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## Special Points of Interest

### The World's Most Resource-Rich Countries\*

1. Russia—Main reserves – Natural gas and timber.  
Total resource value \$75.7 Trillion
2. United States—Coal. \$45.0T
3. Saudi Arabia—Oil. \$34.4T
4. Canada—Oil Sand Deposits \$33.2T
5. Iran—Oil, Natural Gas \$27.3T
6. China—Coal, Rare Earths \$23.0T
7. Brazil—Timber, Gold, Uranium \$21.8T
8. Australia—Coal, Timber, Copper, Iron Ore \$19.9T
9. Iraq—Oil \$15.9T
10. Venezuela—Oil \$14.3T

\*From a **24/7 Wall St.** analysis in 2013.

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## Don't Misuse Eminent Domain

By Director of Legislation Knight Allen

What follows is a letter I sent to Mayor Carolyn Goodman and the Las Vegas City Council in response to the decision of the North Las Vegas City Council to use eminent domain for the profit of San Francisco based Mortgage Resolution Partners (MRP). Subject: Eminent Domain - Nevada Constitution ART.1 Sec.22

I sincerely hope the elected officials of my own community have a deeper level of intellectual capacity, wisdom and respect for the Constitution than that just exhibited by your counterparts in North Las Vegas.

You may remember I broached this subject to you back in September. You were kind to me, allowing me to make my full presentation, even interacting with me a bit which was much appreciated. When all was said and done it was clear you felt that with ART.1 Sec.22 in the Constitution there was no need to reaffirm the policy of the Council to never use eminent domain in a private party to private party action. That was your decision and while I was disappointed I had no serious problems with it. However, now along comes MRP with a classic "wink, wink, nod, nod." dismissive wave of the hand at the Constitution and the NLV Council falls all over itself to go along. Just shameful.

The action of the NLV Council proves, once again, the Constitution is nothing more than pieces of paper if the elected officials don't care about it, cherish it and passionately defend it in both letter and spirit. Without that commitment from you the priceless contract between the People and their Government becomes absolutely worthless.

With that in mind, I ask that you proclaim publicly and on the record that it is the position of the Mayor and Council of the City of Las Vegas that under ART.1 Sec.22 of the Nevada Constitution you will not use the power of eminent domain in any way that will facilitate the transfer of property from one private party for

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the profit of another private party.

Please.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted, (Signature of Knight)

Now, on a much less serious note: Vern is the keeper of the odd facts and interesting bits of American History and he does a great job of informing us every month. This month I came across one you might like.

The year was 1864. The place: Jersey City, New Jersey.

A young man falls off a platform into the path of an oncoming train.

A man jumps onto the track and pulls the young man to safety.

A nice courageous act you say but what's it got to do with history?

The young man was Robert Todd Lincoln.

The man who rescued the President's son?

Edwin Booth.

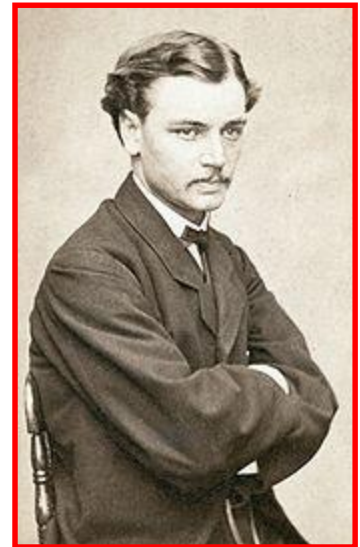
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## Robert Todd Lincoln Continued

Robert Lincoln recalled the incident Knight refers to above in a 1909 letter to Richard Watson Gilder, editor of *The Century Magazine*:

“The incident occurred while a group of passengers were late at night purchasing their sleeping car places from the conductor who stood on the station platform at the entrance of the car. The platform was about the height of the car floor, and there was of course a narrow space between the platform and the car body. There was some crowding, and I happened to be pressed by it against the car body while waiting my turn. In this situation the train began to move, and by the motion I was twisted off my feet, and had dropped somewhat, with feet downward, into the open space, and was personally helpless, when my coat collar was vigorously seized and I was quickly pulled up and out to a secure footing on the platform. Upon turning to thank my rescuer I saw it was Edwin Booth, whose face was of course well known to me, and I expressed my gratitude to him, and in doing so, called him by name.”

