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## Special Points of Interest

### Military Fatalities World War I

▲ Germany	2,000,000
▲ Russia	1,700,000
▲ France	1,500,000
▲ Austria-Hungary	1,250,000
▲ British Empire	1,000,000
▲ Italy	600,000
▲ OttoMan Empire	500,000
▲ US	100,000

### Flu Epidemic of 1918

Traditional Number	20,000,000*
New estimates	50,000,000 to 100,000,000

\*That many may have died in India alone. NY Times

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## IS THERE A DUESENBERG IN NEVADA'S FUTURE?

By Vice President Knight Allen

I read a report on the Revel bankruptcy in Atlantic City. The numbers are staggering. It cost \$2.4 billion to build, opened in 2012 and is being sold for \$110 million. That's a solid 95% loss in two and a half years. Yikes!

The interesting part of the article came at the back end when it was reported New Jersey Governor Chris Christie provided a \$261 million tax package to the enterprise. Ooops!

Does any of this sound familiar? Gov. Sandoval and a unanimous Legislature gives to Tesla, Inc., a company that has never made a nickel under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles a \$1.3 billion package of goodies for their "gigafactory." Kinda makes Christie & NJ look like pikers doesn't it?

The Tesla deal is, in my opinion, a blatant example of crony capitalism and corporate welfare. A corrupt system in which the people put up most of the money, take most of the risk and the corporation (and its billionaire owner) reaps the profits.

The whole assumption underlying the Tesla deal is that their electric car is the vehicle of the future. That Tesla is Ford, GM & Chrysler in the 1920's. How reasonable an assumption do you think that is? Isn't it just as possible Tesla is another Duesenberg, Stanley or Hudson? What happens if Tesla starts to actually succeed? Do you think the Big Three, not to mention the foreign manufacturers are just going to sit back and do nothing? The only "sure thing" about Tesla deal is that, no matter which way it goes, Elon Musk, the controlling shareholder is going to walk away with a lot of money. A lot of \$\$\$\$\$.

Before we leave Tesla there is another aspect to look at: Electricity costs. The deal provides Tesla with a 10 to 30% discount on electricity rates over eight years. NV Energy will pay for the discount by charging other customers \$1.84 more on average per

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year. Also, the factory will be generating solar power which the company will sell back to NVE at retail prices which are up to 50% higher than wholesale while it buys its "grid" energy at the 10-30% discount. Sweet - if you're Tesla.

When it comes to Medicare and the changes for 2015, Vern is without a doubt the man to see. While he is prevented from giving specific advice about any plan he is a solid source about general changes within the system.

I got my "2015 Annual Notice of Changes" from Senior Dimensions and thought I'd share with you what's going on with my Medicare Advantage Plan so you will have some specific numbers you can compare to your own plans. Disclosure: I own no shares of United Health Care (which owns the Senior Dimensions HMO).

- Monthly premiums stays a \$0.
- Maximum out of pocket expense stays at \$2,500.
- Doctor office visits: Both primary and specialist stays at \$0.
- Inpatient hospital stays remains at \$0.
- Drug coverage: Initial Coverage Stage:
- Tier 1: up from \$0 to \$2.00.
- Tier 2: up from \$5 to \$8.00.
- Tier 3: up from \$38 to \$45.00.
- Tier 4: no change at \$95.00.
- Tier 5: no change at 33% coinsurance

I'll bet when they were kids the Mayor and Council members of Las Vegas must have loved playing "kick the can" because that's the game they've been playing with the soccer stadium for years. Now we wait until December to see what Christmas present they give to Cordish/Findlay and how big a lump of coal they give to us.

Please don't forget: NO on Q3 (& a NO on Q1 won't hurt either).

Want to give a "CONGRATULATIONS" shout out to our own Dr. Herb Randall on his election to the position of Chairman of the National Silver Haired Congress Board of Directors. This is a prestigious position and they couldn't have picked a better man for the job.

Bravo, Doc.#

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## "Please Don't Quote Me"

I didn't raise my boy to be a soldier,  
I brought him up to be my pride and joy,  
Who dares to put a musket on his shoulder,  
To shoot some other mother's darling boy?

Let nations arbitrate their future troubles,  
It's time to lay the sword and gun away,  
There'd be no war today,  
If mothers all would say,  
I didn't raise my boy to be a soldier.

**American anti-war song 1915**



Call out the army and the Navy,  
Call out the rank and file,  
Callout the bloody territorials,  
From the dear old Emerald Isle,  
Call out the laddies from Australia,  
To keep old England free,  
Call out me Mither,  
and me sister and me brither,  
But for Gawd's sake don't call me!

