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Special points of interest:

2007 Grades of Nevada Counties for Air Pollution . Data from the American Lung Association.

High Ozone Days

- ♣ Carson City A
- ♣ Clark F
- ♣ Douglas Insufficient Data
- ♣ Washoe B
- ♣ White Pine A

Particle Pollution

- ♣ Carson City No Monitoring
- ♣ Clark D
- ♣ Douglas No Monitoring
- ♣ Washoe C
- ♣ White Pine No Monitoring

The population of Clark County in 2005 based on U.S. Census data was 1,710,551. Of these 448,161 were under 18 and 182,854 were 65 and over. These two groups are vulnerable to ozone and PM_{2.5} (particle pollution).

Much more data is available on <http://www.lungusa.org>.

Fools, Schools, ?, Taxes, Guns & ??

By N.S.C. President Ken Mahal A.I.A.

YOU SHOULD HAVE OUR NOISE FROM MCCARRAN.

I find it interesting to hear the complaints by the suffering people in north-west Las Vegas from “right turn” flights out of McCarran. They should live over here on the east side where we have been inundated by plane noise for half a dozen years plus. And I mean inundated with plane noise right over the roof top with plane takeoffs sometimes in 20 second intervals which is almost tail to nose takeoffs and better than we did on the aircraft carrier *Ticonderoga* in WWII. We never had a fair shake either when that short east west runway was extended without any notice as far as our neighborhood was concerned. I think it’s OK that the City of Las Vegas is fighting the FAA decision to fly over the homes in NW Las Vegas. My experience with the fight and huge legal bill by the city is that they most likely will not win that fight and what a shame the money isn’t put into something more meaningful than attorney fees. I read the many comments written in the news, and on TV about the noise and I do agree when you are outside it is deafening but inside we never hear any of it so I wonder do those people in the NW leave their windows open at night? I would suggest they do as we do keep the doors and windows closed. Uncle Sam has more of our money than Las Vegas has and also more political clout so I would hope that good judgment takes over at the city soon. What you needed in your fight at McCarran is CCC Bruce Woodbury. He has done a great job of getting flight turns to the west pretty well taken care of so as to not bother his constituents.

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TWELVE MONTH SCHOOLS DO MAKE FOR GOOD EDUCATION.

After all these years of fighting over nine-month versus 12-month schools one would think that parents in Henderson would understand by now that the 12- month school makes for the best education possibility for youngsters. With time off every quarter the kids have a shorter time off and back to school again before their minds have forgotten most everything they were taught in the last quarter. And I do get this from people who have had their kids do both programs. This program also means a 25% savings in classroom need which is substantial with the growth we suffer from year in and year out. Another thing for those who never went through it, this growth in schools will shut down some day and the fewer schools the taxpayers have to pay for the better off they will be. We went through this insane growth of the baby boom era of WWII where almost overnight growth was shut down and we were stuck with a quarter billion in schools (*Continued on page 2*)

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we didn't need. So what did the school trustees do, they sold off the good two story schools at twenty five cents on the dollar at a terrible waste of taxpayer money. We kept the old one story buildings which could never be brought up to date and are still using them.

CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONER GIUNCHIGLIANI ASKS QUESTIONS.

CCC Chris G., as she is known, won over Myrna Williams in the last election and according to the paper is asking way too many questions of the staff and commissioners to satisfy them. Well how do you like them apples? I say fine after having "Myrna nothing" for my commissioner. All her time on the commission, she never once answered your call or even returned it so what good was she? Little to no good – and I congratulate Chris G. for upsetting the apple cart a little bit in the Government Center. One of these days I am going to talk to her and see how much good she will be for our district. For instance; we got our streets recoated several years back and the surfacing was hardly dry before it cracked all over the street again right where it was cracked before they fixed it. And dear Myrna did nothing about it, as usual. Airport noise – how many times did I called her on that and her answer was they outrank me on the commission and I can't get anything done. Well Chris G., please keep asking the questions and really work for a better Clark County.

UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR ROGERS WANTS TO TAX HIMSELF MORE.

Jim Rogers thinks we aren't taxed enough so we should have an income tax because we are one of the few states that does not have an income tax. Well now isn't that why all those people sold their homes in California and moved to Nevada – because we do not have an income tax so that one can keep some of what one saves if the federal government has not taken it all. Jim must have had a slight memory loss when he made that statement.

This billionaire talks a lot doesn't he? I also seem to remember he was going to get his very wealthy billionaire friends to kick in millions for higher education and so far he has had no luck. It seems they must not have save their billion yet so aren't able to help him add to the university coffers. That's OK Jim if we had your money or even half of it we would be more than happy to kick in a few million. Forget the income tax and spend your time working on your moneyed friends we can use some of their wealth.

UNIVERSITY REGENT WANTS THE PROFESSORS TO CARRY GUNS.

Can't you just see some professor wearing his six-shooter on his hip and if the students don't pay attention he shoots a few shots into the ceiling to get their attention. Seriously how many professors' janitors or what ever do you know who should carry a gun at one of our schools of higher education? I think that would cause more of problem than what it would solve. We have gone a couple hundred years without such a shooting as in W. Virginia so I hope we don't get carried away with arming everyone to the hilt. If you were not brought up with guns it is pretty late in life to begin to carry one now. I don't want to see every new place a gun is used to be an excuse to arm a few hundred more people. I believe in our right to carry a gun but also think we need a family learning period of being around guns before we get too anxious to arm a lot of people who never had reason to carry a gun or in lieu of that an intense training in the handling of a gun.

THE LEGISLATURE IS SO QUIET. WHAT'S GOING ON?

In all the years yours truly has tracked the Nevada legislature this has to be the quietest one of them all. What is going on? I worry that the last hour of the last night before they adjourn will cost us unsuspecting taxpayers. Please don't decide that you can do something for us that we can't do for ourselves a little better. We know there is talk about some plan where district judges and Supreme Court justices would be appointed before we could vote on them some time later. Please, we like the system we have. Let them run for office and let we the taxpayers vote them in or out of office. We did OK in the last election. It really isn't broken so please leave it alone. We thank you.

MAY IS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH



Please Don't Quote Me

Good people do not need laws to tell them to act responsibly, while bad people will find a way around the laws.

He who is of calm and happy nature will hardly feel the pressure of age, but to him who is of an opposite disposition youth and age are equally a burden.

Laws are partly formed for the sake of good men, in order to instruct them how they may live on friendly terms with one another, and partly for the sake of those who refuse to be instructed, whose spirit cannot be subdued, or softened, or hindered from plunging into evil.

Man...is a tame or civilized animal; never the less, he requires proper instruction and a fortunate nature, and then of all animals he becomes the most divine and most civilized; but if he be insufficiently or ill- educated he is the most savage of earthly creatures.

Only the dead have seen the end of war.

No human thing is of serious importance

Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.

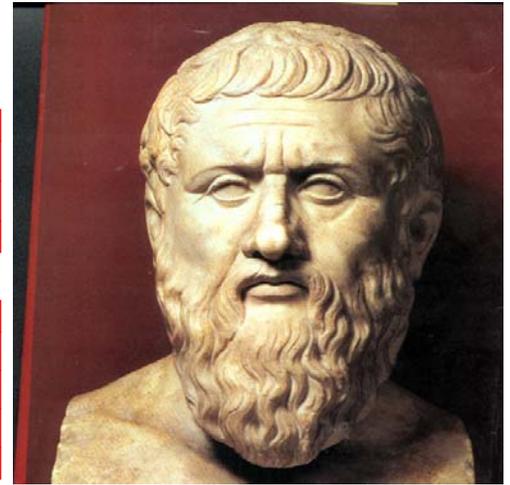
Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools, because they have to say something.

They certainly give very strange names to diseases.

He who does not desire power is fit to hold it.

As empty vessels make the loudest sound, so they that have the least to say are the greatest babblers.

