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Special points of interest:

Crime Statistics by Nevada City
(Latest Data for 2003)

City	Crime Index Lower is Better
• Boulder City	203
• Carlin	329
• Elko	342
• Fallon	686
• Henderson	288
• LVMPD	561
• Lovelock	364
• Mesquite	250
• North Las Vegas	519
• Reno	636
• Sparks	541
• West Wendover	333
• Winnemucca	312
• Yerington	264
State Average	525
U.S. Average	472

SHERIFF YOUNG NEEDS NO SPECIAL ¼ cent sales tax TO SQUANDER SO KILL AB 418.

By Ken Mahal, AIA, NSC President

Dear Governor Kenny Guinn, Nevada State Senators, Nevada State Assemblypersons, our Nevada Seniors Coalition and all others reading this story; this article is about AB418 a bill if passed that will give Sheriff Bill Young multi millions of dollars in boondoggle with no one but he in control.

To All: Realize this bill is all about putting on our backs, a ¼% sales tax now and in several more years another ¼% additional sales tax levied on just about everything you and I purchase. We went through the same fight over the Southern Nevada Water **Authority** (I high light this word to remind you it is something we no longer can control, the bureaucracy controls it and you and I have nothing to say about that money) Do you really want another bundle of money given to the cops when they already are the best paid and benefit laden employees in government. Sure we need cops and staff but we already have ample funding for them between the City of Las Vegas and Clark County. And with their ample revenue increases there is no reason they should not continue to fund the Metropolitan Police department and let other communities keep doing their own funding as they do now.

We at the Nevada Seniors Coalition believe there is no justification in a special sales tax increase as recommended in AB418. We realize there is tremendous growth in Clark County and that government must expand accordingly and we believe that policing is an important part of keeping order in Clark County. At present and for the 25 plus years that most of us have lived here we think the present funding by the City of Las Vegas and Clark County works very well. In fact from our experience having lived in many places in the country it is our opinion that the present funding works just fine. It is also our opinion that elected officials should and must remain in positions of funding and **all oversight** of the Metropolitan Police Department. The present method of both the City and County having oversight is probably one of the best if not the best methods of funding and oversight of anyplace in the United States. In spite of the tremendous growth we are all living with, the present system works the best of anything we can think of. We believe sincerely that allowing the funding for policing to be fractured as this new tax would do, would be a very serious mistake.

Our present system of taxing is realizing a double digit increase in tax revenues for all government agencies and with the prospects far into the future remaining that way, we see no reason to change the present system. We also question Sheriff Bill Young's thinking concerning his percentage of police in proportion to population as in other cities. We believe a very important comparative has been forgotten the fact that our growth for 25 years has been in **gated communities** which take less policing than in un-gated communities as in other cities. (Continued on page 2)

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(Continued from page 1) We are very opposed to any separate taxing mechanism as suggested by AB418. Therefore we recommend that you reject the special sales tax requested by Metro and ask that you kill AB418.

CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONER BRUCE WOODBURY HAS IT RIGHT. FIGHT THE FEDS TAKING THE REVENUE FROM FEDERAL LAND SALES IN NEVADA.

What Bruce doesn't mention is we are dealing with the federal government and if they choose to auction off large parcels of land in Nevada they can do so and there isn't much that can be done to stop it from being developed afterwards. When you deal with the feds they usually have the last word so we might as well get used to it. We have been using that 70% of the money from land sales for questionable things like parks, opens spaces (whatever that means) schools etc. I see no justification in giving money to the schools and for parks etc. when it should be the responsibility of a city anyway – meaning the developers of growth should be responsible. Why shouldn't the feds get the money? It is their land and someone made that deal many moons ago so it seems we just have to grow up and live with it. Maybe if we began to truly have **growth pay for growth** we might see a change in attitude about this insanity to grow and do it sensibly. I defy any politician to show us there are benefits to the growth we are suffering with as opposed to what we can show in the way of disadvantages to just about everything those in power are doing in the process. Is it progress when you burdening us with this impossible traffic, dirty diesel, deadly desert dust, the importing of tens of thousands of minimum wage earners with their kids over loading our schools and more? I don't think so. A few people making tons of money has nothing to do with what might mistakenly be called quality of life. I have yet to see one time we have earned the good cities planning award for anything that has happened in the greater Las Vegas area in the last 20 years. Would I rather see the 70% of the land sale money go to the feds? You bet I would and maybe have it put into refinancing the Social Security shortfall caused by congress who has been stealing that surplus these many years since its inception.