Months later, while serving as an officer on the staff of General Ulysses S. Grant (at Mrs. Lincoln's request), Robert Lincoln recalled the incident to his fellow officer, Colonel Adam Badeau, who happened to be a friend of Edwin Booth. Badeau sent a letter to Booth, complimenting the actor for his heroism. Before receiving the letter, Booth had been unaware that the man whose life he had saved on the train platform had been the President's son. The incident was said to have been of some comfort to Edwin Booth following his brother's assassination of the President. (There is more interesting stuff to write about this guy maybe next month?) Vern



Robert Todd Lincoln , 1865

## *“Please Don’t Quote Me”*

### FIRST LADIES

I had always had the satisfaction of knowing almost as much as he about the politics and intricacies of any situation. I think any woman can discuss with her husband topics of national interest. I became familiar with more than politics. It involved real statesmanship. – Helen Taft

The Tafts celebrated their silver wedding anniversary in 1911 with an evening garden party at the White House.

Nellie Taft was the 1st First Lady to ride with the President during the Inauguration parade. Nellie Taft was the 1st First Lady to write a commercially published book: “Recollections of Full Years.”

Mrs. Taft suffered a stroke two months after the inauguration but recovered and resumed her hostess duties in one year.

Mrs. Taft led a fundraising effort to create a memorial for the victims of the Titanic.

Nellie Taft was the 1st First Lady to own and drive a car.

***Ellen Wilson died during her husband’s presidency. Their daughter, Margaret Woodrow Wilson, served as hostess until her father married Edith.***

Woodrow once wrote to Ellen: “It would be hard to say in what part of my life and character you have not been a supreme and beneficent influence. You are all-powerful in my development.”

I studied every paper, sent from different Secretaries or Senators, and tried to digest and present in tabloid form the things that, despite my vigilance, had to go to the President. I, myself, never made a single decision regarding the disposition of public affairs. The only decision that was mine was what was important and what was not, and the very important decision of when to present matters to my husband. –Edith Wilson

Edith Wilson was the 1st First Lady to receive permanent Secret Service protection. After President Wilson suffered a stroke in 1919, Mrs. Wilson paid careful attention to select matters for his consideration.

I am content to bask in my husband’s limelight, but I cannot see why anyone should want to be president in the next four years. I can see but one word written over the head of my husband if he is elected and that word is ‘Tragedy.’ – Florence Harding

Florence Harding was the 1st First Lady to vote. – I wonder if she voted against him?



## The Siege of Vicksburg & Douglas the Camel

The Siege of Vicksburg (May 18 – July 4, 1863) was the final major military action in the Vicksburg Campaign of the American Civil War. In a series of maneuvers, Union Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant and his Army of the Tennessee crossed the Mississippi River and drove the Confederate army of Lt. Gen. John Pemberton into the defensive lines surrounding the fortress city of Vicksburg, Mississippi. When two major assaults (May 19 and May 22, 1863) against the Confederate fortifications were repulsed with heavy casualties, Grant decided to besiege the city beginning on May 25. With no reinforcement, supplies nearly gone, and after holding out for more than forty days, the garrison finally surrendered on July 4. This action (combined with the capitulation of Port Hudson on July 9) yielded command of the Mississippi River to the Union forces, who would hold it for the rest of the conflict.

**The Confederate surrender following the siege at Vicksburg is sometimes considered, when combined with Gen. Robert E. Lee's defeat at Gettysburg the previous day, the turning point of the war.**

The 43d Mississippi Infantry's long-time mascot, Douglas the Camel, was killed by a Union sharpshooter while grazing at Vicksburg. Douglas is honored with his own grave marker in Vicksburg's Cedar Hill Cemetery. Two accounts related to Douglas the camel were taken from the Confederate Veterans Magazine excerpts listed below.

The idea of U.S. military camels was the brainchild of Jefferson Davis. In 1855, when he was Secretary of War for President Franklin Pierce, he arranged for the formation of a Camel Corps near San Antonio, Texas

Davis surmised camels would be better equipped to carry supplies in the western deserts than horses or mules. He also thought camels would be of more use on southern farms than oxen or mules. His assertion may have been correct, but secession and the Civil War ended the experiment.