Attention to health is life's greatest hindrance.



Plato (427 BC - 347 BC)

Plato is boring.
Friedrich Nietzsche (1844 - 1900), *Twilight of the Idols, What I owe to the Ancients*

What You Need to Know About U.S. Borders and Ports of Entry

The US border with Mexico extends over 1,951 miles: In the southern US, our border with Mexico extends over 1,951 miles. In the west, it stretches from San Diego, California to Tijuana, Baja California; in the east, between Brownsville, Texas and Matamoros, Tamaulipas. From the El Paso crossing in Texas to Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, in the east, the border runs along the Rio Grande (Río Bravo del Norte) down to the Gulf of Mexico. Westward, toward the Pacific Ocean, it runs through the Chihuahuan and Sonoran Deserts, Colorado River Delta and the northern tip of the Baja Peninsula. Border terrain is wide and varied, from sprawling urban hubs to foreboding deserts.

Three-hundred million people cross the Mexican border into the US each year: The US-Mexican border has more traffic than any other border in the world. Legally, and illegally as well. Three-hundred million people, about 90 million cars and 4.3 million trucks, cross the border into the US each and every year. Since the North American Free Trade Agreement came into effect the number of commercial crossers each day has increased by 41 percent. Trade with Mexico is two-way. Many products are needed in Mexico that may not be produced there. Infant formula for instance. Two-way trade has nearly tripled in recent years. **Cross-border trade totals at least \$650 million a day.**

More than one million aliens cross the US-Mexican border illegally each year: The border with Mexico is so vast that complete border control coverage is nearly impossible. At times army personnel have been called upon to thwart illegal crossings and drug smugglers. Military units use FLIR infrared devices and helicopters. During such patrols, smugglers and human traffickers stop operations in manned areas, but this lasts only as long as the military remains stationed. An estimated one million plus aliens cross the southern border illegally each year. Eighty percent of them are Mexicans, the rest are Central and some South Americans.

There are 11,000 US Border Patrol officers along the US-Mexican border: Before 9/11/01, the cost of manning the entire US-Mexican border just wasn't worth it to the US government. Illegal aliens living in the US would probably cost the country less than complete sealing of the border. However, since the 9/11 attacks, the border has been seen as a potential entry port for terrorists who could not get into the US through normal channels. Unlike poverty-stricken Mexicans who often die trekking over mountains in scorching heat, terrorists are usually well financed and could be trained and equipped to manage a difficult journey. Today, there are 11,000 US Border Patrol officers on this border.

US-Mexican Border Solutions: Border Patrol centers around big cities such as San Diego and El Paso, which have extensive fencing. Determined migrants instead brave rural, dangerous terrain to enter the US. Construction of a US-Mexico border barrier have been delayed due to costs, logistics and opponents in the past, but a 2006 Senate vote includes plans to blockade 860 miles of the border with vehicles and triple-layer fencing. Proponents believe it could take just six months to build a 2,000 mile, triple-layer fence, at a cost of about \$1.5-3 billion, for a 90 percent reduction in illegal crossings.

At 5,522 miles, the US-Canadian border is the longest in the world: At 5,522 miles, the US-Canadian border is the longest in the world. Officially known as "the International Boundary," it includes small boundaries on the Atlantic, Pacific, and Arctic coasts as well as the Great Lakes. Canada shares 1,539 miles of the common border with Alaska. Portions of the International Boundary run through mountainous terrain and heavily forested areas, while other sections cross farms, prairies, the Great Lakes and Saint Lawrence River. There are about 1,000 officers manning the US-Canadian border.