ALL OF A SUDDEN AFTER THE BAD AIRPORT LAND DEALS THE LEGISLATURE WANTS TO EXPOSE THE “L.L.C. CORPORATIONS”. HOW NICE, WHERE WERE YOU WHEN PAT MULROY HAD US PAY \$25+ MILLION TO HARVEY WHITTAMORE FOR THE WATER RIGHTS ON HIS HIDDEN L.L.C. CORPORATE LAND HE OWNS and JUST A SHORT FEW MONTHS AFTER HE HELPED THE “SNWA” GET A ¼ cent sales tax put on our back for them to waste as a boondoggle for ever and ever.

STEVE WYNN THE BIG SHOT IN THE WIND IS BLOWING AGAIN.

I remember the last time before he was forced out by Mr. Kirkorian. I bought 100 shares of Mirage mostly so I could attend the shareholders meetings. I really enjoyed his comment when a shareholder asked Mr. Wynn “when you are going to do something to increase the value of your company's shares”? In his very best arrogant manner he stated in no uncertain terms “it is not my job to increase the value of the stock”. I remember writing a month later predicting he would have a new job selling paintings for the Starving Artists. He didn't quite do that but was bought out lock stock and barrel. Now he has done everything he said he would never do as follows; don't go public, don't go to Wall Street and don't take on a partner. He has done all of the above and reduced his ownership to some 26%. I predict he is too old to change his manner of doing business and will not be surprised to see him out on the street in less than five years. He wasn't making money for his Mirage share holders and doubt if at his age he has learned the secret to do it now. We wish him luck though.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST LET'S HAVE A “NEVADA VOTERS REBATE” OF \$300,000,000.

Governor Kenny Guinn, members of the Senate and Assembly, you know who we are so just surprise us and send us our share of the kitty. This is so easy to do because you have our addresses so you know where we live and that we voted. Now all you need to do is to take \$300,000,000 divided by 831,563 (people who voted) and cut a check for \$360.76 for each and every one of us. Nothing could be more fair and easier to do. As a matter of fact keep the 76 cents for stamps and envelopes if you like.

HAVE A GREAT AND WONDERFUL DAY.

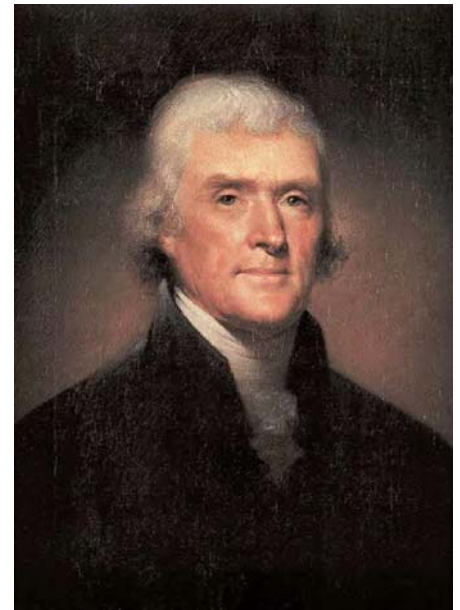
LOVE YOU ALL—KEN








Older American Month Celebrated in May



Older Americans Month originated with a presidential proclamation in May 1963. Last year President Bush stated, “Older Americans help others to understand the past, and they teach timeless lessons of courage, endurance and love. Through their legacy of patriotism and responsibility, Americas seniors also unite families and communities and serve as role models for younger generations.” — VWP

“Please Don’t Quote Me”



Thomas Jefferson *Third President of United States (1743 - 1826)*






























**We in America do not have govern-
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ment by the majority who participate.**
























































We must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt.

**I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the
government from wasting the labors of the people under the
pretense of taking care of them.**

















**The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from
those who are willing to work and give to those who would not.**

































Democracy is 51% of the people taking away the rights of the other 49%.

















BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA A PROCLAMATION

The Allied armies, through sacrifice and devotion and with God's help, have wrung from Germany a final and unconditional surrender. The western world has been freed of the evil forces which for five years and longer have imprisoned the bodies and broken the lives of millions upon millions of free-born men. They have violated their churches, destroyed their homes, corrupted their children, and murdered their loved ones. Our Armies of Liberation have restored freedom to these suffering peoples, whose spirit and will the oppressors could never enslave.

Much remains to be done. The victory won in the West must now be won in the East. The whole world must be cleansed of the evil from which half the world has been freed. United, the peace-loving nations have demonstrated in the West that their arms are stronger by far than the might of dictators or the tyranny of military cliques that once called us soft and weak. The power of our peoples to defend themselves against all enemies will be proved in the Pacific was as it has been proved in Europe.