**British**

### LI LI MARLEN

Outside the barracks, by the corner light  
I'll always stand, and wait for you at night  
We will create, a world for two  
I'll wait for you, the whole night through  
For you Li Li Marlen  
For you Li Li Marlen

Bugler, Tonight don't play the call to arms  
I want another evening with her charms  
Then we must say, goodbye and part  
I'll always keep, you in my heart  
With me Li Li Marlen  
With me Li Li Marlen

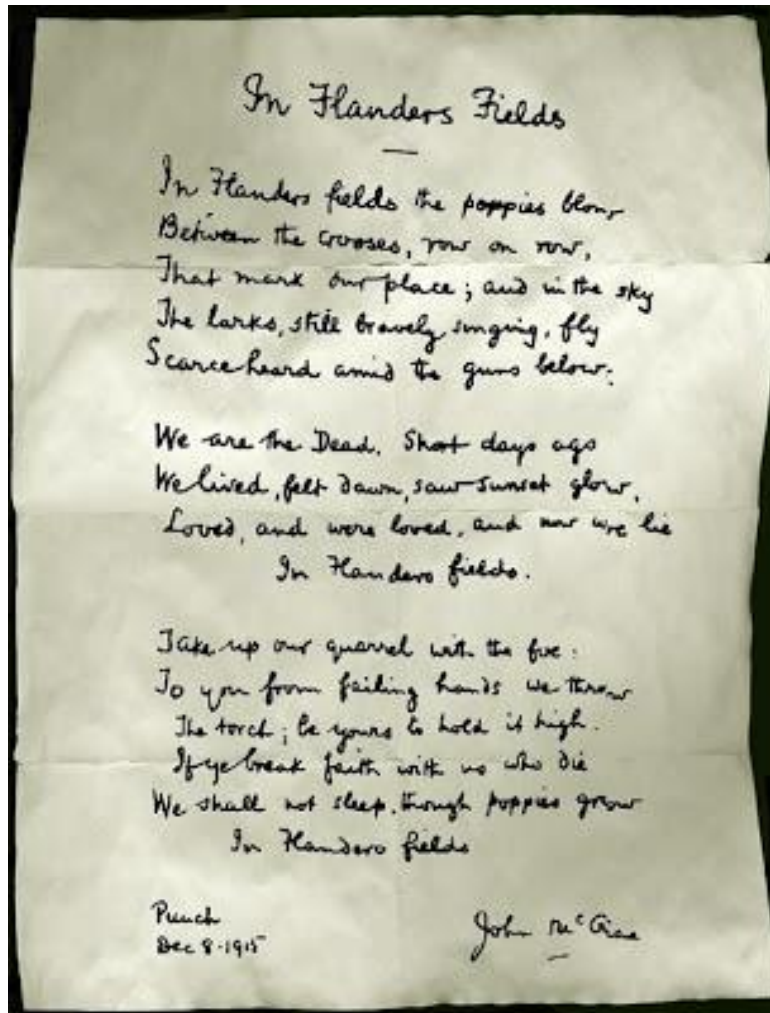
Give me a rose, to show how much you care  
Tie to the stem, a lock of golden hair  
Surely tomorrow, you'll feel blue  
I'll dream of you, with love that's true  
For you Li Li Marlen  
For you Li Li Marlen

When we are marching, in the mud and cold  
And when my pack, seems more than I can hold  
My love for you, renews my might  
I'm warm again, my pack grows light  
It's you Li Li Marlen  
It's you Li Li Marlen

While in my foxhole, watching through the night  
Hiding from guns that're seeking for my life  
Then in my misery, I long for you  
With eyes so bright, and love so true  
For me Li Li Marlen  
For me Li Li Marlen

At the break of dawn, the battle starts anew  
My stride is broken, I fall into the mud  
Wounded and alone, to die out here  
Without you dear, To hold me near  
Farewell Li Li Marlen  
Farewell Li Li Marlen

**German**



BY LT. COLONEL JOHN MCCREA OF MONTREAL, CANADA  
WHOSE BODY LIES IN FLANDERS FIELD FRANCE

## Why Did Nevada Become A State?

Was Nevada admitted to the Union on October 31, 1864 because its silver and gold production was needed to help finance the Civil War.? NO.

Much of Nevada's history as well as a lot of United States history has been embellished and transposed into myths. The claim of Nevada's mineral wealth triggering statehood ranks is one of the most prevalent fictional stories in the history of the Silver State. The reasons for Nevada's statehood were political, not economic. Earlier writers re-invented history to make Nevada more important than it was in the Civil War. Anyone who has attended Nevada's schools has read it in a textbook or heard it from a teacher.

Nevada Territory was a federal territory and to ensure it would stay a part of the Union President Abraham Lincoln appointed Governor James Warren Nye, a former Police Commissioner in New York City. Governor Nye was to put down any demonstration in support of the Confederacy, which he did a few times. Much of Nevada's silver and gold bullion was bought by the federal government to support its currency. What federal taxes there were at the time that could be effectively collected went to the Union. By making Nevada a **TERRITORY** on **March 2, 1861** the United States Congress ensured that Nevada's riches would help the Union and not the Confederacy.

