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Special points of interest:

A number of Nevada Legislators have come to the term limit barrier. Some will be missed by of groups that could count on their support and now must educate and cultivate the new breed. A collective sigh of relief will come from other groups that couldn't get rid of a few of them. A list of legislators follows.

Senators:

- ⊗ Mark Amodei
- ⊗ Terry Care
- ⊗ Maggie Carlton
- ⊗ Bob Coffin
- ⊗ Bernice Mathews
- ⊗ Randolph Townsend
- ⊗ Maurice Washington

Assembly Members:

- ⊗ Bernie Anderson
- ⊗ Morse Arberry
- ⊗ Barbara Buckley
- ⊗ John Carpenter
- ⊗ Jerry Claborn
- ⊗ Ellen Koivisto
- ⊗ Sheila Leslie
- ⊗ Mark Manendo
- ⊗ Kathy McClain
- ⊗ Harry Mortensen

What, Why, Do We, Think?

By Ken Mahal, A.I.A NSC President

AS THE USA GOES WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD?

It is interesting to see that our great countryman, retired General Colin Powel has come out and suggested that our president should slow down and not have so many irons in the fire. I think he sees what so many others see is that there is so much being pushed onto Congress that no one is really sure what is happening and in particular to the financial strength of the U.S.A.. Now we have Russia and India added to China asking that some other form of currency other than the US dollar be used as the world exchange currency. I am not sure what this would do to our place in the world but with the trillions we are going into debt one can hardly blame other countries from not taking advantage of our apparent weakness given the massive amount of debt we are accumulating around our necks. Our debt is getting so huge that future generations as far out as we can see will be burdened with these trillions of new debt being added. I know that none of us have ever seen anything like this in our lifetime with the only ones coming close may be the Germans before World War I when it took a wheel barrow full of money to pay for a loaf of bread. Let us hope and pray nothing like this happens to us in the U.S.A.

(See "The Curious Capitalist", *TIME*, July 13, 2009, Page 25)

WHY IS THE PRICE OF OIL AND GASOLINE GOING UP ALMOST DAILY?

Given our policy of Green energy which means solar and wind turbines being the major source of energy and the desire to shut down coal, oil and gas as primary sources of supply makes us very vulnerable to the Arab oil cartel. Think about it the more we discourage coal, oil and gas the more locked we are on higher prices when we have nothing to replace that energy with. Anyone should know that if you want to shut down your countries energy sources that has been our primary source of energy used for a hundred plus years before we have an energy source to replace it with we certainly will set ourselves up for some very fancy price fixing which surely is something we do not need in this country at this time. I say flood the market with drilling for gas, oil and mining coal. There is no reason that we shouldn't use all of our energy sources and make ourselves less energy dependent on anyone. From my experience that would lead us to a much lower cost of energy at all levels. In fact if they want to have a quick start make jobs thing, they should start an immediate effort to bring natural gas from Alaska down by pipe line to the lower 48. That would mean thousands of jobs from mining iron ore for the pipe line, and all the other work for processing the natural gas from Alaska to our homes and factories. This would make a big jobs boost and keep energy prices down as well. We have plenty of clean burning natural gas in the lower 48 that we should develop as well as the oil that is a part of the natural gas business. The same goes for coal. We do know how to clean burn coal and there is no reason to shut down the mines in Wyoming as well as the eastern coal. We have several hundred years of coal and we might as well use it. One more source of energy that would bring our gasoline and natural gas costs down would be the building of nuclear plants and today we know how to build them for our navy so why not produce packaged plants for such

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cities as Las Vegas or any other city that could use a packaged nuclear plant? We have no shortage of energy we just have a **SHORTAGE OF CLEAN HONEST THINKING BY OUR POLITICIANS.**

DO WE HAVE A SHORTAGE OF CLEAN HEALTH IN THE U.S.A.?

We are lead to believe that 40,000,000 (forty million) people are without health care in our country. I don't believe it and I doubt if anyone who has done their home work believes it either. But if you have the money you can buy the ink by the barrel in order to convince, we the little people, that those numbers are real and if you think a few tens of thousands of dollars in cost a year for every-one it makes for another big government project headed by the federal government. This sounds like some \$100 toilet seats are being bundled up for our purchase come April 15th next year at tax time. Sometimes I wonder if we have people in Washington who are making make work jobs for their kids graduating from college and looking for a new job. They wouldn't do that would they? Oh but yes and then some for those of us who have spent any time in Washington D.C.

