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Health Ranking of U.S. States
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state is above or below the
national norm.

- 1. Minnesota +22.1
- 2. Vermont +21.3
- 3. New Hampshire *18.1
- 4. Utah +17.5
- 5. Hawaii +17.0
- 6. North Dakota +16.6

37. Nevada -5.9

- 44. Oklahoma -11.4
- 45. Alabama -12.8
- 46. South Carolina -15.8
- 47. Arkansas -16.1
- 48. Tennessee -17.1
- 49. Louisiana -18.4
- 50. Mississippi -19.1

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North of the Border

By Vern Perry, NSC Vice President

Ken Mahal and I attended a meeting on Monday, January 9, 2006 with Nevada Attorney General George Chanos at his invitation. Attending with us were representatives of many senior groups such as AARP as well as a couple of reporters. The purpose of the meeting was to explain his interpretation of Senate Bill 5 which concerns allowing Nevadans to purchasing prescription drugs from Canadian pharmacies.

He prefaced his discussion of the bill by saying that he thought it an abomination that our seniors find it necessary to purchase drugs in a foreign country and that the whole drug business is a national disgrace. He further stated he is not anti-senior or anti-Canadian.

The bill as originally written (AB195) stated that the drugs had to be FDA or Health Canada approved. Later, when the bill was discussed in the senate, Health Canada was removed for some unknown reason and the bill, now SB 5, was passed and signed into law by Governor Guinn. Evidently this was the best bill they could get and they wanted something.

According to the AG removal of Health Canada made the bill impossible to defend in just about any court, including the Nevada Supreme Court. A major problem is that the United States FDA has stated time and time again it does not approve of drugs imported from foreign counties over which it has no control. If the reference to Health Canada had been left in the bill the AG would have no problem with the bill. If this provision was reinserted in the bill and he were in the legislature he would vote for the bill. He has asked Governor Guinn to call a special session of the legislature to repair this bill. He is very willing to work with Assemblywoman Buckley and Senator Heck to get such a bill passed.
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(Continued from page 1) If a bill were passed with Health Canada included in the wording and such a bill was challenged then the U.S. Constitution's 10th Amendment (States Rights) could be used in the courts counter any suits against the bill.

This whole issue arose when the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy asked the then Attorney General Brian Sandoval for an opinion on the legality of the bill. He wrote an opinion but did not sign it and left it for AG Chanos to decide. The Board would be individually liable for any damage done to persons importing Canadian drugs if they do not follow AG Chanos' interpretation according to the AG. The AG stated he has no intention of prosecuting any Nevadan that imports Canadian drugs.

He also reported that the lobbyists for the drug companies are trying to get the Canadian government to pass laws preventing exporting drugs.

The Nevada State Board of Pharmacy will be meeting in Las Vegas today (January 12, 2006) and a large number of pro SB 5 people, including some of our members, are expected to attend. Unfortunately this is NSC's meeting date so Ken and I can't attend but people will be reporting to me on what happens at the meeting.

This is not the last you will hear about this important issue.

As a side note to the meeting we were told by the AG that, while he is in office, his priorities will be:

1. Justice for Children
2. Justice for the Elderly.

Remember our motto; "A Better Quality of Life for Seniors, Their Children and Grandchildren". Close to what he believes isn't it?

... In our experience, many drugs obtained from foreign sources that purport and appear to be the same as FDA-approved prescription drugs have been of unknown quality. Because the medications are not subject to FDA's safety oversight, they could be outdated, contaminated, counterfeit or contain too much or too little of the active ingredient. In addition, foreign dispensers of drugs to American citizens may provide patients with incorrect strengths, medicines that should not be used in people with certain conditions or concomitantly with other medications, or medications without proper directions for use.

FDA approves a drug based on scientific data submitted by the drug sponsor to demonstrate that the drug is safe and effective. We cannot provide adequate assurance to the American public that drug products delivered to consumers in the United States from foreign countries are the same products approved by the FDA. Accordingly, the FDCA (Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act { 21 U.S.C. 301 et seq. — Editor} strictly limits the types of prescription drugs that may be imported into the United States.

