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Special points of interest:

People affected by the AG's ruling:

Nevada Senate:

- Senator Ray Rawson R-Las Vegas — CCSN employee
- Senator Dina Titus D-Las Vegas — UNLV employee

Nevada Assembly:

- Jason Geddes R-Reno — UNR employee
- Chris Giunchigliani D-Las Vegas — CCSN employee
- Ron Knecht R-Carson City — PUC employee
- Mark Manendo D-Las Vegas — CCSN employee

Ray Rawson is the only one who has quit his day job.

SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY & HOBBS "SNAKE EYES" REPORT.

By Ken Mahal, AIA, President Nevada Seniors Coalition

The SNWA invested some \$150,000 plus of we taxpayers' hard earned money for the most colorful binder full of just what they wanted; "Crap". Was the Hobbs & Ong report a crap shoot? As far as you and I are concerned it sure was. There is a 20 page executive report that if you were to read it you would soon see that the level of people this was meant to impress must all be graduates of our Clark County School District. By that do you think I mean it falls in the 32 percentile of intellectual awareness? That is correct. If this makes no sense to you that's exactly what the executive report is like. Also following that are 120 pages, with only some 60% of them covered with inked wisdom, or some such thing, from the firm of Hobbs & Ong Associates the consultant contracted for the job.

After that there are 500 pages of colorful graphs that use more expensive ink than you can imagine and I suspect most of it will have less than a 10% review by anyone, which is fine because that accomplishes the desire of the SNWA. When I say that this is as usual another controlled, meaningless study that does everything but tell a balanced story about this economy, I mean it in capital letters. The report, from my first review, dwells on what happens to our economic balance sheet if we suddenly shut down this maniacal growth (with little or no quality of life) and layoff some 77,000 or so mostly uneducated, non-journeyman type housing construction workers who do not even care to speak our language. Well first of all what these construction workers will do is what comes natural in the industry – simply drift away to the next place they sense there is a construction job. Interestingly a large percentage of these people have little or no health, retirement, or any other kind of benefit and depend for most of their health care, social care, thousands of classrooms and the likes to be paid for by we taxpayers and in the case of retirees their savings of A lifetime. From what I have seen so far this report looks at the dollar loss of these jobs and no where do I find the improved dollar benefit from them leaving town and taking their problems with them. But of course this is not what Mulroy and company at the SNWA wanted, so from that point H&O earned their pay. They did exactly what they were told to do, look at the down side but not the plus side of a balanced slow growth economy. There is so much more in balance to talk about on this issue that it would take me another day to compose the story. Importantly the money was spent for such a simpleton insight to our (Continued on page 2)

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(Continued from page 1) economy it was a shame to waste any one's time on it.

Several sessions back of the legislature when Dina Titus and her "ring around the valley" was a hot issue I did a complete dissertation from beginning to end in a very brief county wide people, planners, and politician hands on master plan workshop concept hoping the legislature would see the wisdom of a good plan by the people would not require a legal boundaries law to be successful. The master planning by the community concept was to take place with small working segments over the entire county to see and hear what everyone thought made the area, livable, functional, fun and profitable for those in business, with the home owners rights protected. This would make the taxpaying homeowner king of his castle for certain. I know it takes, work, a wish, and a prayer, but it can be done. Citizens actively defending their rights is a must when you are dealing with the python in your midst known as Big Government.

THE MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP SHOULD BE IN THE NEXT MOON LAUNCH.

We hear the Millennium Scholarship is beginning to run out of money and what are we going to do about it? Well since this money is from the tobacco settlement let's just stop it (its just another failed government program anyway) and whatever still comes to the state even in a reduced amount, let's finally do what was intended with that tobacco money — buy a supplemental health care policy for the some 30% plus people in our population who smoke. This would have the advantage of lowering the health costs of the other 70% of the Nevada population who would no longer need to subsidize that cost. This is what should have happened to begin with. We fought for that to no avail because our new governor Kenny "Spendthrift" Guinn wanted to show off what a great guy he was for education. If they want the program let the legislature start a revolving fund where the students qualify for low income loans and earn their way thru school like most of their parents did. This separates the wheat from the chaff.

ILLEGAL ALLIENS SHOULD NOT RECEIVE MILLENIUM SCHOLARSHIPS.

Some feel badly that we may and should be culling out illegals from the Millennium scholarships because "how are they ever going to fit into our society if we don't do something nice for them?" Well yours truly's position is an illegal is an illegal no matter how well they are educated. So if we spend our taxpayer money for illegals instead of our citizen kids isn't that a worse crime? I think so. Isn't an illegal college graduate still an illegal which no corporation legally can do business with?

NEVADA ATTORNEY GENERAL SLAPS A FEW GOVERNMENT FOLKS WRISTS.

