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Special points of interest:

Arsenic in drinking water, lead in soil & air polluted with everything imaginable are just the start in some of the world's dirtiest places.

- ♣ Milan, Italy – PM10s small pollution particles
- ♣ Norilsk, Russia – Tons of heavy metals in the air
- ♣ Pittsburg, PA – Soot, aerosols, heavy metals & exhaust fumes
- ♣ Mexico City, Mexico – Ozone
- ♣ Dekar, Sengal – Fecal streptococci, heavy metals & tannery waste in water supply
- ♣ Sumgayit, Azerbejan – Mercury contaminated waste dumped directly into streams to the Caspian Sea
- ♣ Lifen, China – Coal dust in the air, arsenic in the water
- ♣ La Oraya, Peru – Lead poisoning and acid rain
- ♣ Cubatao Valley, Brazil – 1.5 M tons of raw sewage/yr and 10000 Kgms industrial waste/month into river.
- ♣ Kabwe, Zambia – Everybody and everything lead contaminated .

Unhappy, Unknowing, Unpublished

By Ken Mahal, NSC President

OUR WORLD IS TURNING UPSIDE DOWN AND WE GOTTA GO WITH IT.

Every day the mess seems to get worse and what do we do? Well mostly try to sit out as much of it as possible. Of course with fuel and food heading one way and that is up there is no getting around that in our life. I no longer can buy \$20 bucks worth of gas as say great I'm good for another month and I don't know how much to do other than wait until the tank is half full and just fill it up. On the Mazda van it takes \$50 bucks now and so yours truly has less of my Social Security check to spend. And speaking of S.S. with that dam means testing there is less in that check than there used to be. So far, Wal*Mart's 4 buck prescription plan is really the only deal in our lives. That was a big change in our living cost when they started that program. Who is going to drop the price of bread to \$1.50 a loaf and a dozen eggs to \$.98 cents? No one soon I think. The best deal we have so far on the eggs is the Egg Beaters original, they works for us so I can make scrambled eggs for breakfast with multi grain toast every morning and the price so far at about a buck per breakfast is not bad for two of us. What else is there that is going to eat us up alive? I suspect most of us with older cars are hoping for the best but paying thru the nose if we have to take ole Lizzy in for some work. Vern and Florence put me on to a pretty good garage but not all that cheap but not that bad either. I did buy a new engine several years back with the idea most of my costs are gone for a while but when you think of the add on's like carburetors, generators etc. one has to keep praying that those units hold up a few miles more like another fifty thousand or more. One of our neighbors has an older more expensive car and every time he takes it in to the garage it costs him another \$1,000.00 bucks or more so it depends on the car you own whether your cost of keeping it alive can also be very expensive. Oh well we have to roll with the punches and hope for the best.

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A COMPUTER CAN BE AN EXPENSE WHEN YOU GET TAKEN IN.

I try not to look at too much stuff that sounds like something you just must have and boy it is hard to resist some times. I just ordered a new book on Natural Healing that sounded so good that I didn't think I could be without it one more day. I sure hope that I read it cover to cover when it arrives. Both of Agnes and I have enough things bothering us physically that if we could get rid of half of them, the cost of the book will be worth it ten times over. I do believe in the natural healing idea but it is very important to find something that you can trust. In fact if any of you have had experience in the natural healing field maybe we could hear from you and see if some of these things might be worth writing about in future Foghorn articles. Let me know if you have had any successes.

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LAST MONTHS ARTICLE ON ENERGY WAS SENT TO THE EDITOR OF THE LAS VEGAS REVIEW JOURNAL AND DIED THERE I GUESS.

