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*Special points of interest:*

## Santa Claus Is Coming To Town!



**A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU.**

By Ken Mahal, AIA, NSC President

It has been an exciting year and I hope it passes as just that, exciting. At our advanced time in most of our lives it seems not having indigestion makes it a pretty good day so let us not get heated up over the Santa Claus and a Merry Christmas issue which has survived several thousand years. This will be our first year of not doing much for Christmas other than taking good care of ourselves and staying home for a change. I remember in Minnesota many years it was warm putting up the Xmas decorations but 20 degrees below zero when we took them down. So folks we do have some things to be thankful for out here in this dusty desert. And travel has become such a challenge that one wonders why so many of us leave Las Vegas during the holidays. I look forward to finding out how it feels to stay home for a change.

Speaking of seniors and gift giving, I read the Abbey column the other day that was all about what one might buy seniors for Christmas. Have you ever thought about how hard that is to tell someone? My wife told our family in Germany she liked Poinsettias. Well what would you say? So I have been thinking about that and some of the things I don't want or need like ties, shirts or shorts. The same goes for candy and the likes so what can we want that makes sense? Well how about a book, a magazine subscription, a game, or even money. Now why would it be so hard to tell someone that money would be fine when my wife for as many years as I can remember has given money to the kids, daughters-in-laws and grandchildren? I know it may seem impersonal but think about it, giving money lets the recipient buy what they want or need like; even using that money to pay for a medical prescription. I can't think of anyone who would say give me money for the medicine but if we get the money it would be OK to pay for the medicine wouldn't it? Maybe we should print something out that could be given to our kids that would make it easier to just (Continued on page 2 )

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(Continued from page 1) say, “money would be a nice gift”.

### **BUY GOLD, SELL GOLD, HOLD GOLD OR JUST IGNORE GOLD.**

If you have ever looked at gold as an investment it would take more patience than most would have. Anyway if you haven't noticed the price of gold has finally made it to the \$500.00 per ounce price range and now will it stay there or go higher? This is the most movement and the highest since 1978. The real meaning is what is going to happen to the dollar? We don't need another 18% inflation as it was under Jimmy the home builder. Gold moving up is an indicator that our money is going to run into inflation which we don't need. Gold went as high as \$800.00 an ounce some years ago but don't look for that price soon. And with oil going up and it finally seems to have hit a plateau around \$58. What bothers me the most is that our Las Vegas economy seems to be dancing to its own music and that may not be as well reported as we would like it to be. I wouldn't be surprised to see that our inflation rate is much more than almost any community in the US. Our utility bills along with the cost of medicine surely are not a welcome thing to be faced with this winter and then with the heat next summer so it will make us think twice about how much expendable money we have to live on. As for gold I look at it more as a weather vane of inflation than as something to consider as a good investment now.

### **POLICE GO TO ARBITRATION, TO BAD AND MORE.**

The Sheriff just doesn't seem to get it that a little less now is better in the long run. The longer this pay issue is dragged out the more disgruntled our police will become. Isn't it better to get the issue out of the way and back to work rather than talking about it all of the time? Sheriff lets get this thing settled before Christmas they can use the back pay.

By the way did you see the issue of the police killing each other when an off duty cop sees a crime being committed and intercedes then if the police are called they sometimes do not realized an off duty police already is helping. And because there is no uniform there ends up a killing of the off duty police by mistake. Now some states are looking into the possibility of disarming off duty police because too many of their own are being killed. I think it is interesting that they want to disarm off duty police because they are killing each other. I don't hear concern about off duty police killing civilians by mistake.

### **DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> REMEMBERED ONCE MORE.**

It comes once more and 64 years later there are fewer of us to remember that event. In my case it was being laid off the Friday before the seventh and being with a friend that Sunday unexpectedly not knowing all that was going to change in my life. I would not trade that experience for anything but many would not want to go through that again. So let's just look to the west and pray that no such thing ever happens again.