For the triumph of spirit and of arms which we have won, and of its promise to peoples everywhere who join us in the love of freedom, it is fitting that we, as a nation, give thanks to Almighty God, who has strengthened us and given us the victory.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY S. TRUMAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby appoint Sunday, May 13, 1945 to be a day of prayer.

I call upon the people of the United States, whatever their faith, to unite in offering joyful thanks to God for the victory we have won and to pray that He will support us to the end of our present struggle and guide us into the way of peace.

I also call upon my countrymen to dedicate this day of prayer to the memory of those who have given their lives to make possible our victory.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.



Done at the City of Washington this eighth day of May in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-five and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-ninth.

By the President:

Harry S. Truman



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HELP STOP THE "ILLEGAL ALIEN IMMIGRATION INVASION"
'TAKE ACTION NOW'

SIGN & NOTARIZE OUR NATIONWIDE PETITION

Town Hall Meeting second Tuesday of each Month at 7:00 P.M. at: Elk's Lodge #1468, 4100 W. Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas, NV

Memorial Day Essay

by Kathlena Peebles [Copyright, 1996]

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day set aside for remembrance of those who have died in our nations service. Memorial Day was first proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, in his General order number 11, and was first observed on 30 May 1868; when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers. The South, at first, refused to acknowledge, Memorial Day, honoring their dead on separate days until after WWI. It is now observed in almost every state of the union on the last Monday of every May. Since the Civil War more than 1.1 million veterans, both women and men, have lost their lives in service to America. Indeed the Civil War alone accounted for more than 600,00 dead.

On Memorial Day I had the opportunity to witness a memorial in San Francisco, aboard a submarine, the USS Pampanito, a submarine that was used in WWII and Korea. The United States submarine service suffered the highest percentage of casualties than any other of the services that served in WWII. They also sank over 55% of all Japanese shipping sunk in WWII. This was all pointed out to me with pride by several of these veterans.

As our National Anthem was played over the speaker system some of them started to cry as they remembered all of their fallen comrades, the ones that served with them, and the ones that did not. I thought about how many of these veterans brothers had made the ultimate sacrifice so that we may all enjoy the freedom this country offers.

As we stood for the Pledge of Allegiance I saw the reaction on their faces, it was a thoughtful, respectful look, a look of such sadness. I thought about what my dad's submarine veterans group was really all about "To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives while serving in the United State Naval Submarines" I then started to cry myself with the realization of what that really meant . All those old sailors, my dad included, standing on the deck of an old submarine holding the flag with such pride and sadness.

Then it was time for the speakers to give their speeches about their experiences and the meaning of Memorial Day. A WWII veteran talked about the hardships and struggles and the fact that he was lucky to be alive when so many of his brothers had fallen victim to the war. One talked about how it was up to the veterans to teach "our children about the sacrifices made by so many". Another said, "that America will only be the land of the free so long as it is the home of the Brave". So many of the speakers spoke with so much pride about America that it was hard not to think about all the people who have no idea what this holiday is really about. While they go to their Bar B Q's and beaches there are some who keep up a tradition of pride in service to the United States of America and remember all those who had fallen, and rejoice in the ones who still live and remember. Let none of us ever forget what Memorial Day really is.

Kathlena Peebles was a Junior at Highlands High School in North Highlands, CA when she wrote this. The essay was punishment for missing a band function on Memorial Day to witness a Memorial Day presentation by her father's submariner veterans group aboard the USS Pampanito [*US Sub Vets, Inc. Mare Island Base*]. She wrote an essay about what Memorial Day really is, she succinctly expressed the Spirit of Memorial Day. The day is a day to remember and honor those who fell in battle. Which is what she did, and was punished for.

Permission is granted to reprint this essay, as long as it is not altered, and that she is given full credit for it.

At the April Meeting

Unfortunately I didn't get any pictures at the April NSC meeting. However Ed Moreira, Richard Thomas and I attended the 3rd Annual Nevada Health Care Planning Day Senior Seminar hosted by the City of Las Vegas on April 27, 2005 at the East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center. As you can see we had a table from which we passed out information concerning NSC and our next meeting together with membership forms.

Approximately 500 people attended this event. There were about 30 information tables set up. Food and entertainment was also provided. VWP



One of a Number of Companion Dogs



General View of the Front Row Tables From the NSC Table.

Membership

New Members:

Welcome to all the new members.

Sheila H. Bledsoe

Jerome Citron

Ruth Erickson

James Kelly

James Zabinski

Renewing Members:

Knight Allen

Ken Brown

Carol Burgeson

Jerry Ernst

Robert and Ingeborg Levy

Mark Schofield

Thank you for your continued support.

DONT DELAY!



