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## Special Points of Interest

- ◇ 2013 is the first year since 1987 where all four digits are different from one another.
- ◇ A 2009 search for the Loch Ness Monster came up empty. Scientists did find over 100,000 golf balls, however.
- ◇  $12+1 = 11+2$ , and "twelve plus one" is an anagram of "eleven plus two."
- ◇ Marie Curie's notebooks are still radioactive. Researchers hoping to view them must sign a disclaimer.
- ◇ There's a basketball court above the Supreme Court. It's known as the Highest Court in the Land.

From [www.mental\\_floss.com](http://www.mental_floss.com)

## Follow the Leader— If You Can Find One

By Director of Legislation Knight Allen

I've been thinking ahead a little bit, past the holidays to 2014. It's an election year and I've been trying to get a handle on what makes a successful political leader (not "good" or "bad" since we all define that in our own way).

Do you think maybe attitude, positive vs. negative pays an important part? For example there was Nixon with his enemies list and "I am not a crook." Then Mr. Carter, one of the most decent men to occupy the White House, mired in his "malaise" mind set. Or Mr. Obama and his absolute and very public rejection of "American Exceptionalism" (see following article) while going around apologizing for America's actions on the world stage.

On the other hand:

Jefferson "...we hold these truths to self evident..."

Lincoln "...that government of the people, by the people, for the people..."

FDR "...the only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

JFK "...ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

Dr. King "I have a dream..." "Let freedom ring..."

Mandela "I have fought against white domination and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society..."

Reagan "Our national purpose is to unleash the full talent and genius of the individual, not to create mass movements with the citizenry subjecting themselves to the whims of the state."

"Mr. Gorbachov, tear down this Wall!"

Of course, these men were extraordinary exceptions to the rule and they were also flawed human beings. Yet, their inherent optimism about the ability of free people to move the human experience forward is consistent in their words as well as their

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**deeds as leaders. One of the things that is not that well understood about leadership is that it is not just about the leaders. It's really about the leaders, the people and the political, social and economic era in which they all come together.**

**FDR might still stir the people with his "fear itself" speech but JFK? If he ran for office today and based his campaign on "Ask not what your country can do for you...." he wouldn't get 5% of the vote in a Democratic Primary.**

**There is a huge difference between asking what you can do for your country vs. being told what you must do to serve your country or state and their governments. It's the difference between freedom and autocracy. Between liberty and authoritarian repression.**

**Lots of people are going to run for office in 2014. How many do you think will approach leadership the way the giants did?**

**I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a wonderful 2014.**

**See you in January!**

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## **American Exceptionalism**

For those of you who do not know:

**American Exceptionalism** is the theory that the United States is "qualitatively different" from other states. In this view, U.S. Exceptionalism stems from its emergence from a revolution, becoming what political scientist Seymour Martin Lipset called "the first new nation" and developing a uniquely American ideology, "Americanism", based on liberty, egalitarianism, individualism, republicanism, populism and laissez-faire. This ideology itself is often referred to as "American Exceptionalism."

Although the term does not necessarily imply superiority, many neoconservative and American conservative writers have promoted its use in that sense. To them, the United States is like the biblical shining "City upon a Hill", and exempt from historical forces that have affected other countries.

The theory of Exceptionalism can be traced to Alexis de Tocqueville, the first writer to describe the United States as "exceptional" in 1831 and 1840. The term "American Exceptionalism" has been in use since at least the 1920s and saw more common use after Soviet leader Joseph Stalin chastised members of the Jay Lovestone-led faction of the American Communist Party for their heretical belief that America was independent of the Marxist laws of history "thanks to its natural resources, industrial capacity, and absence of rigid class distinctions". American Communists started using the English term "American Exceptionalism" in factional fights. It then moved into general use among intellectuals. In 1989 Scottish political scientist Richard Rose noted that most American historians endorse Exceptionalism. He suggests that these historians reason as follows:

"America marches to a different drummer. Its uniqueness is explained by any or all of a variety of reasons: history, size, geography, political institutions, and culture. Explanations of the growth of government in Europe are not expected to fit American experience, and vice versa."