**HERE IS WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR FROM YOUR NEVADA SENIORS COALITION PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS; KEN MAHAL, VERN PERRY, FLORENCE PETRIS, BELLE CHOCHANIN, KNIGHT ALLEN AND RICHARD THOMAS.**



## Be a Sport ——"Please Don't Quote Me"



1. Chicago Cubs outfielder Andre Dawson on being a role model: "I wan'all dem kids to do what I do, to look up to me. I wan' all the kids to copulate me."
2. New Orleans Saint RB George Rogers when asked about the upcoming season: "I want to rush for 1,000 or 1,500 yards, whichever comes first."
3. And, upon hearing Joe Jacobi of the 'Skins say: "I'd run over my own mother to win the Super Bowl," Matt Millen of the Raiders said: "To win, I'd run over Joe's Mom, too."
4. Torrin Polk, University of Houston receiver, on his coach, John Jenkins: "He treats us like men. He lets us wear ear-rings."
5. Football commentator and former player Joe Theismann, 1996: "Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein."
6. Senior basketball player at the University of Pittsburgh: "I'm going to graduate on time, no matter how long it takes." (now that is beautiful)
7. Bill Peterson, a Florida State football coach: "You guys line up alphabetically by height." And, "You guys pair up in groups of three, and then line up in a circle."
8. Boxing promoter Dan Duva on Mike Tyson going to prison: "Why would anyone expect him to come out smarter? He went to prison for three years, not Princeton."
9. Stu Grimson, Chicago Blackhawks left wing, explaining why he keeps a color photo of himself above his locker: "That's so when I forget how to spell my name, I can still find my clothes."
10. Lou Duva, veteran boxing trainer, on the Spartan training regime of heavyweight Andrew Golota: "He's a guy who gets up at six o'clock in the morning regardless of what time it is."
11. Chuck Nevitt, North Carolina State basketball player, explaining to Coach Jim Valvano why he appeared nervous at practice: "My sister's expecting a baby, and I don't know if I'm going to be an uncle or an aunt." (I wonder if his IQ ever hit room temperature in January)
12. Frank Layden, Utah Jazz president, on a former player: "I told him, 'Son, what is it with you? Is it ignorance or apathy?' He said, 'Coach, I don't know and I don't care.'"
13. Shelby Metcalf, basketball coach at Texas A&M, recounting what he told a player who received four F's and one D: "Son, looks to me like you're spending too much time on one subject."
14. Amarillo High School and Oiler coach Bum Phillips when asked by Bob Costas why he takes his wife on all the road trips, Phillips responded: "Because she is too damn ugly to kiss good-bye."



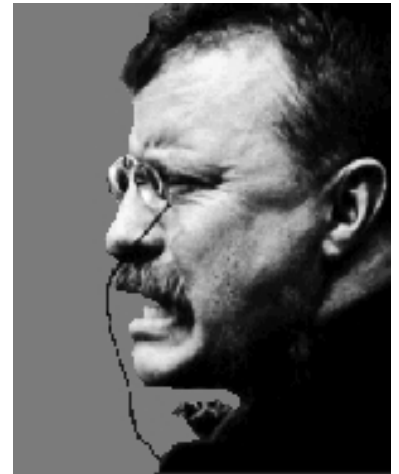


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## HELP STOP THE "ILLEGAL ALIEN IMMIGRATION INVASION" 'TAKE ACTION NOW'

**\*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



## Theodore Roosevelt on Immigrants and being an AMERICAN

"In the first place we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the man's becoming in very fact an American, and nothing but an American ... There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag, and this excludes the red flag, which symbolizes all wars against liberty and civilization, just as much as it excludes any foreign flag of a nation to which we are hostile ... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language ... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people." — Theodore Roosevelt 1907



Every immigrant who comes here should be required within five years to learn English or leave the country.