If our prescription drug program is any example I hold my breath in anticipation of the hidden items in the bill that none of us ever know about until quite some time after the bill is made into law and it is too late to change anything. A few things have arisen already and we don't even have the engines turned on yet. Here are a few items that we need to be aware of.

1. Probably the most important one would be the elimination of the H.M.O. (home maintenance organization) program that many of you have. Talk it up and we need to decide on some kind of effort to stop it.
2. Elimination of "In home care" That would mean no one could come to the home to provide in house care rather than having a patient spend time in a facility away from home.
3. Elimination of home oxygen service where the oxygen generator is in you home thus making it more costly and time consuming to get your oxygen. In all of this we need to get people together to meet with our Senators and Congressmen in Washington D.C.

IT'S THE TIME TO THINK HEALTHY WITH HOT WEATHER UPON US.

It's that time of the year when our triple digit climate change is upon us. So what to do? Remember to drink plenty of water without the sugar in it, if you know what I mean.

Wear loose clothing to keep the air moving to cool us down a bit. Don't forget sun lotion and sun glasses (listen to who is talking I do none of it). This is important. In our case Agnes has been treated for Carcinoma (skin cancer). While she is fair skinned she also was not one to spend time sun bathing. So no one ever knows. In my case I served on the USS Ticonderoga for about 18 months in the South Pacific (mostly off the coast of Tokyo Bay) and when I came home it took me 4 years for my sun tan to disappear. All I can say is that if you have any spots that do not seem to heal or irregular get to a skin cancer specialist as soon as possible. Different sun angles make a lot of difference. In some places one can burn very quickly and other locations it takes a very long time. We went to the Caribbean on one trip and in four hours I had a burn close to third degree burn and it took some time to heal. I bought a Asian type straw hat for a dollar at the second-hand store and found it a great way to keep the sun off, so everyone has their own way of dealing with our sunshine. **THAT'S ALL FOR NOW UNLESS YOU KNOW SOMETHING I DON'T KNOW, THEN TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT AT THE MEETING OR CONTACT VERN OR I.**



Scene at the signing of the Constitution of the United States

“Please Don’t Quote Me”

The shepherd drives the wolf from the sheep's for which the sheep thanks the shepherd as his liberator, while the wolf denounces him for the same act as the destroyer of liberty. Plainly, the sheep and the wolf are not agreed upon a definition of liberty.

"Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves; and, under a just God, can not long retain it." The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln edited by Roy P. Basler, Volume III, "Letter To Henry L. Pierce and Others" (April 6, 1859), p. 376.



"As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy. Whatever differs from this, to the extent of the difference, is no democracy." The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln edited by Roy P. Basler, Volume II, (August 1, 1858?), p. 532.

"I am not a Know-Nothing*. That is certain. How could I be? How can any one who abhors the oppression of negroes, be in favor of degrading classes of white people? Our progress in degeneracy appears to me to be pretty rapid. As a nation, we began by declaring that "all men are created equal." We now practically read it "all men are created equal, except Negroes." When the Know-Nothings get control, it will read "all men are created equal, except Negroes and foreigners and Catholics." When it comes to this, I shall prefer emigrating to some country where they make no pretense of loving liberty - to Russia, for instance, where despotism can be taken pure and without the base alloy of hypocrisy." The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln edited by Roy P. Basler, Volume II, "Letter to Joshua F. Speed" (August 24, 1855), p. 323.

*The Know-Nothing Party, also known as the American Party, was a prominent United States political party during the late 1840s and the early 1850s.

Nationally, in 1856, the American Party ran Millard Fillmore as its candidate for President of the United States. While Fillmore finished last, he still received almost 900,000 votes out of the approximately four million votes cast in the election. Although many Americans opposed the Catholic faith and lived in fear of immigrants, slavery and its expansion was a more important issue to them. The Know-Nothing Party refused to take a stand on slavery. As a result of the party's refusal to take a position on slavery, the Know-Nothing Party declined by the presidential election of 1860. The party did not run a candidate for president in this election, as many of its followers had joined the Republican Party.