Excerpt from letter dated September 22, 2005, to Larry Pinson Pharm D., Executive Director Nevada State Board of Pharmacy from Randall W. Lutter, Ph. D., Acting Associate Commissioner for Policy and Planning, Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration.

Please Don't Quote Me"

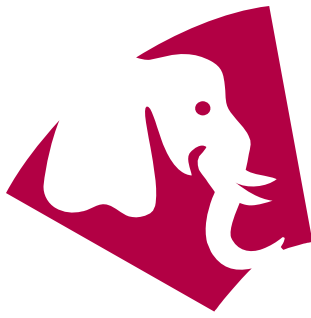


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 : All political parties die at last of swallowing their own lies. :
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 : JOHN ARBUTHNOT (1667-1735) :
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 : The greatest difference between the two parties lies in :
 : the fact that they back different people, not different :
 : ideas, for office. :
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 : WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY, JR. (1925 -) :
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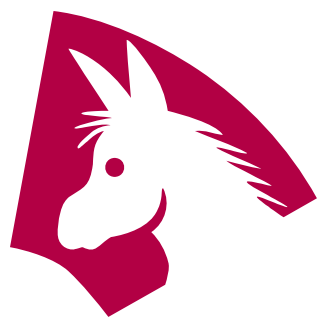


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 : Our two great political parties have really nothing :
 : more to propose than the keeping or taking of the :
 : office from the other party. :
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 : HENRY GEORGE (1839—1897) :
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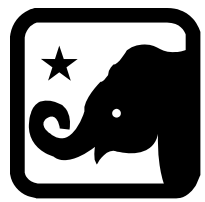


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 : I always voted at my party's call, :
 : And I never thought of thinking for myself at all :
 : :
 : W.S. GILBERT (1836 -1911) *H.M.S. Pinafore* (opera) :
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 : Some people say we need a third party in this country. I think we :
 : could use a second one. :
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 : JIM HIGHTOWER (1943 -) :
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 : The more you read about this Politics thing, you got to admit that :
 : each party is worse than the other. The one that's out always looks :
 : the best. :
 : :
 : WILL ROGERS (1879 -1935) :
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HELP STOP THE "ILLEGAL ALIEN IMMIGRATION INVASION" 'TAKE ACTION NOW'

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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

Immigration News

The **U.S. Chamber of Commerce** laid out its 2006 agenda last week. Topping the list of priorities is passage of a massive guest worker amnesty program to import cheap foreign labor. Cheap labor proponents are pressing hard for guest worker amnesty, making our efforts vitally important!

The Senate is scheduled to return to Washington on January 18, with the House following on January 31. Please use this time while your legislators are close to home to ask them to commit to American workers by opposing guest worker amnesty. A guest worker amnesty program is nothing more than a plan to reward lawbreakers and substitute cheap foreign labor for American workers. That's pure greed and it's un-American

FAIR Federation For American Immigration Reform — <http://www,fairus.org>

The Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005 (H.R. 4437)

is a very good enforcement bill, that will require employers to use an electronic employment eligibility verification system; provide for a border fence along much of the U.S.-Mexico border; eliminate the visa lottery; and assist state and local law enforcement in arresting and detaining illegal aliens. Under heavy pressure from their constituents, the House passed the bill on December 16, 2005 by a vote of 239 to 182.

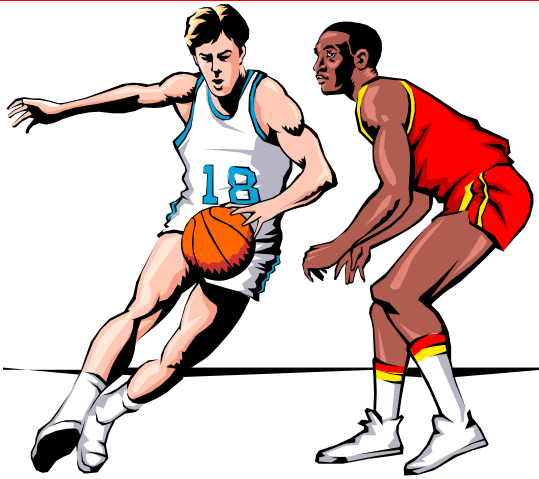
Now it is the Senate's turn to pass its own immigration legislation, which will likely include a weakened enforcement bill along with a massive guest worker program and some form of amnesty. The Senate bill and the House's H.R. 4437 will be put in a Conference Committee of negotiators from both chambers. With heavy participation from the President, they will hammer out some kind of compromise.