I did think that the RJ might have some interest in the energy article I wrote last month with the idea that it might be worth publishing so that King Harry and others from our Washington contingent might read it and think it would be worth giving it a shot to see if we could maybe shake up the world hucksters who are sending the cost of our oil beyond the beyond. We have been poor bookkeepers of the treasury by letting our dollar fall to the lowest level in several decades thus causing every thing we buy outside of our borders to escalate to the point that it no doubt is hurting any number of households in we older folks as well as families with kids and even those with too much debt for homes, cars and the likes. Half our problem also comes from the fact that we have been locked out of our own fuel by a hand full of people who don't want it in their back yard. Believe you me if we had oil in Nevada and we do, I am in favor of going after it as soon as possible. We really do need to get things going all over the nation to start our own oil, gas, coal and you name it type of fuel exploration and in ten years we could look like a different nation with our own fuel coming on line. There is plenty of fuel in and around our country and all we need to do is hit the start button and get going. How about it mighty leader Senator Harry Reid the man heading up the United States Senate? Don't be so set in your ways please. I don't even care if you can find some huge amounts of wood to burn so let's just do something to show the Saudis that we can help ourselves. Half of our problem is to show the world we have our own energy and aren't afraid to use it.

I suspect there are even some good areas to invest in like the worlds longest liquid petroleum pipe line leading from Alberta Canada into the North Dakota area. I am told that this is being done by the Enbridge Energy Partners and pays a 7.5% dividend. This sounds good and might be too good. Maybe they are for real but that would need a lot of investigation before anyone spent their money on such things. Well folks this is it for this month. I'm going to do a little fishing and I got to go.

Who Wrote The Declaration of Independence?

"What is less well known is that the words (of the Declaration) aren't entirely Jefferson's. George Mason's recently published draft of the Virginia Declaration of Rights provided what might charitably be called liberal inspiration. ...

" 'All men are born equally free and independent, and have certain inherent natural rights, of which ... they cannot, by any compact, deprive or divest their posterity; among which are the enjoyment of life and liberty, with the means of acquiring and possessing property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety.'

" 'Pursuit of happiness' may be argued to be a succinct improvement on 'pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety,' but even that ... had been coined by John Locke almost a century before and had appeared frequently in political writings ever since. Jefferson's original version (of the sentence with 'happiness') shows considerably less grace and rather more verbosity:

" 'We hold these truths to be sacred and undeniable; that all men are created equal and independent, that from equal creation they derive rights inherent and inalienable, among which are the preservation of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness'

"Congress did not hesitate to alter Jefferson's painstakingly crafted words. Altogether it ordered forty changes to the original text. It deleted 630 words, about a quarter of the total, and added 146."

Bill Bryson, *Made in America*, Perennial, 1995, pp. 41-2.



It's About Freedom

The following is excerpted from an address by **President Vaclav Klaus** to the International Climate Conference in New York City on March 2-4, sponsored by the Heartland Institute.

First, I would like to thank the organizers for this important conference, for making it possible and for inviting one politically incorrect politician from Central Europe to come and speak here.

A politician, as was just mentioned, who in spite of his views on climate, was two weeks ago reelected as president of his country. And the point is that everyone in the Czech Republic knows my views on climate change. I am, I think, a living demonstration of the fact that politicians can be elected with such views on climate change....

I know it's difficult to say anything interesting and new after so many speeches and discussions here. But when I look around, there are not many speakers from former communist countries here. As an economist, I always try and find my comparative advantages.

Each of us has his or her experiences, prejudices, preferences. The ones that I have are quite inevitably connected with the fact that I have spent most of my life under the communist regime. A week ago I gave a speech ... at the Prague Castle commemorating the 60th anniversary of the 1948 communist putsch in the former Czechoslovakia. One of the arguments there quoted in all the leading newspapers in the country the next morning went as follows: "Future dangers will not come from the same source. The ideology will be different. Its essence will nevertheless be identical. The attractive, pathetic, at first sight noble idea that transcends the individual in the name of the common good on the one hand, and the enormous self-confidence on the side of its proponents about their right to sacrifice the man and his freedom in order to make this idea reality on the other."

Yesterday morning I read the excerpts from the Czech press and I discovered that the chairman of the Czech Green Party dramatically criticized this statement of mine. I think it's very good that he understood it.... [Laughter from audience]

My central argument was, "What is endangered, climate or freedom?" My answer is clear and resolute. It's our freedom, I may also add, and our prosperity....

