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## Special Points of Interest

## Succor for Soccer, We Ain't Got No Class, Vote Smart.

### America's Ten Most Respected Brands

1. Coca Cola
  2. PepsiCo
  3. Hershey
  4. Bayer
  5. Johnson and Johnson
  6. Harley-Davidson
  7. IBM
  8. Apple
  9. Kellogg
  10. General Electric
- 10,000 executives at companies with revenues greater than \$50 million were asked to rate 500 brands on familiarity and favorability. The 100 most familiar brands were then ranked based on favorability (perception of management, investment potential and overall reputation).

By Vice President Knight Allen

Hey fellow Las Vegans! Got a little spare change laying around? Like maybe \$150 million? You see, it seems we have a few poor, oppressed, downtrodden capitalists who are a little short of funds to bring us a wonderful soccer/entertainment stadium in downtown Vegas. So, to make the project viable they need just this little bit of help from us. And, why shouldn't we be more than happy to chip in? After all, the whole idea exists for our benefit. To make downtown LV more vibrant. With more economic activity. Jobs! Tax revenue! Why, it's all for the greater good and the general welfare. Right? No. Wrong. Very, very wrong. This is a blatant example of crony capitalism and corporate welfare. The economic/political perversion of capitalism in which the people put up most of the money, the people take almost all the risk and the juiced/connected capitalists get the profits.

Both the Cordish Companies and Findlay Sports and Entertainment\* are private corporations so I can't give you insight into their balance sheets, cash flow numbers or profitability but Cordish has been around since 1910 and has got more real estate and gaming investments going than you can shake a stick at. The Findlay family isn't exactly standing on street corners looking for handouts either. They do that at City Hall.

On 9/3 the City Council voted 4 to 3 to continue this nonsense with Councilmen Beers, Coffin and Anthony voting to shut it down. It will be interesting to see what happens in October.

Labor Day has come and gone. Thought I'd report on an article in the Wall Street Journal in November last year titled: "The Eroding American Middle Class." Some interesting statistics: In 1971 61% of adults lived in middle class households. By 2011 the share had dropped to 51%. Families living in middle class neighborhoods

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dropped from 65% to 42% between 1970 and 2009. These trends have become segregation by income as the number of families living in affluent as well as poor neighborhoods have both doubled. The trifurcation of our society into rich and poor with a weakened middle class was recognized over 2000 years ago by Aristotle who observed that societies dominated by a middle class tend to be the most stable and decent. The wealthy tend to be arrogant and heedless, the poor resentful and destructive. By contrast the members of the middle class have more moderate desires, are more open to reasonable persuasion and are more likely to be linked to one another by ties of civic affection. Current polarization is more than a coincidence. We can't come together if society is coming apart and America cannot advance if its middle class is in retreat. (Many thanks to William A. Galston Wall Street Journal 11/13/13)

A quick note on the 2/3 majority requirement for tax increases, Term Limits and Question 3.

There will be an attack of the 2/3 majority vote and term limits in the 2015 legislature.

BDR 136 proposes to repeal the 2/3 majority vote for tax increases.

BDR 137 proposes to repeal Term Limits.

As for Question 3 on the ballot - please vote NO - PLEASE.

You'd better know where your legislative candidates stand on these issues before, **BEFORE** they get to Carson City.

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\* (Taken from their respective websites – [www.cordish.com](http://www.cordish.com) and [www.findlaysportslv.com](http://www.findlaysportslv.com) . – Vern)

”**The Cordish Companies** is one of the largest and most respected developers in the world with extensive expertise in almost every discipline of real estate: Entertainment and Mixed-Use Developments, Sports Anchored Developments, Shopping Centers, Corporate Office, and Residential/ Student Housing.” (Located in Baltimore, Maryland – Vern)

“**Findlay Sports and Entertainment** was founded on the vision of bringing a Major League Soccer Team and Stadium to our great City of Las Vegas by 2017. Introducing a major league team and State-of-the-Art Stadium to Downtown Las Vegas will bring a greater sense of community by complimenting the city’s vision of being World Class in Health Services, the Arts, and Sports.”