Well howdy do, isn't it great the man slapped the wrist of a few government employees who by the way are also in the legislature? Sure I want to see them lose their jobs in the legislature and to get rid of the worst little culprit of the entire bunch, Chris Giunchigliani. And why petite attractive Chris G (watch it you ole dude)? Well she was the author of Assembly Current Resolution 1 (ACR1) in the 2001 legislature which being only a resolution and not a law looks innocent enough from that standpoint. However as it was crafted by Chris the craftiest of the crafty and an "educrat". This is the resolution that everyone of the infamous 63 legislatures and our governor signed onto, which resulted in a study to correct the so called "structural deficit" in our state tax base. As a result of that crafty resolution, the governor's task force led us to some \$836+ million of new taxes in spite of the fact it was predicted and it is coming true that our normal economic growth would increase our revenue double digit. So now we have all the new taxes that many are trying to kill on top of the normal economy growth. Believe me folks if we do not support the initiative and referendum to rid ourselves of government employees and kill this last batch of taxes, it will only get worse from here on. Will all of the government employees working in the legislature get their walking papers? That depends on you and me and everyone getting off our duff.

That's all folks. We love you, enjoy seeing you and wishing you a pain free month and lots of other good something's in your life.

“Please Don’t Quote Me”

EXCERPT FROM THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF NEVADA – APPROVED IN 1864

ARTICLE. 3. DISTRIBUTION OF POWERS.

Section 1. **Three separate departments; separation of powers; legislative review of administrative regulations.**

1. The powers of the Government of the State of Nevada shall be divided into three separate departments,— the Legislative,— the Executive and the Judicial; and no persons charged with the exercise of powers properly belonging to one of these departments shall exercise any functions, appertaining to either of the others, except in the cases expressly directed or permitted in this constitution.

2. If the legislature authorizes the adoption of regulations by an executive agency which bind persons outside the agency, the legislature may provide by law for:

(a) The review of these regulations by a legislative agency before their effective date to determine initially whether each is within the statutory authority for its adoption;

(b) The suspension by a legislative agency of any such regulation which appears to exceed that authority, until it is reviewed by a legislative body composed of members of the Senate and Assembly which is authorized to act on behalf of both houses of the legislature; and

(c) The nullification of any such regulation by a majority vote of that legislative body, whether or not the regulation was suspended.

Attorney General Brian Sandoval released an opinion stating executive branch employees cannot serve in the Legislature, but local government employees may.

“I’m still not clear, after reading it, why it applies only at the state level.” – Senate Majority Leader Bill Raggio R-Reno

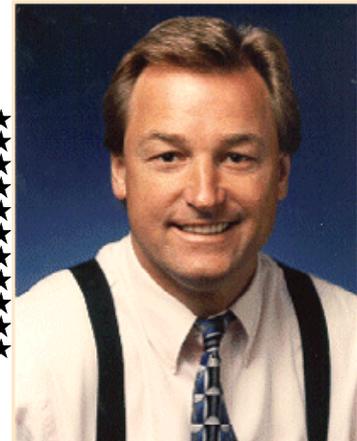


Senator Raggio

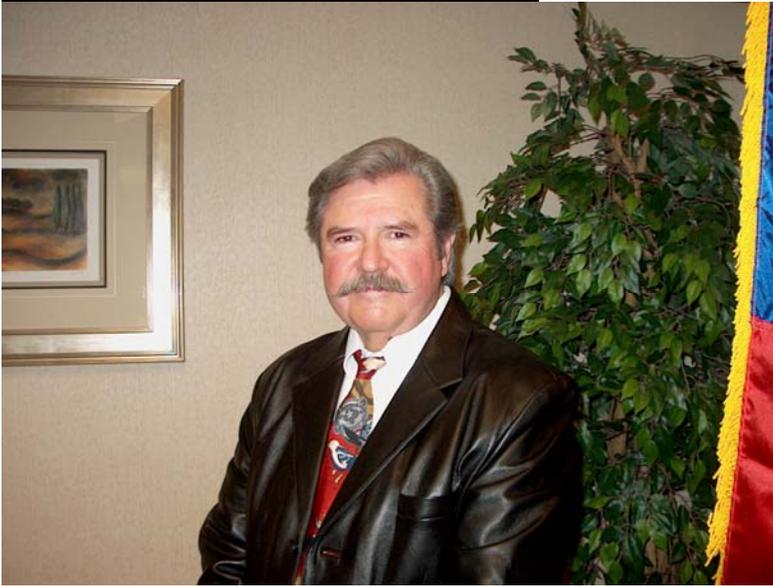
Knight Allen thought Sandoval didn’t go far enough. “But I would also say in his defense that today the constitution had a small, small victory, and in this state any victory for the constitution is rare and a small blessing.” – Knight Allen, NSC Board Member



“The opinion doesn’t say they can’t run, it says if they run and win they have to make a decision” – Secretary of State Dean Heller



AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING



This was our first meeting at Boulder Station Hotel/ Casino. We were in a 600 square foot room and overflowed it. Our guest speaker was Las Vegas Review Journal Editor Thomas Mitchell who gave a very interesting talk.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our new members Jerry Ernst, Rose Gibson, and Bernie Zadrowski.