However, post nationalist scholars have rejected American Exceptionalism, arguing that the United States had not broken from European history, and accordingly, the United States has retained class inequities, race-based inequalities, imperialism and war. Furthermore, they see most nations as subscribing to some form of Exceptionalism. Excerpted from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia – Vern

## *“Please Don’t Quote Me”*

## FIRST LADIES



For a first lady, there are moments of maximum political controversy, and they often strike without warning. – Laura Bush

Laura Bush was the 1st presidential spouse to deliver the White House weekly address. In May of 2010, Mrs. Bush wrote a memoir titled “Spoken from the Heart.”

My mother’s love has always been a sustaining force for our family, and one of my greatest joys is seeing her integrity, her compassion, her intelligence reflected in my daughters. – Michelle Obama

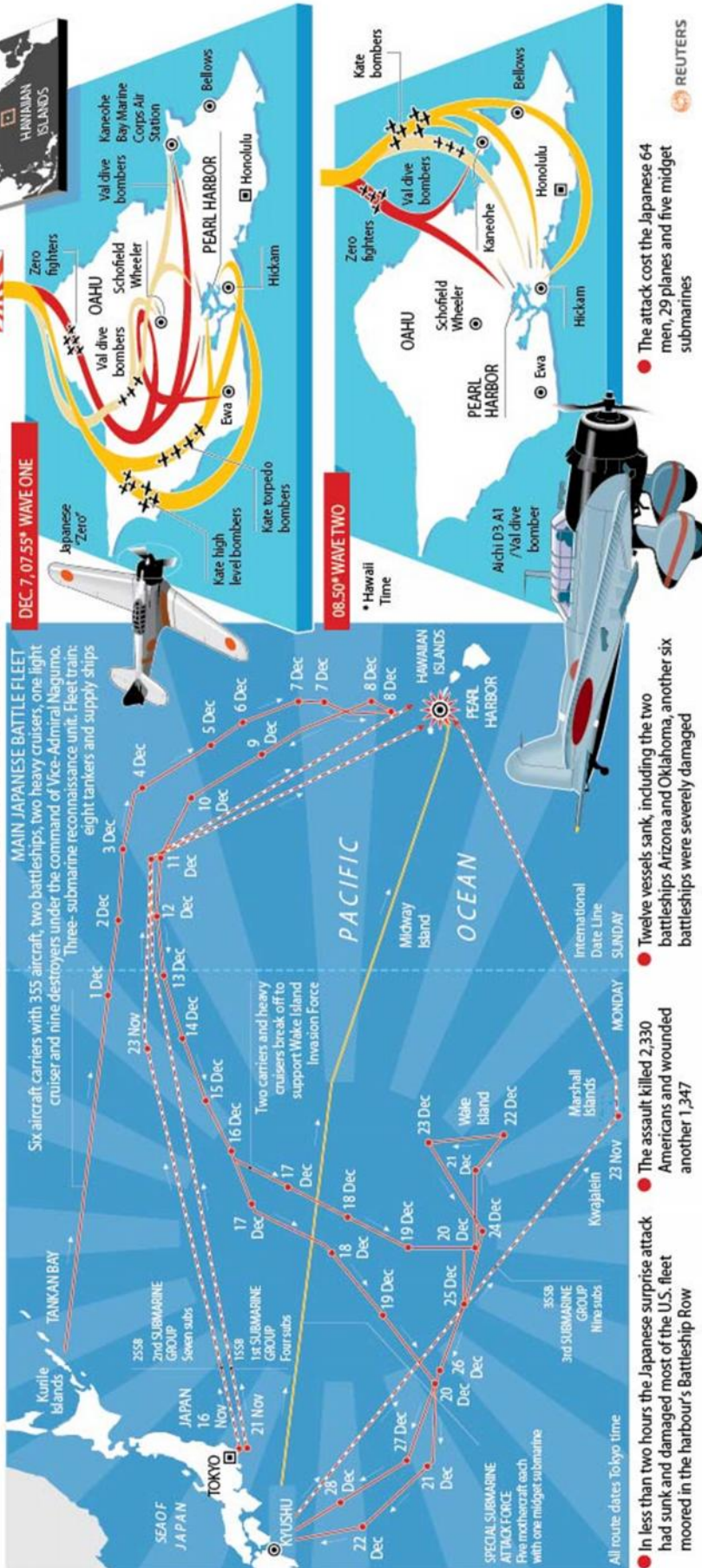
Michelle Obama is the 1st African American First Lady.