## Medicare Reminder

The time of year when you can change your Medicare Coverage is fast approaching. You can join a new Medicare Advantage Plan, join a new stand-alone Part D plan (PDP), or return to original Medicare, with or without a stand-alone Part D plan, from a Medicare Advantage plan during this time. In most cases, **Fall Open Enrollment**, which lasts from **October 15th through December 7th**, is the only time you can pick a new Medicare Advantage or a Medicare Part D plan.

Plan costs change each year so pay attention to any notices sent from your current plan that lists changes it is making in the coming year. Even if you are satisfied with your current Medicare coverage look at other Medicare options in your area. There may be a plan that is better suited to your individual needs in the coming year.

If you need help in understanding this or any part of Medicare call SHIP at **702.486.3478**.

## "Please Don't Quote Me"

The original poem entitled the Defence of Fort M'Henry written by Francis Scott Key on September 14, 1814 after the conclusion of the

Battle of Baltimore. It was renamed "The Star Spangled Banner" and was recognized for official use by the U.S. Navy in 1889, President Wilson in 1916 and was finally made the national anthem by a congressional resolution signed by President Hoover on March 3, 1931. Before that the United States Of America had no official national anthem. See next page.

O say can you see ~~through~~ by the dawn's early light,  
 what so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,  
 whose broad stripes & bright stars through the perilous fight  
 O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?  
 And the rocket's red glare, the bomb bursting in air,  
 gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,  
 O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
 O'er the land of the free & the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep,  
 where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,  
 what is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,  
 As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?  
 Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,  
 In full glory reflected now shines in the stream,  
 'Tis the star-spangled banner — O long may it wave  
 O'er the land of the free & the home of the brave!

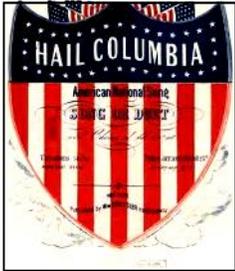
And where is that band who so vauntingly swore,  
 That the havoc of war & the battle's confusion  
 A home & a Country should leave us no more?  
 — ~~Their blood~~  
 Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution.  
 No refuge could save the hireling & slave  
 From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave,  
 And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave  
 O'er the land of the free & the home of the brave.

O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand  
 Between their lov'd home & the war's desolation!  
 Blest with vict'ry & peace may the heav'n rescued land  
 Praise the power that hath made & preserv'd us a nation!  
 Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,  
 And this be our motto — "In God is our trust,"  
 And the Star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave  
 O'er the land of the free & the home of the brave. —

Prior to 1931 a number of songs were considered unofficial national anthems of the United States. One of these was “**Hail Columbia**” written in 1789 by Philip Phile for the first inauguration of George Washington. It was titled at that time “The President’s March”. Lyrics were written by Joseph Hopkins in 1798. It was used in the United States as the de facto national anthem for most of the 19th century. It lost popularity after World War I and was replaced by “The Star Spangled Banner” in 1931.

It was the anthem for the President until being replaced by “Hail to the Chief”.

It is now the official Vice Presidential anthem and is always preceded by four ruffles and flourishes when used as such. It sometimes is used as a slow march during military ceremonies.



Hail Columbia, happy land!  
Hail, ye heroes, heav'n-born band,  
Who fought and bled in freedom's cause,  
Who fought and bled in freedom's cause,  
And when the storm of war was gone  
Enjoy'd the peace your valor won.  
Let independence be our boast,  
Ever mindful what it cost;  
Ever grateful for the prize,  
Let its altar reach the skies.

**Chorus:**

Firm, united let us be,  
Rallying round our liberty,  
As a band of brothers joined,  
Peace and safety we shall find.