In spite of their public roles, [global warming's exponents] maximize their own private ... good, power, prestige, career, income, and so on.

I am afraid there are people who really want to stop the economic growth, the rise in the standard of living — though not their own — and the ability of man to use the expanding wealth, science, and technology for solving the actual pressing problems of mankind, especially of the developing countries.

The climate alarmists believe in their own omnipotence; they believe in knowing better than millions of rationally behaving men and women what is right or wrong....

I am afraid we have to restart the discussion about the very nature of government and about the relationship between the individual and society. Now it concerns the whole of mankind, not just the citizens of one particular country....

To sum up, it is not about climatology. It's about freedom.

From an article in *The New American*, May 12, 2008. Suggested by member **Knight Allen**



At the June Meeting



Las Vegas Township Constable Bobby "G" & NSC President Ken Mahal

Our scheduled speaker, Darcy Spears, couldn't make it to this meeting. Luckily we had two substitutes at the meeting to pinch hit. Constable Bobby "G" who explained his office and Jo Ann Embry from the Nevada Attorney General's office who talked about the Senior Medicare Patrol and Medicare fraud. Darcy will be rescheduled.

Membership

New Members

- * Kay Schwell *

Welcome, Welcome, Welcome, Welcome

Renewing Members:

- * Robert Gronauer *
- * Ted Mendalski *
- * Marian Repogle *

♥ Thanks 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!!!



Thanks to all of you who contributed to NSC last month. We really appreciate it.



NSC is an all volunteer group and we always need help. The same people have been doing all the work for years. Please contact any NSC officer or director to volunteer to help.



Your membership anniversary date is on the Foghorn Mailing label. If the label is **RED**, please renew your membership, either by mail, or at the next meeting you attend. Your name is removed from the membership list 90 days after expiration.

Note: Membership dues are now \$10.00 per person.

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This Day In History, July 8, 1776

The Liberty Bell Rings

In Philadelphia, the Liberty Bell rings out from the tower of the Pennsylvania State House (now known as Independence Hall), summoning citizens to the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence, by Colonel John Nixon. On July 4, the historic document was adopted by delegates to the Continental Congress meeting in the State House. However, the Liberty Bell, which bore the apt biblical quotation, "Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land unto All the Inhabitants Thereof," was not rung until the Declaration of Independence returned from the printer on July 8.

In 1751, to commemorate the 50-year anniversary of Pennsylvania's original constitution, the Pennsylvania Provincial Assembly ordered the 2,000-pound copper and tin bell constructed. After being cracked during a test, and then recast twice, the bell was hung from the State House steeple in June 1753. Rung to call the Pennsylvania Assembly together and to summon people for special announcements and events, it was also rung on important occasions, such as when King George III ascended to the throne in 1761 and to call the people together to discuss Parliament's controversial Stamp Act of 1765. With the outbreak of the American Revolution in April 1775, the bell was rung to announce the battles of Lexington and Concord. Its most famous tolling was on July 8, 1776, when it summoned Philadelphia citizens for the first reading of the Declaration of Independence.

As the British advanced toward Philadelphia in the fall of 1777, the bell was removed from the city and hidden in Allentown to save it from being melted

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.

down by the British and used for cannons. After the British defeat in 1781, the bell was returned to Philadelphia, which was the nation's capital from 1790 to 1800. In addition to marking important events, the bell tolled annually to celebrate George Washington's birthday on February 22, and Independence Day on July 4. In 1839, the name "Liberty Bell" was first coined in a poem in an abolitionist pamphlet. The question of when the Liberty Bell acquired its famous fracture has been the subject of a good deal of historical dispute. In the most commonly accepted account, the bell suffered a major break while tolling for the funeral of the chief justice of the United States, John Marshall, in 1835, and in 1846 the crack expanded to its present size while in use to mark Washington's birthday. After that date, it was regarded as unsuitable for ringing, but it was still ceremoniously tapped on occasion to commemorate important events.

On June 6, 1944, when Allied forces invaded France, the sound of the bell's dulled ring was broadcast by radio across the United States.

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