Contact your Representative and urge him/her to **uphold the integrity of H.R. 4437** after it returns from Conference

Free faxes may be sent from the NumbersUSA website at <http://www.numbersusa.com>



Diversions



- 36 – have been accused of spousal abuse
- 7 – have been arrested for fraud
- 19 – have been accused of writing bad checks
- 117 – have directly or indirectly bankrupted at least 2 businesses
- 3 – have done time for assault
- 71 – cannot get a credit card due to bad credit
- 14 – have been arrested on drug-related charges
- 8 – have been arrested for shoplifting
- 21 – currently are defendants in lawsuits. and
- 84 – have been arrested for drunk driving in the last year

Can you guess which organization this is? (Answer on page 6) *



He ordered one hamburger, one order of French fries and one drink.

The old man unwrapped the plain hamburger and carefully cut it in half. He placed one half in front of his wife. He then carefully counted out the French fries, dividing them into two piles and neatly placed one pile in front of his wife. He took a sip of the drink, his wife took a sip and then set the cup down between them. As he began to eat his few bites of hamburger, the people around them kept looking over and whispering.

You could tell they were thinking, "That poor old couple - all they can afford is one meal for the two of them."

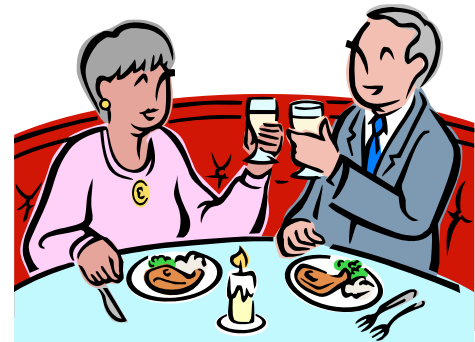
As the man began to eat his fries a young man came to the table. He politely offered to buy another meal for the old couple. The old man said they were just fine - They were used to sharing everything. The surrounding people noticed the little old lady hadn't eaten a bite. She sat there watching her husband eat and occasionally taking turns sipping the drink.

Again the young man came over and begged them to let him buy another meal for them.

This time the old woman said "No, thank you, we are used to sharing everything."

As the old man finished and was wiping his face neatly with the napkin, the young man again came over to the little old lady who had yet to eat a single bite of food and asked "What is it you are waiting for?"

She answered.... (Continued on page 6) **



Last Year's Speakers



January—Thomas Mitchell, **LVRJ** Editor

February — Sandra Heverly, **StopDUI** & Robert Manzer **LVMPD**

March — George Harris, **TABOR** & Lawrence Papas **SecuredBordersUSA**

April — James M. O'Reilly, Living Wills

May — **State Consumer Advocate** Adriana Escobar Chanos

June—**Assemblywoman** Sharron Angle,

July — Susan Joseph, Senior Management Analyst & Public Information Specialist Angela Torres from the **RTC**

August — Heather Emmons, **Desert Research Institute**

September — Dr. James Deacon, Environmental Studies, **UNLV** (Ret.)

October — **Chancellor** James E. Rogers

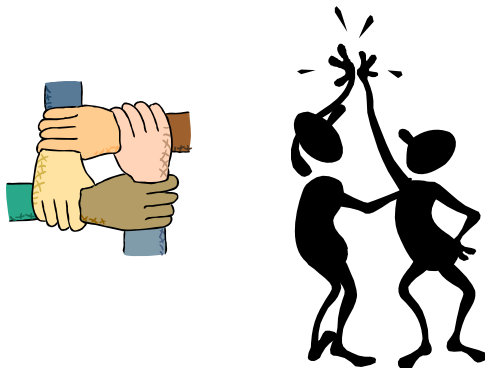
November — Elizabeth Quillin, Assistant County Manager & Erik Pappa, Director of Public Communications, **Clark County**

December — The Nevada State Troupers

Membership

Renewing Members:

Don Berke
Ray and Sharon Shaffer
Mary Margaret Takacs



Thank You For Your Continued Support

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



Recruit new members.