Immortal patriots, rise once more,  
Defend your rights, defend your shore!  
Let no rude foe, with impious hand,  
Let no rude foe, with impious hand,  
Invade the shrine where sacred lies  
Of toil and blood, the well-earned prize,  
While off'ring peace, sincere and just,  
In Heaven's we place a manly trust,  
That truth and justice will prevail,  
And every scheme of bondage fail.

**Chorus:**

Firm, united let us be,  
Rallying round our liberty,  
As a band of brothers joined,  
Peace and safety we shall find

Behold the chief who now commands,  
Once more to serve his country stands.  
The rock on which the storm will break,  
The rock on which the storm will break,  
But armed in virtue, firm, and true,  
His hopes are fixed on Heav'n and you.  
When hope was sinking in dismay,  
When glooms obscured Columbia's day,  
His steady mind, from changes free,  
Resolved on death or liberty.

**Chorus:**

Firm, united let us be,  
Rallying round our liberty,  
As a band of brothers joined,  
Peace and safety we shall find

Sound, sound the trump of fame,  
Let Washington's great name  
Ring through the world with loud applause,  
Ring through the world with loud applause,  
Let ev'ry clime to freedom dear,  
Listen with a joyful ear,  
With equal skill, with God-like pow'r  
He governs in the fearful hour  
Of horrid war, or guides with ease  
The happier time of honest peace.

**Chorus:**

Firm, united let us be,  
Rallying round our liberty,  
As a band of brothers joined,  
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One of the enduring features of our Constitution is its flexibility. At the time of its ratification, the population of the United States was around 4 million and today that population exceeds 309 million. Since its adoption the Constitution has only changed 27 times! Actually, since 1791 (with the inclusion of the Bill of Rights) it has only changed 16 times. That is an amazing fact considering the changes in technology, infrastructure, population, etc. in this country in more than 200 years.

The framers of the Constitution realized that no document could cover all of the changes that would take place to ensure its longevity. In order for an amendment to be passed, a number of steps must be taken as outlined in Article V. The article provides for two methods for the proposal and two methods for the ratification of an amendment. An amendment may be proposed by a two-thirds vote of the House of Representatives and the Senate or a national convention called by Congress at the request of 2/3 of the state legislatures. The latter procedure has never been used. The amendment may then be ratified by 3/4 of the state legislatures (38 states) or special conventions called in 3/4 of the states. The 21st amendment was the only one to be adopted in this way. However, it is the power of Congress to decide which method of ratification will be used.

The time limit for the ratification process of seven years was first applied to the Eighteenth Amendment, and the decision concerning a "reasonable" time period for ratification is determined by Congress according to the Supreme Court case *Coleman v. Miller*, 307 U.S. 433 (1939). There have been close to **10,000** amendments proposed in Congress since 1789, and only a fraction of a percentage of those receive enough support to actually go through the constitutional ratification process. The success rate of an amendment to become part of the Constitution is less than 1%.

**The following is a very limited list of some of those proposed amendments that never left the halls of Congress:**

**1876: an attempt to abolish the United States Senate**

**1876: the forbidding of religious leaders from occupying a governmental office or receiving federal funding**

**1878: an Executive Council of Three should replace the office of President**

**1893: renaming this nation the "United States of the Earth"**

**1893: abolishing the United States Army and Navy**

**1894: acknowledging that the Constitution recognizes God and Jesus Christ as the supreme authorities in human affairs.**

**1912: making marriage between races illegal**

**1914: finding divorce to be illegal**

**1916: all acts of war should be put to a national vote. Anyone voting yes had to register as a volunteer for service**

**1. WHAT WAS OUR COUNTRY'S FIRST CONSTITUTION CALLED?**

- A THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION
- B THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE
- C THE 'FEDERALIST PAPER'
- D THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION

**2. LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES ARE MADE BY:**

- A THE PRESIDENT
- B THE SENATE
- C CONGRESS
- D THE SUPREME COURT

**3. THE LONGEST POSSIBLE TIME A PERSON CAN SERVE AS PRESIDENT IS:**

- A 4 YEARS
- B 8 YEARS
- C 10 YEARS
- D 12 YEARS

**4. A MAN ACCUSED OF A CRIME IN COURT HAS THE RIGHT TO:**

- A HEAR THE WITNESSES AGAINST HIM
- B BE TRIED WHEREVER HE WANTS
- C HAVE ANY JUDGE HE WANTS
- D CHANGE COURTS

**5. INVOKING THE FIFTH AMENDMENT MEANS AN ACCUSED MAN:**

- A REFUSES TO TESTIFY AGAINST HIMSELF
- B REFUSES TO BE TRIED AGAIN
- C DEMANDS A GRAND JURY
- D WANTS TO APPEAL HIS CASE

**6. OUR FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT WAS:**

- A ALEXANDER HAMILTON
- B THOMAS JEFFERSON
- C BENJAMIN FRANKLIN
- D JOHN ADAMS

**7. THE BILL OF RIGHTS IS:**

- A THE FIRST TEN AMENDMENTS
- B THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT
- C THE ENTIRE CONSTITUTION
- D ALL OF THE AMENDMENTS

**8. IF NEITHER THE PRESIDENT NOR THE VICE-PRESIDENT CAN SERVE, THE POSITION WOULD BE FILLED BY:**

- A THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
- B THE CHIEF JUSTICE
- C THE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
- D THE SECRETARY OF STATE

**9. THE MAJOR DEPARTMENT HEAD WHO IS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT TO DEAL WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES IS THE:**

- A SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
- B SECRETARY OF STATE
- C ATTORNEY GENERAL
- D SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

**10. THE PRESIDENT IS ELECTED IF HE:**

- A WINS A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORAL VOTES
- B WINS MOST OF THE COUNTRY'S VOTE
- C WINS ALL OF THE STATES' VOTES
- D WINS MOST OF THE STATES' VOTES

(SEE PAGE 7 FOR ANSWERS)

# At the August Meeting



Our speakers this month were Fran Smith, Co-Founder and Executive Director of United Riders and Kevin Vaughn, State of Nevada Taxi Assistance Program (TAP) Manager.

They each explained how their programs provide transportation for the disabled and seniors to use for medical appointments, to shop, attend classes, visit friends, etc.

See page 7 for more information on United Riders. TAP will be covered next month. More information on this program is available at:

<http://www.nvaging.net/taxiassistanceprogram.htm>

*Thanks*

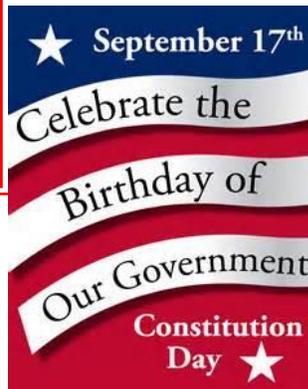
*Thanks to all NSC members for your help. Especially Ted, the Cvetkovics, Carol Burgeson, Rosalind Van Heel and Ray Taylor (who is posting meeting notices).*

# Members

## Renewing Members:

- \*Carol Burgeson\*
- \*Barbara Colvin\*
- \*Victoria Harbison\*
- \*Merle Luhrsen\*
- \*Michelle Shafe\*
- \*Stephen Underwood\*

♥Thanks for your continued Support♥



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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.





United Riders Network is a locally operated nonprofit organization that provides reliable 24-7 transportation services to a network of independent riders throughout Henderson and Las Vegas. Its purpose is to afford people with disabilities and age-related impairments greater mobility to maintain their active, independent lives. Once enrolled, riders benefit from the comfort, convenience, and independence of accessible transportation whenever they schedule it. Our dedicated dispatchers will schedule the ride, ask questions to ensure special needs are met, and ensure return trips have been considered. Scheduling assisted door-to-door and destination-to-destination transportation is easy. All our riders have to do is call and schedule a ride 48 hours before the ride is needed.