Mrs. Obama planted the White House Kitchen Garden, the first vegetable garden on the White House grounds since Eleanor Roosevelt’s Victory Garden planted during WWII. (Hillary Clinton had a garden planted on the roof of the White House after President Clinton could not get permission to plant one on the grounds.)

Michelle Obama is the 1st First Lady to tweet.

# PEARL HARBOR ANNIVERSARY

Shortly after dawn on December 7, 1941, a Japanese sea-launched force of more than 600 bombers attacked the U.S. naval base of Pearl Harbor



- In less than two hours the Japanese surprise attack had sunk and damaged most of the U.S. fleet moored in the harbour's Battleship Row
- Twelve vessels sank, including the two battleships Arizona and Oklahoma, another six battleships were severely damaged
- The assault killed 2,330 Americans and wounded another 1,347
- The attack cost the Japanese 64 men, 29 planes and five midget submarines



REUTERS

# Election 2014 Federal and State

Another election year is upon us so get ready to **VOTE SMART**. Here is what is happening so far in the Federal and State contests. This will be up-dated next year. Clark County and City election data will also be shown next year.

## Federal Representatives

**United States Senate:** U.S. Senator Harry Reid is a Class III Senator and will be eligible for re-election in **2016**. The Washington Post has reported Senator Reid will retire at the expiration of his current term.[1] U.S. Senator Dean Heller is a Class I Senator and will be eligible for re-election in **2018**.

United States House of Representatives : **All** of Nevada's four seats are up for election in **2014**.

## State Executive Branch

**Governor:** Incumbent Brian Sandoval will seek re-election. Chris Hyepock is the only Democratic candidate seeking election. David Lory VanDerBeek is the only other announced candidate seeking election.

**Lieutenant Governor:** The current Lieutenant Governor Brian Krolicki is prevented from running for re-election due to constitutional term limits. Krolicki has not announced any plans after his term ends in early January 2015.

**Democratic primary:** Tom Collins, current Clark County Commissioner & former Assemblyman, is a potential candidate, Lucy Flores, current Assemblywoman from Las Vegas, is a potential candidate, Susie Lee, Communities in Schools Nevada Board President, is a potential candidate.

**Republican primary:** Mark Hutchison, current State Senator, is a declared candidate. He is endorsed by Governor Sandoval, Sue Lowden, former Nevada Republican State Party Chair, State Senator and Republican primary candidate for U.S. Senate in 2010 is a declared candidate.

**Secretary of State:** Democratic incumbent Ross Miller was first elected in 2006 and is prevented from running for re-election due to constitutional term limits of eight years in the Executive Branch.

**Democratic Primary:** Kate Marshall, current Nevada State Treasurer, is a declared candidate, Kelvin Atkinson, current Nevada State Senator from North Las Vegas, is a potential candidate.

**Republican primary:** Barbara Cegavske, former State Assemblywoman 1996 - 2002, term limited State Senator 2002 - 2014, is a declared candidate, Brian Krolicki, former Nevada State Treasurer, current Nevada Lieutenant Governor, is a potential candidate.

**Attorney General:** Democratic incumbent Catherine Cortez Masto was first elected in 2006 and is prevented from running for re-election due to constitutional term limits of eight years in the Executive Branch.

**Democratic Primary:** Ross Miller, current Nevada Secretary of State, is a declared candidate.

**Republican primary:** Adam Laxalt, Las Vegas lawyer, grandson of former Nevada Governor Paul Laxalt & son of former U.S. Senator Pete Domenici's marriage infidelity, is a potential candidate.

**Treasurer:** Democratic incumbent Kate Marshall was first elected in 2006 and is prevented from running for re-election due to constitutional term limits of eight years in the Executive Branch. She has announced that she will be running to replace Secretary of State Ross Miller.

**Democratic Primary:** Kim Wallin, current Nevada State Controller, is a declared candidate.

**Republican primary:** Dan Schwartz, past candidate in the Republican primary for Nevada's Fourth Congressional District, is a declared candidate.

**Controller:** Democratic incumbent Kim Wallin was first elected in 2006 and is prevented from running for re-election due to constitutional term limits of eight years in the Executive Branch.

**Democratic Primary:** Andrew Martin, current Nevada State Assemblyman, is a potential candidate.

Ricki Barlow, current Las Vegas City Councilman, is a potential candidate.

**Republican primary:** Mari Nakashima St. Martin, past candidate for Senate District 9 is a potential candidate.

Cort Arlint, Esq., CPA, MBA, is a declared candidate. He is a licensed attorney and CPA in Nevada owning both a law and CPA firm in Henderson. He is also a part-time university accounting professor.