— Theodore Roosevelt, *Kansas City Star* (April 27, 1918)





### Pearl Harbor Hawaii December 7, 1941 French web site map showing ship locations on that day.

(on Ford Island, at the center of the map, were utility and patrol aircraft hangars on each side of the landing field. All planes in this area were destroyed. On the mainland, to the right, was the Headquarters of the Pacific Fleet and a large concentration of fuel reserves which were not bombed. — VWP)

**B**efore dawn on 7 December 1941 the Japanese carrier strike force reached a position about 274 miles (440 km) north of the Hawaiian Islands and prepared to launch its attack force of 353 aircraft in two waves. At 6 a.m. the first wave of 183 torpedo bombers, dive bombers, level bombers and escorting fighters took off from the carriers and headed for the island of Oahu where Pearl Harbor and the capital city Honolulu are located. The leader of the first attack wave, Commander Mitsuo Fuchida, used a Honolulu radio broadcast to home in on his target. At 7.49 a.m. the Japanese formation was over Oahu and Fuchida gave a signal for sections of the first wave to disperse and attack their designated targets. Forty torpedo bombers headed for Pearl Harbor where seven of eight elderly American battleships lay at anchor in "battleship row" on the eastern side of Ford Island. Fifty-one dive bombers left the first wave and climbed to their attack height of twelve thousand feet (3,657 metres). Fuchida led his forty-nine level bombers in a wide sweep of the island to approach Pearl Harbor from the west. While the torpedo bombers were lining up to attack the anchored battleships in the harbor, other sections of the first wave were preparing to attack Army, Navy and Marine Corps airbases, airfields, and barracks on Oahu. No American fighters or artillery bursts greeted the Japanese bombers as they approached Pearl Harbor, and at 7.53 a.m., the exultant Fuchida was able to transmit the code words "Tora! Tora! Tora!" (Tiger! Tiger! Tiger!) to *Akagi* to signify that complete surprise had been achieved. At 7.55 a.m. the Japanese first wave began its attack.

### At the November Meeting

### Membership



Representing the Clark County Office of the County Manager were Erik Pappa, Director of Public Communications and Assistant County Manager Elizabeth Quillin.



They answered many questions from NSC President Ken Mahal and NSC members and guests in the audience. It was a very lively meeting with much information shared.



#### New Members:

Nanette Moreno

#### Renewing Members:

- Ken Evans
- Agnes Maria Greve -Manning
- Mae Kipnis
- Marie Manendo
- Mark Manendo
- Lois Olson
- Charlotte L. Padron
- LouJanice Perry
- Margaret A. Schneeman
- Lou Toomin
- Bernie Zadrowski



*Thank You For Your Continued Support*

Please help increase our membership. Tell your friends about our meetings and bring them with you.



Meeting notice flyers are available for *posting* at every meeting.

Recruit new members.

**HELP NSC GROW!!!**



**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**



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## *Today In History December 8, 1941*

On this day, Montanan Jeanette Rankin, the first woman elected to Congress and a dedicated lifelong pacifist, casts the sole Congressional vote against the U.S. declaration of war on Japan. She was the only member of Congress to vote against U.S. involvement in both World Wars, having been among those who voted against American entry into World War I nearly a quarter of a century earlier.

Rankin was a committed pacifist, and she cared little about the damage her beliefs caused her political career. Although some male representatives joined her in voting against World War I in 1917, many citizens saw her vote as evidence that a woman could not handle the difficult burdens of national leadership. Perhaps as a result, Montanans voted her out of office two years later. Ironically, Rankin won re-election to the House in 1940, just in time to face another vote on war.

While her commitment to pacifism was politically harmful during World War I, Rankin knew that in the case of World War II, it would be downright suicidal. The surprise Japanese attack on the U.S. military base at Pearl Harbor was devastating, and zeal for revenge was at a fever pitch. The vast majority of Americans supported President Roosevelt's call for a declaration of war.

Rankin, however, believed that Roosevelt deliberately provoked the Japanese to attack because he wanted to bring the U.S. into the European war against Germany; she was determined not to cooperate with the president's plan. After a 40-minute debate on the floor of the House, a roll call vote began. When her turn came, Rankin stood and said, "As a woman, I can't go to war and I refuse to send anyone else".

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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