HELP NSC GROW!!!

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- It's the 535 members of the United States Congress. The same group of Idiots that crank out hundreds of new laws each year designed to keep the rest of us in line.
- ****"THE TEETH!"**



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

Medicare Advantage

From the Editor

It may be time to look into joining an HMO for your medical needs. Medicare advantage programs include HMOs and other a number of other programs that will save you considerable money when compared to traditional Medicare. Three plans are now available in Nevada including our advertiser, SecureHorizons. For more information of plans offered by SecureHorizons, contact Bonnie. For more assistance to help you decide refer to "Medicare and You 2006", SHIP (486-3478) or Medicare (1-800-633-4227)

Advantages

- You will not need Medigap insurance which is costly.
- HMOs are not allowed to health screen - therefore you may not be denied enrollment due to your health condition.
- You will not have to deal with Medicare paperwork.
- You will not have to pay the Medicare deductibles and coinsurance.
- You may receive coverage for services that traditional fee-for-service Medicare does not cover. For example, some HMOs offer benefits such as routine physical exams, eyeglasses, hearing aids, prescriptions, and dental coverage.

Disadvantages

- You are not free to receive care from any doctor, health care provider, or hospital you choose.
 - You will only be covered for health care services received through the HMO, except in emergency and urgent care situations.
 - In order to receive coverage for a specialist's services, have surgery, or obtain medical equipment or any other health care service, you will need prior approval of your primary care doctor.
 - If you are out of the HMO's service area, you will not receive coverage for your care except in emergency and urgent care situations.
 - If you spend part of the year outside the HMO's service plan area, or expect to be away from the plan's service area for more than 90 days, joining an HMO may not be in your best interest.
 - If you decide to switch from the HMO to traditional fee-for-service Medicare, your coverage will not begin before the first day of the month following receipt of your disenrollment request.
 - If you have replaced your traditional fee-for-service Medicare plan and your medigap policy with a Medicare HMO, then decide to return back to them, your medigap insurer may then screen you for pre-existing conditions and may charge you a higher premium or deny you coverage.
- Be sure to consult your present insurance plans before making a decision.

This is the first issue of 2006 and I wrote the whole thing. Usually Ken Mahal has the feature article, however his son and family is visiting from Minnesota and he would rather spend time with them (as I would with my family). He did attend the AG's meeting (see page 1) with me.

This year as you know will be heavy on politics both local and national. Politicians we haven't seen for quite awhile or perhaps never will miraculously appear all year I am sure. All major state offices are up for grabs and some incumbents will have opponents for the first time in a long time.

It promises to be a very interesting and I hope

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Vern Perry

Next Meeting

Thursday, February 9, 2006
10:00 am at >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>



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



Speaker For February:
Don Chairez and Kermitt Waters
Speaking on Eminent Domain

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Today In History January 12,

1900 Ford's Second Automobile

The Detroit Automobile Company finished its first commercial vehicle, a delivery wagon. The wagon was designed by a young engineer named **Henry Ford**, who had produced his own first motorcar, the quadricycle, before joining the company. Ford soon quit the Detroit Automobile Company, frustrated with his employers, to start his own company.

1904 New Speed Record

Racing driver **Barney Oldfield** set a new speed record in a stripped-down Ford automobile. Driving across the frozen surface of Lake St. Clair, he reached a top speed of 91.37mph. Not bad, considering that the automobile was only invented a few years earlier. Oldfield chose the frozen lake because it was wide and flat, and there was nothing to crash into. Luckily, the ice didn't break.



PHOTO COURTESY OF FORD MOTOR COMPANY

Barney Oldfield (in his first race car the 999) and Henry Ford in 1902



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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