoing. Regardless of the blame-sharing between the various entities involved, the options foreclosed by the untimely demise of Bullfrog County are unlikely to offer themselves again, and Nevada will be the poorer for the loss.

Now there will never be a "Bullfrog County Fair", for which occasion plans to bring in the Grateful Dead and ten thousand anti-nuke protestor fans for massive trespass actions on the Nuclear Test Range were being developed. Instead the forces opposed to testing and dumping alike will have to return to the less than satisfactory tactics of the past, in which various celebrities and activists will step across a painted line at the Mercury gate, only to be dragged back to Beatty by Nye

County deputies and released without charges. Whatever discourse might have been encouraged by forcing the feds to police their own reservation in Bullfrog has been attenuated, and we are left with an Atomic No-Man's Land accessible for tour by Soviet agents and scientists but denied the American public.

Nor will Nevadans opposed to nuclear waste imports have the opportunity to put some money into the fight against the dumpsite by registering cars and trucks with Bullfrog as county of origin, thereby putting some bucks into the hands of the now defunct Commission with which to lobby against the DOE. One major contractor, who pays over fifty thousand dollars in registration for his trucks and equipment each year in Carson City had inquired about such an option, noting that he would rather support anti-nuke lobbying than another golf course for the capitol city.

Indeed, the passing of Bullfrog County removes a potential revenue source for the fight against the dump, nationwide. Anti-nuke power forces across the country would gladly contribute to the county coffers in hopes of stalling the dump siting process and thereby crippling the Power Industry's growth under federal regulations demanding creation of a dump before further expansion could take place. License plate frames and T-shirts alone might have generated tens of thousands of dollars with which to

battle the atomic trash.

Bullfrog County needed nurturing and imagination to become all those things it might have been, and that support was not forthcoming, either from the Governor's office or the Attorney General. The late hour rally by the Legislature was too little, too late, and so the opportunity was lost.

Finally, and closest to home, the Nye re-unification ordered by Judge Zenoff deprives this journal of its thin excuse for existence, in that the elusive prospect of fortune from publishing the legal notices of the now defunct county has evaporated, and even patronage pamphleteering cannot survive without a focus for political action. With this issue, (vol I, #4) the Times-Picayune will suspend publication, pending the unlikely revival of its county of interest in the next legislature. The editor and staff, having published in limbo for the duration of Bullfrog County's tenure, thank their loyal readers and advertiser, apologize for any offense given without opportunity of rejoinder, and decamp for further adventures in the strange and wonderful world of Nevada journalism and politics with a closing thought:

***"All that is necessary for the forces of evil to triumph, is for men of good will to stand aside and do nothing."***