N.B. You are given 90 days after your membership expires to renew before your name is removed from the membership list. Your membership anniversary date is on the Foghorn mailing label. If the date is in red please renew, either by mail or at the next meeting.

Remember the dues are now \$8.00

Crime Prevention At Home

A friend of our treasurer, Belle Chohanin, had a bad experience lately that we can all learn from. A couple of men came to the friend’s house and informed her that her backyard was flooded. She immediately accompanied the guy to the backyard leaving her door open. The backyard, of course was not flooded. She later found out that while she was in the backyard the second guy had stolen some very expensive jewelry from the house.

Never, never, never open your door to any stranger and in addition follow the rules listed below for your own protection.

- Always keep your doors and windows locked. Consider installing deadbolts on all of your doors.
- Keep your home well lit at night, inside and out.
- Keep your curtains closed at night.
- Install a peephole in your front door, so that you are able to see visitors without opening the door.
- Ask for proper identification from any deliverymen or strangers. Do not be afraid to ask- if they are legitimate, they will not mind.
- If a stranger asks to use your telephone, offer to place the call yourself. Never let a stranger into your home.
- Do not leave notes on your door when you are not home.
- Do not hide your keys in obvious places, such as under the doormat or the flowerpot.
- Never give out any information over the telephone that indicates that you are home alone, or will not be home at a certain time.
- When you are away from home for more than a day, make sure that your home looks and sounds occupied. Use automatic timers to turn on lights and a radio or television.

From The Editor

Raising A Stink

is what I want to do about Republic Services and their latest idea of cutting the garbage collection service to once a week under the pretense of getting people to recycle.

The only way this state will get the majority of the people to recycle is to force them to do it by passing and enforcing laws requiring it. And not a law like **Assemblyman Mark Manendo** is proposing requiring apartment complexes to provide recycle dumpsters. Apartment dwellers will just throw unsorted trash into them as they have done before and lose precious parking spaces in the process.

It is obvious in California and other places, where you have wall to wall cities, that landfills must be kept to a minimum. The same is true in Nevada but is not as obvious since it appears we have vast areas of desert to pollute.

I have recycled every since I came to Nevada from California since it was second nature to do so after years of separating garbage from recyclables. We had to cope with the very large containers that have been suggested for use here. My problem here has been that more often than not Republic Services has not picked up the recyclables on the assigned day. I then had to spend hours on hold trying to get the truck to come back. My last experience was last month when it took almost three weeks to get the stuff picked up. I generally use four containers for recycling. In the manufactured home community where I live I think there are three people out of 300 who recycle. That could be one reason Republic is reluctant to waste their time.

However since they somehow were awarded a contract that doesn’t expire until 2035 I think they should be required to conform to that contract whatever the cost.

Vern Perry

Next Meeting
Thursday, June 9, 2005
10:00 am at >>>>>>>>>>>>>>



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



***The Featured speakers will be:
 Dr. James E. Deacon, Distinguished Professor of Environmental Studies, Retired from UNLV and Assemblywoman Sharron Angle (R) . Sharron will discuss her Proposition 13 like amendment to the Nevada Constitution.***

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Today In History May 12, 1941

Hitler backs Rashid Ali in his fight against Britain (Iraq in WWII)

On this day in 1941, Adolf Hitler sends two bombers to Iraq to support Rashid Ali al-Gailani in his revolt against Britain, which is trying to enforce a previously agreed upon Anglo-Iraqi alliance.

At the start of the war, Iraqi Prime Minister General Nuri as-Said severed ties with Germany and signed a cooperation pact with Great Britain. In April 1941, the Said government was overthrown by Ali, an anti-British general, who proceeded to cut off the British oil pipeline to the Mediterranean. Britain fought back by landing a brigade on the Persian Gulf, successfully fending off 9,000 Iraqi troops. Ali retaliated by sealing off the British airbase at Habbaniya. Hitler, elated at the grief the British enemy was enduring in the Middle East, began sending arms, via Syria, as well as military experts to aid Ali in his revolt.

On May 12, Hitler sent Major Axel von Blomberg, an air force officer who was to act as a liaison between Iraq and Germany to Iraq, along with the two bombers. Blomberg arrived in the middle of an air battle between Iraqi and British fighters and was shot dead by a stray British bullet. By the end of the month, Iraq had surrendered, and Britain re-established the terms of the original 1930 cooperation pact. A pro-British government formed, with a cabinet led by former Prime Minister Said. Iraq went on to become a valuable resource for British and American forces in the region and in January 1942 became the first independent Muslim state to declare war on the Axis powers.



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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at

www.nevadaseniors.com

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