### FIRST REFERENCE, FROM CONFEDERATE VETERAN MAGAZINE, VOL. 1, P.267:

"Company B, of the Forty-third Mississippi Infantry, had a veritable camel, belonging to Lieut. W. H. H----- [Lt. William H. Hargrove], and the use he was put to was to carry the baggage of the officers' mess. The horses of the command were afraid of the camel, and the driver was instructed to stop just outside the camp when it halted. But in a forced march toward Iuka, Miss., the command had halted just after dark, and the camel and driver got in the line of march before he knew it. The result was that a horse made a break with a fence rail attached to his halter, and running through the camp, he stampeded men and animals in every direction. Many men took [to] trees or any other protection, and the panic spread through much of the brigade, and many men and animals were badly hurt, and one or two horses, I think, were killed. The camel was in the siege of Vicksburg, and was killed there by a minie-ball from the enemy. But none of the Forty-third have forgotten the stampede near Iuka, Miss., just before the Battle of Corinth."

### SECOND REFERENCE, FROM CONFEDERATE VETERAN MAGAZINE, VOL. 11, NO. 11:

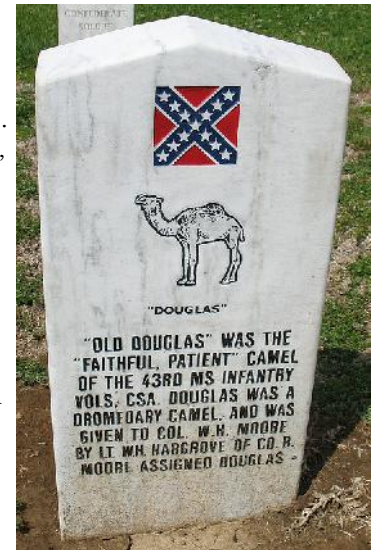
#### "OLD DOUGLAS" –THE CAMEL BURDEN BEARER.

J. W. Cook, of Helena, Ark., who belonged to Company A, Forty-Third Mississippi Regiment, writes of an interesting attaché of the regiment who could not speak for himself even had he survived the carnage of war: 'Old Douglas' was an African camel and belonged to the Forty-Third Mississippi Regiment. He was given to Col. William M. [actually 'H.' for Hudson] Moore, of the regiment, by Lieut. [William H.] Hargrove. of Company B. Col. Moore assigned Douglas to the regimental band, for whom he carried instruments and knapsacks. The camel's first active service was with Gen. Price in the Iuka campaign. He was sent to the wagon train, and stampeded all the teams. There was only one horse in Little's Division which would face Douglas at first, and that was Pompey, the little bay stallion belonging to Col. Moore, but it was not long till he was on intimate terms with all. His keeper would chain him to keep him from wandering off, but Douglas would sit back and snap any kind of chain, then proceed to graze at leisure, though never leaving the regiment or interfering with anything that did not interrupt him. When the regiment was ready to start, Douglas would be led up to the pile of things he was to carry, and his leader would say, 'Pushay', Douglas,' and he would gracefully drop to his knees and haunches and remain so till his load was adjusted and he was told to get up. His long, swinging gait was soon familiar with the entire command, and ours was called the 'Camel Regiment.' Douglas was in the engagements of [Gen. Sterling] Price and [Gen. Earl] Van Dorn in Mississippi, and went with us to [Gen. John C.] Pemberton at Vicksburg, where he was killed by a skirmisher during the siege. His gallant owner had fallen in the second day's fight at Corinth. Douglas was a faithful, patient animal, and his service merits record in the Veteran."

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Burial:

Cedar Hill Cemetery, Vicksburg, Warren County, Mississippi, USA



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**The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department  
Southeast Area Command  
Invites you and your family to  
Whitney Recreation Center Park (5712 Missouri)  
On August 6, 2013  
From 5-7p.m.**

**National Night Out is the annual crime awareness event celebrated in communities and neighborhoods all across the United States. The event captures the interest and participation of communities each year; reinforcing the message that neighbors working together to prevent crime is the best deterrent.**

**Come join your neighbors, Metro officers, the Fire Department, K-9, S.W.A.T. and others for a barbecue in the park and show your support for a crime free community.**



Note: If you do not live in the area serviced by the LVMPD Southeast Command, a similar event will be held by your Area Command at the same time on the same date. Contact them.