US expected to ease immigration but bilateral accord on illegals ruled out

MARK HENNESSY, Political Correspondent , Irish Times (<http://www.irishtimes.com>.)

Legislation to ease immigration into the United States could be passed by the US Senate before the summer break, a leading US politician said yesterday in Dublin, though it would then face a battle to gain the support of a majority of the US House of Representatives.

However, congresswoman Nydia Velazquez from New York, a leading figure on immigration in Washington, said Ireland had no chance of reaching a bilateral deal with the United States to deal with undocumented Irish living illegally there.

US president Barack Obama made it clear in Washington in recent days during meetings with congressional leaders that he wants comprehensive immigration reform – which has been tried before and failed.

US senator Chuck Schumer (New York) is bringing legislation to the Senate by the end of July, said Ms Velazquez, one of a number of members of Congress in Ireland this week.

“It is important because the speaker of the house has made it clear that she wants the Senate to pass the legislation first and then the house will take it,” she told The Irish Times.

“The issue is whether or not we will be able to get it done in the Senate in time. We are working very hard on that,” she said, following a meeting in Leinster House with Ceann Comhairle John O’Donoghue.

A US-Irish immigration deal, which had been sought by some Irish-Americans, was not possible. “No, because we are clear that there has to be a comprehensive legislation. It will address the issues for Ireland.”

Mr. Obama has recently backed the passage of comprehensive immigration legislation by the end of this year or next – whereas, up to now, he had been careful not to put a timescale on his ambitions.

However, Mr. Obama is under pressure from Latino political leaders and others concerned about immigration, many of whom supported his bid for the White House against Republican John McCain.

In Washington last week, the president said that “after all the overheated rhetoric and the occasional demagoguery on all sides around this issue, we’ve got a responsible set of leaders sitting around the table who want to actively get something done and not put it off until a year, two years, three years, five years from now, but to start working on this thing right now.”

The Friends of Ireland US congressional group currently in Ireland has been in Ireland since the weekend. On Monday the group met Taoiseach Brian Cowen, Tánaiste Mary Coughlan and other senior figures.

Congressman Richie Neal, who is leading the delegation, said he understood “the anguish” felt by many of those who left Ireland to go to the United States in the early 1980s without papers and who now cannot return, even for the burial of their parents.

“If those laws were in place my grandparents would not been able to come to the US. It is a complex issue, however,” he said, at a Leinster House press conference alongside Mr O’Donoghue.

Questioned about legislation that could affect US businesses operating in Ireland, Mr Neal said those who believed that “the shutters are coming down in the US” were wrong.

A controversial Utah state law dealing with immigration goes into effect on July 1, 2009 giving local police power to enforce federal immigration laws.

Some believe this law is Utah's solution to solving illegal immigration, but others believe the law simply gives officers legal authority to conduct racial profiling.

Many people said they're saddened by the move state lawmakers have taken. Senate Bill 81 passed last year.

It gives law enforcement agencies the power to check citizenship status of people they stop, and then alert immigration officials of people who aren't documented. So far police in places like Ogden, and West Valley said they'll support the law, but Salt Lake City officers and the Utah Highway Patrol both said they will not enforce it.

A lawsuit has been planned to challenge this new law, but so far it hasn't been filed.

The Unknown American Revolution

The success of the American Revolution generated much after-the-fact finger-pointing and criticism among its leaders as they vied for power in the new government and for their place in posterity:

"Even a casual reading of the reflections of those who occupy our national pantheon shows that these founders were far from reverent in their views of one another, and far from agreed on how to tell the story of the nation's birth. ...

"The history of our Revolution,' fretted John Adams, 'will be one continued lie from one end to the other. The essence of the whole will be that Dr. Franklin's electric rod smote the earth and out sprang George Washington.' Adams complained endlessly about how Franklin was overrated and underhanded, and it pained him immensely to think that the story would go on 'that Franklin electrified [Washington] with his rod, and hence-forward these two conducted all the policy negotiations, legislatures, and war.' Adams couldn't decide who would be best remembered in history - Franklin or Washington - but he knew for a certainty that both deserved less credit than he. 'I never knew but one man who pretended to be wholly free from [vanity],' Adams wrote of Franklin, 'and him I know to be in his heart the vainest man, and the falsest character I have ever met with in life.' Washington wasn't much better. Adams grumbled about 'the superstitious veneration that is sometimes paid to General Washington,' because 'I feel myself his superior.' ...