Canadians are concerned with cigarette and gun smuggling, Americans about drugs: Incorrectly described by many as "undefended," the US-Canadian border is monitored by law enforcement rather than the military. Security measures along this border (2/3 longer than the one with Mexico) are minimal. Canada's similar economic, environmental and political dispositions make illegal crossings rare and less threatening. Canadians have been concerned with cigarette and gun smuggling, however, while American officials worry about drugs. In fact, in 2005 three men were arrested after police discovered the 330 foot tunnel they had built under the border, with an intent to smuggle marijuana. After the 9/11/01 terrorist attacks security has been substantially increased by both countries. The greatest concern is that terrorists who might be marked and rejected at an airport from the Middle East, might get over the Canadian-US border with little fanfare, and/or could simply sneak in via one of the many unmanned trust-based crossing points.

Borders and ports of entry into the US: Along the US-Mexican border, one usually sees miles of cars and trucks filled with exporters, importers and travelers. Each individual must have ID and/or a passport and visa, and their belongings or cargo may be inspected by customs. Larger crossing points on the US-Canadian border can have some traffic, but not nearly as much. And the atmosphere is more relaxed and casual. There are 327 official ports of entry in the United States and 14 preclearance offices in Canada and the Caribbean. Every individual must have a passport, valid for at least six months beyond the date of the expected stay.

Arriving By Air: Flight attendants will distribute Customs Declaration Forms (CF-6059) and Arrival Departure Records (I-94). These must be completed by the foreigner prior to landing.

Arriving By Land or Sea: The CBP Officer at the port of entry will provide Customs Declaration Forms (CF-6059) and Arrival-Departure Records (I-94) to be filled out upon arrival. Visitors and temporary visa holders may be asked to supply proof of financial means, employment, school registration, host addresses or other paperwork. This is country and visa specific and should be researched before travel into the US. (From <http://immigration.about.com> web site)

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ARMED FORCES DAY SATURDAY MAY 19, 2007

On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department -- the Department of Defense. Each of the military leagues and orders was asked to drop sponsorship of its specific service day in order to celebrate the newly announced Armed Forces Day. The Army, Navy and Air Force leagues adopted the newly formed day. The Marine Corps League declined to drop support for Marine Corps Day but supports Armed Forces Day, too.

In a speech announcing the formation of the day, President Truman "praised the work of the military services at home and across the seas" and said, "it is vital to the security of the nation and to the establishment of a desirable peace." In an excerpt from the Presidential Proclamation of Feb. 27, 1950, Mr. Truman stated:

Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20, 1950, marks the first combined demonstration by America's defense team of its progress, under the National Security Act, towards the goal of readiness for any eventuality. It is the first parade of preparedness by the unified forces of our land, sea, and air defense.



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Today In History May 9, 1945

Herman Goering is captured by the U.S. Seventh Army

On this day in 1945, Herman Göring, commander in chief of the Luftwaffe, president of the Reichstag, head of the Gestapo, prime minister of Prussia, and Hitler's designated successor is taken prisoner by the U.S. Seventh Army in Bavaria.

Göring was an early member of the Nazi Party and was wounded in the failed Munich Beer Hall Putsch in 1923. That wound would have long-term effects; Göring became increasingly addicted to painkillers. Not long after Hitler's accession to power, Göring was instrumental in creating concentration camps for political enemies. Ostentatious and self-indulgent, he changed his uniform five times a day and was notorious for flaunting his decorations, jewelry, and stolen artwork. It was Goering who ordered the purging of German Jews from the economy following the Kristallnacht pogrom in 1938, initiating an "Aryanization" policy that confiscated Jewish property and businesses.

Göring's failure to win the Battle of Britain and prevent the Allied bombing of Germany led to his loss of stature within the Party, aggravated by the low esteem with which he was always held by fellow officers because of his egocentrism and position as Hitler's right-hand man. As the war progressed, he dropped into depressions and battled drug addiction. When Göring fell into U.S. hands after Ger-

The **Nevada Seniors Coalition, Inc (NSC)** is a nonprofit, nonpartisan 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.

many's surrender, he had in his possession a rich stash of pills. He was tried at Nuremberg and charged with various crimes against humanity. Despite a vigorous attempt at self acquittal, he was found guilty and sentenced to be hanged, but before he could be executed, he committed suicide by swallowing a cyanide tablet he had hidden from his guards.