## State Legislative Branch

**Nevada Senate:** Eleven out of twenty-one seats in the Nevada Senate are up for election in 2014. Six of the seats are currently held by Republicans and five are held by Democrats. Democrats currently hold a one seat majority.

**Nevada Assembly:** All 42 seats in the Nevada Assembly are up for election in 2014. Democrats currently hold 27 seats and Republicans hold 15 seats.

**State Judicial Branch: Supreme Court Seat B:** Incumbent Justice Kristina Pickering has not announced her intention to run for re-election. **Supreme Court Seat D:** Incumbent Justice Mark Gibbons has not announced his intention to run for re-election. # Vern

# At the November Meeting



Our November speaker was Kim Schaefer telling us all about the Downtown project. This is a revitalization project in the downtown Fremont Street area. A key portion of this project is the Container Park, a shopping mall made up of reclaimed shipping containers. The park contains eight clothing stores, 10 food and beverage outlets and restaurants, five art galleries, five home décor businesses and six specialty shops. This complex officially opened on December 5th. There is much more to be done in the area. happening in the area

For more information on this project go to: **downtownproject.com** & read the LVRJ and The Sun

# Members



Renewing Members:

**\* Bernice Borge \***

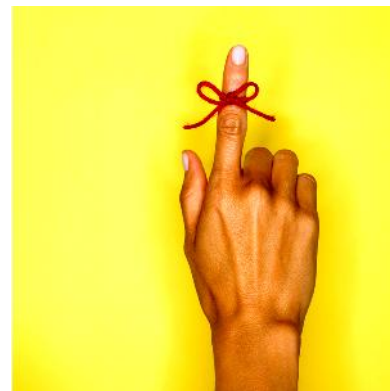
**Thank you for your continued support**



*Thanks to all NSC members for your help. Especially Ted and the Cvetkovics*

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.





If you are a Clark County Resident, 60 years and older, and in need of legal assistance, you can contact the Southern Nevada Senior Law Program Monday – Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm.

We see clients by appointment only. Call to schedule an appointment to see us.

**Telephone: (702) 229-6596**  
**Fax: (702) 384-0314**  
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#### WHERE TO FIND US

SNSLP has temporarily moved to the following location (SE corner of 6th & Bridger):

**601 East Bridger Avenue**  
**Las Vegas, Nevada 89101**

We will be moving to our permanent in early 2014. Please check our website for updates. Our permanent office will be located at the following address:

530 South Las Vegas Blvd., Suite 310  
 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

## FROM THE EDITOR



**In this diversified society we belong to, what ever holiday you celebrate at this time of the year we hope you have a happy and joyous one.**

**The NSC officers.**

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 9th starting at 10 a.m. at the



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**December 12, 1787**

## ***Pennsylvania Ratifies the Constitution***

On **December 12, 1787**, the Constitution of 1787 was ratified by delegates to the Pennsylvania ratifying convention meeting at the Pennsylvania State House in Philadelphia (now known as Independence Hall). **Delaware** had become **the first state** to adopt the work of the Constitutional Convention five days earlier, . Pennsylvania's early approval of the proposed document helped create momentum for ratification in the rest of the thirteen states. However opponents of the Constitution attending this convention bitterly opposed the legislature's hasty action. "The Address and Reasons of Dissent of the Minority of the Convention...", signed by twenty-one of the twenty-three members of the state legislature who voted against ratification (forty-six voted for), outlines the grievances of the anti-Federalists.

The minority charged the people of the state were prevented from debating the issue by the assembly's hasty action in calling a ratifying convention :

"The election for members of the [ratifying] convention was held at so early a period and the want of information was so great, that some of us did not know of it until after it was over, and we have reason to be-

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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.

lieve that great numbers of the people of Pennsylvania have not yet had an opportunity of sufficiently examining the proposed constitution." Passions over the vote ran so high that proponents of ratification arranged for a mob to seize and drag opponents to the State House, where they were "detained by force" to ensure a "quorum of the legislature." as the anti-Federalists bitterly recounted, Ultimately, supporters of ratification secured victory on July 2, 1788, when New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify the Constitution.

Order of ratification of the first thirteen states 1787-1790: Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island. Nevada was admitted as state thirty-six in 1864.