"The author of the Declaration of Independence also took his lumps, and administered a few, as he and his band of brothers tried to assess the American Revolution after the smoke had cleared and the ink on the peace treaty had dried. Jefferson found Adams impossible: 'He hates Franklin, he hates Jay, he hates the French, he hates the English,' wrote the Monticello patriarch in 1783. Adams returned the favor. At one point he assured a friend in Philadelphia that Jefferson was not 'a true figure' of the Revolution and that drafting the Declaration of Independence was a 'theatrical show' in which the man from Monticello had 'run away with all the stage effect ... and all the glory of it.' After losing the presidency to Jefferson in 1800, Adams called his rival so 'warped by prejudice and so blinded by ignorance as to be unfit for the office he holds.' Many of Adams's Congregational minister friends agreed. One predicted that Americans would 'rue the day and detest the folly, delusion, and intrigue which raised him to the head of the United States.' Other clergymen bombarded their parishioners with descriptions of Jefferson as an adulterous atheist and a toadying lover of the hopelessly corrupt French, whose revolution was as attractive as a plague.

"Washington quickly became the avatar of revolutionary achievement because the nation could hardly do without a conquering hero. But privately - and sometimes very publicly - many of his closest associates thought differently. Charles Lee, who became Washington's third-ranking general and had a low opinion of his commander's generalship, sneered at what he called the 'infallible divinity' of the commander in chief and called him 'a bladder of emptiness and pride.' Tom Paine, even after Washington had virtually been sanctified, told the public that had honored him for the crucial essay *Common Sense* that Washington was 'treacherous in private friendship . . . and a hypocrite in public life.' In an open letter to the retiring president he capped his denunciation: 'As to you, Sir ... the world will be puzzled to decide whether you are an apostate or an impostor; whether you have abandoned good principles, or whether you ever had any.' "

Gary B. Nash, *The Unknown American Revolution*, Viking, Copyright 2005 by Gary B. Nash, pp. xviii-xx.

The Unknown American Revolution: The Unruly Birth of Democracy and the Struggle to Create America
(Paperback) Available at www.amazon.com for \$12.75. VWP

At the June Meeting



Our June speaker **Kendall Tenney**, local news anchor for KVBC TV 3 and Vice-President of the **Make-a-Wish Foundation** of Southern Nevada shown with NSC President Ken Mahal

Members

Renewing Members:

- *Richard Bianco*
- *Rose DiStefano*
- *Ron Hilford*
- *John McBride*
- *Alma Graham*
- *Ted Mendalski*
- *Barbara O'Dell*
- *Kay Schnell*
- *Richard Thomas*

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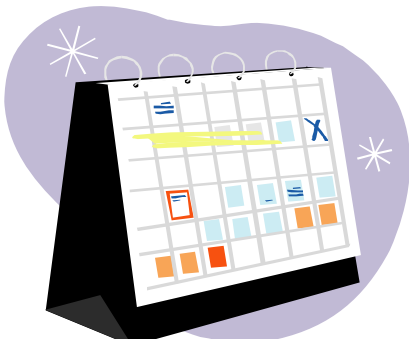


NSC is an all volunteer group and we always need help. The same people have been doing all the work for years. Please contact any NSC officer or director to volunteer to help.



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First female army officer

In a ceremony held at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, General Dwight D. Eisenhower appoints Florence Blanchfield to be a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, making her the first woman in U.S. history to hold permanent military rank.

A member of the Army Nurse Corps since 1917, Blanchfield secured her commission following the passage of the Army-Navy Nurse Act of 1947 by Congress. Blanchfield had served as superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps during World War II and was instrumental in securing passage of the Army-Navy Nurse Act, which was advocated by Representative Frances Payne Bolton. In 1951, Blanchfield received the Florence Nightingale Award from the International Red Cross. In 1978, a U.S. Army hospital in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, was named in her honor.



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.



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