# At the June Meeting



Hiedi Campbell from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Abuse/Neglect Detail was the June speaker. She explained the function of the detail and how they can be used to help seniors suffering from abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Excellent presentation Hiedi and thanks for doing the work you do.



*Thanks to all NSC members for your help and - especially Ed and Mary Duffy and Ted.*

# Members

## Renewing Members:

- \*Juanita Clark\*
- \*Ted Mendalski\*
- \*Taska Miller\*
- \*Dr. Herbert Randall\*
- \*William Rose\*
- \*Tina Q. Rowe\*
- \*Kay Schnell\*
- \*Rosalind Van Heel\*

**Thank you for your continued support!**



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.

Membership dues are \$10.00 per person.



# Do Not Call Registry

## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE NATIONAL DO NOT CALL REGISTRY.

The National Do Not Call Registry gives you a choice about whether to receive telemarketing calls at home. Most telemarketers should not call your number once it has been on the registry for 31 days. If they do, you can file a complaint at this Website. You can register your home or mobile phone for free.



Scammers have been making phone calls claiming to represent the National Do Not Call Registry. The calls claim to provide an opportunity to sign up for the Registry. These calls are not coming from the Registry or the Federal Trade Commission, and you should not respond to these calls. To add your number to the **Registry you can call 888-382-1222 from the phone you wish to register, or go to:**

**<https://www.donotcall.gov/default.aspx>** and follow the registration steps below. .

1. Enter up to three phone numbers and your email address. Click Submit.
2. Check for errors. Click Register.

Check your email for a message from Register@donotcall.gov. Open the email and click on the link to complete your registration.

If you share any of these telephone numbers with others, please remember that you are

registering for everyone who uses these lines.

This is how it looks.

Phone Number:


Email Address:

Confirm Email Address:

Your email address **MUST** be correct to process your registration. If you do not receive the verification email within a few minutes, please check your spam filter or junk email folder. Please enter only numbers in Phone Number field.

The Do-Not-Call registry does not prevent all unwanted calls. It does not cover the following:

- \* calls from organizations with which you have established a business relationship;
- \* calls for which you have given prior written permission;
- \* calls which are not commercial or do not include unsolicited advertisements;
- \* calls by or on behalf of tax-exempt non-profit organizations.

More info is also available at:

<http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/do-not-call-list>

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be **Thursday, August 8 starting at 10 a.m. at >>>>>>>>>**



## Whitney Recreation Center

5712 E. Missouri Ave.

*The August 8 Speaker will be:*

*U.S. Postal Inspector - Team Leader*

***Doug Hilburn***

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## ***U.S Marines Permanently Established***

The Continental Congress passed a resolution, during the American Revolution, stating that "two Battalions of Marines be raised" for service as landing forces for the Continental Navy. The resolution, which was drafted by future U.S. president John Adams and adopted in Philadelphia, created the Continental Marines and is now considered as the birth date of the United States Marine Corps. Serving both on land and at sea, the original U.S. Marines distinguished themselves in a number of important operations during the Revolutionary War. The first Marine landing on a hostile shore occurred when a force of Marines under Captain Samuel Nicholas captured New Providence Island in the Bahamas from the British in March 1776. Nicholas was the first commissioned officer in the Continental Marines and is celebrated as the first Marine commandant. After American independence was achieved in 1783, the Continental Navy was demobilized and its Marines disbanded.

In the next decade, however, increasing conflict at sea with Revolutionary France led the U.S. Congress to establish formally the U.S. Navy in May 1798. Two months later, on **July 11**, President John Adams signed the bill establishing the U.S. Marine Corps as a permanent military force under the jurisdiction of the Department of Navy. U.S. Marines saw action in the so-called Quasi-War with France and then fought against the Barbary pirates of North Africa during the first years of the 19th century. Since then, Marines have participated in all the wars of the United States and in most

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**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.

cases were the first soldiers to fight. In all, Marines have executed more than 300 landings on foreign shores. Today, there are more than 200,000 active-duty and reserve Marines, divided into three divisions stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; Camp Pendleton, California; and Okinawa, Japan. Each division has one or more expeditionary units, ready to launch major operations anywhere in the world on two weeks' notice. Marines expeditionary units are self-sufficient, with their own tanks, artillery, and air forces. The motto of the service is Semper Fidelis, meaning "Always Faithful" in Latin.