Renewing members included:
 Bruce and Donna Ballanger, Phyllis Blessinger, Ken Brown, Belle Chohanin, Jerome Citron, Ed and Mary Ann Duffy, Richard and Paula Higgins, Mary Le Pire, Robert and Ingeborg Levy, Frances Margolis, John and Mildred Meirierdierck, Jean Migliorato, LouJanice Perry, Marian Replogle, Margaret Schneeman, A.C. and Virginia Schmidt, Lloyd and Adeline Smith, Lucille Sova, John Tobin, Rosalind Van Heel, and Lorraine Webster,
 Thank you all for your continued support.



Computer Classes

From the Editor

The University United Methodist Church Family Resource Center is offering the following computer classes starting on March 3, 2004:

Microsoft Word and Excel Skills:

These classes emphasize the basic skills required to use the Microsoft word-processing program **Word** and the Microsoft spreadsheet program **Excel**.

The classes are 8 weeks long and each have a \$2.00 enrollment fee to cover the cost of materials.

The Microsoft **Word** classes are on Wednesday from 12:00 noon until 1:30 pm.

The Microsoft **Excel** classes are Wednesdays from 2:00 pm until 3:30 pm.

Basic Computer Skills:

In April an additional class will be offered emphasizing the basic skills required to use then Internet, send e-mails (including how to include attachments such as photographs), and how to do basic word-processing on any computer.

To register for the above classes contact Nancy at 733-1378. Signup hours are Monday through Friday from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon.

Computer Skills For Employment:

This class will also begin in April and will emphasize the basic skills required to use the Internet for finding employment, for updating or creating a resume, and posting a resume on the Internet.

To register for this class contact Ricardo at 734-6421.

Unfortunately the Nevada Attorney General didn't go far enough in his ruling by not including city, county , and school district employees in it. I hope that the judges include them if and when this decision is taken to court, which it certainly should be. If the decision stands a lot of elected lobbyists will be out of a job. I am hoping that the court will also rule that government employees are also ineligible to run for office.

Regardless of what happens let's keep getting signatures on the petitions to ensure that these people are removed and can never run again. Unfortunately this will take a few years to accomplish. When it is I hope that the law that results will be written simplistically enough so that even a politician can understand it (they obviously don't understand the Nevada Constitution). That may be impossible but it's worth a try.

By the way, I think the legislature should be cut from 120 days to 60 days as various government employees have proven you can do two jobs while the legislature is in session. Ken Mahal' s idea as I remember it is a 5 day session. Two days to take care of casino business and 3 days to party.

As I said in the last issue **VOTE, VOTE, VOTE** and get these rascals out. Anyone who has been in the Nevada Legislature for 4 to 20 years deserves your help in getting an honest job. New ideas in the legislature couldn't hurt.

Vern Perry, NSC Vice President and *Foghorn* Editor.

Next Meeting

Thursday, April 8, 2004
10:00 a.m. at the >>>>>>>>



After the meeting why don't you eat and play, and stay all day?



Featured speaker will be:

Nevada Attorney General Brian Sandoval

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Today In History—March 11, 1861

Confederate constitution adopted

In Montgomery, Alabama, delegates from South Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas adopt the Permanent Constitution of the Confederate States of America.

The constitution resembled the Constitution of the United States, even repeating much of its language, but was actually more comparable to the Articles of Confederation--the initial post-Revolutionary War U.S. constitution--in its delegation of extensive powers to the states. The constitution also contained substantial differences from the U.S. Constitution in its protection of slavery, which was "recognized and protected" in slave states and territories. However, in congruence with U.S. policy since the beginning of the 19th century, the foreign slave trade was prohibited. The constitution provided for six-year terms for the president and vice president, and the president was ineligible for successive terms. Although a presidential item veto was granted, the power of the central Confederate government was sharply limited by its dependence on state consent for the use of any funds and resources. Although Britain and France both briefly considered entering the Civil War on the side of the South, the Confederate States of America, which survived until April 1865, never won foreign recognition as an independent government.

Text from www.historychannel.com



The Nevada Seniors Coalition, Inc (NSC) is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization. No person is excluded on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin.

The organization's purpose is to promote the physical and social welfare of senior citizens, their children and grandchildren.

The organizations' goals and objectives are:

- Improvement of political and governmental institutions and processes on local, state and federal levels.
- Identify legislative trends at all levels and set NSC priorities.
- Support domestic policies responsive to the needs and will of the Nevada senior population.
- Work to involve more seniors in government. to assure government is open, responsive and accountable.
- Keep members and the general public informed on current issues affecting them. Encourage them to make their voices heard at all government levels.
- Work with other organizations in a common endeavor when their issues and programs coincide with those of NSC.



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