Once our professional dispatchers schedule service, friendly drivers will meet the rider at the predetermined destination and transport them anywhere in the Las Vegas Valley. Round-trip rides may also be scheduled in advance, making it easy to schedule doctor visits, go shopping, or visit relatives anywhere in the Valley.

United Riders Network services are:

### **Accommodating**

There are no membership fees. After a one-time enrollment process (\$25.00 Fee), our dispatchers and drivers can update records and special needs at any time.

### **Accessible**

Enrolled riders may schedule rides 24 hours a day. For the best service, schedule in advance as early as possible or by 48 hours before it is needed.

### **Affordable**

All ride rates are fixed, providing the most affordable and easy-to-budget transportation services available. Routes will have no bearing on the cost of the ride.

### **Accountable**

No money ever changes hands. All rides are accounted for and charged to one convenient monthly statement.

### **Network Rates**

0-10 miles	\$ 6.00
10.1-20 miles	\$12.00
20+ miles	\$24.00

Current rates are based on approximately 50 percent of the cost for riders who have already enrolled with United Riders. This includes all mileage, maintenance, and operational support ranging from dispatch to drivers. A cancellation charge of \$10 may also apply if United Riders Network is not notified within one full hour before the ride is scheduled or if the driver is already en route.

### **United Riders Paratransit Rates**

**Thanks to a special partnership with the Regional Transportation Commission, enrolled certified Paratransit riders may schedule rides for \$3 per ride. There is no cost to enroll. They can go where the RTC does not go.**

Although United Riders Network availability is based on ZIP code origination, there are no limitations on where riders may go.

### **For more information contact:**

**United Riders 8985 S. Eastern Avenue, Suite 150,  
Las Vegas, NV 89123**

**Phone: 702.506.0917**

**Website: <http://www.unitedridersnetwork.org>**

### **Answers to quiz on page 5:**

1. A 2. C 3. C 4. A 5. A  
6. D 7. A 8. A 9. B 10. A

**Average score NV 7.33, U.S. 7.3**

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be  
Thursday, October 9th start-  
ing at 10 a.m. at the



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## September 11, 1936 FDR Dedicates Boulder-- Hoover-- Dam

**This was a political mess as you shall see.**

On **September 11, 1936** a key was pressed in Washington, DC by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR) to signal the startup of the first of Boulder Dam's hydroelectric generators. The Colorado river was finally under control after an engineering project which took years to complete and is still regarded with awe. FDR however had not been instrumental in the project but the preceding president, Herbert Hoover, had been as president and during the mid-1920's as Secretary of Commerce.

On September 17, 1930 at a ceremony to commemorate the start of the project, Hoover's Secretary of the Interior Ray Wilber concluded his speech by saying "I have the honor to name this greatest project of all time – the Hoover Dam. There was little applause since the nation was sinking into its greatest economic depression at the time under Hoover. It was predicted that the proposed dam workers town would be named Wilber City instead of Boulder City. A congressional act passed on February 14, 1931 made the name Hoover Dam official.

The dam was completed ahead of schedule and shortly after FDR defeated Hoover in November of 1932 the diversion tunnels around the dam site were opened. New president, new Secretary of the Interior (Harold Ickes) new dam name — Boulder Dam. Ickes said his predecessor's decision to honor his boss had confused the public and besides Hoover had contributed little or nothing to the project (which was blatantly false and renaming it was a political act against the former president and his

The Nevada Seniors Coalition, Inc. (NSC) is a nonprofit, non-partisan 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.

supporters). But don't forget the name was **never** officially changed.

On April 30, 1947 the name "Hoover Dam" was officially restored by a joint resolution of the Republican Congress and signed by a Democratic president Harry S. Truman. In a Letter to the Editor of LVRJ on May 10, 1947, Frank Romano Sr. proposed the name be changed for a third time to "**Hoogivza Dam**". AMEN VERN #