On February 8, 1864 Senator Doolittle of Wisconsin was allowed to introduce Senate Bill Number 96 "to enable the people of Nevada to form a constitution and state government. By the time Congress approved this Enabling Act for Nevada on **March 21, 1864**, the Civil War was winding down. The Union had won decisive victories at Gettysburg and Vicksburg, and the South was in shambles. President Lincoln sought reelection and faced a three-way race against General John C. Fremont, the Radical Republican candidate, and General George B. McClellan, a Democrat. Earlier in the war Lincoln had relieved both of these generals of their commands. The Republican party change its name to the National Union Party to get votes from Democrats who would not vote for a Republican. The popular and electoral vote of new states were needed to reelect Lincoln in support of his moderate, reconstruction policies for the South. Among the proposed policies was the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery. If Nevada were a state, it could ratify the amendment and help in the passage of the landmark humanitarian legislation. Nevada was NOT singled out to help save the Union. Enabling acts for three territories, Colorado, Nebraska, and Nevada, were passed by Congress in March 1864. However Nebraska's constitutional convention voted against statehood, while Colorado Territory's voters did not approve the proposed state constitution. Nevada Territory was the only territory that could come to the support of President Lincoln. Ironically, shortly after Nevadans voted 8-1 in support of the state constitution, General Fremont dropped out of the presidential race, and Nevada was no longer critical to a Lincoln win. President Lincoln proclaimed Nevada a state on October 31, a week before the national election, and then went on to carry Nevada in a relatively easy win over General McClellan.

While it is true that Nevadans gave the beleaguered president three Republican Congressman to help rebuild the nation, ironically the two U.S. Senators James W. Nye and William M. Stewart arrived in Washington, D.C. too late to sign the 13th Amendment. Congressman Henry C. Worthington did sign the amendment, and it was soon ratified by Nevada. Senator Stewart would prove to be a key player in the drafting of the 15th Amendment giving Black males the right to vote.

So Nevada was, in fact, the "Battle Born" state because of its entrance into the Union during the Civil War, but not for the reasons we find in the popular mythology. Historians recognize that the discovery of the Comstock Lode in 1859 was one of many factors influencing Nevada's territorial status. However, making the leap to statehood because wealth from Nevada's mines was desperately needed to help the Union win the Civil War is not true but persist to be believed by the misinformed. # Vern





### October 2014 Dates

Last day to register to vote by appearing in person at the office of the County Clerk/Registrar, or online October 14, 2014

Early voting begins - a registered voter may request to vote early in person at designated Early Voting locations. October 18, 2014

Last day a registered voter can make a written request for absent ballot for the general election. October 28, 2014

Early voting ends - last day a registered voter may request to vote early in person at designated Early Voting locations.

October 31, 2014

**November 2014 Dates** The General Election is held. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. November 4, 2014

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| <p>1. <b>THE CONSTITUTION FORBIDS CONGRESS TO LAY A TAX ON:</b></p> <p>A GOODS SENT BY SHIP</p> <p>B LIQUOR</p> <p>C GOODS SENT FROM OTHER COUNTRIES</p> <p>D GOODS SENT FROM ONE STATE TO ANOTHER</p> <p>2. <b>THE RIGHT TO ADMIT NEW STATES BELONGS TO:</b></p> <p>A THE CONGRESS</p> <p>B THE SUPREME COURT</p> <p>C THE PRESIDENT</p> <p>D THE STATE DEPARTMENT</p> <p>3. <b>THE CONSTITUTION GUARANTEES TO EVERY STATE:</b></p> <p>A LEGAL HELP</p> <p>B A REPUBLICAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT</p> <p>C A PENSION SYSTEM</p> <p>D FREEDOM TO MAKE ANY LAW IT WISHES</p> <p>4. <b>A STATE MAY NOT:</b></p> <p>A COLLECT TAXES</p> <p>B KEEP A MILITIA</p> <p>C BUILD SCHOOLS</p> <p>D GRANT A TITLE OF NOBILITY</p> <p>5. <b>THE CONSTITUTION BECAME THE LAW OF THE LAND IN:</b></p> <p>A 1788</p> <p>B 1787</p> <p>C 1776</p> <p>D 1792</p> | <p>6. <b>THE MAN WHO DID THE FINAL WRITING OF THE CONSTITUTION WAS:</b></p> <p>A THOMAS JEFFERSON</p> <p>B JOHN HANCOCK</p> <p>C GOUVERNEUR MORRIS</p> <p>D ROBERT MORRIS</p> <p>7. <b>CONGRESS SHALL MAKE NO LAW TO:</b></p> <p>A SET UP A RELIGION</p> <p>B REGULATE BANKS</p> <p>C TAX INCOMES</p> <p>D PAY PENSIONS</p> <p>8. <b>IF A PRESIDENT IS IMPEACHED, THE TRIAL WILL BE PRESIDED OVER BY:</b></p> <p>A THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE</p> <p>B THE CHIEF JUSTICE</p> <p>C THE SENATE PRESIDENT "PRO TEMPORE"</p> <p>D THE VICE-PRESIDENT</p> <p>9. <b>JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT MUST BE NOMINATED BY:</b></p> <p>A THE SENATE</p> <p>B THE PRESIDENT</p> <p>C THE VICE-PRESIDENT</p> <p>D THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</p> <p>10. <b>AN AMENDMENT BECOMES PART OF THE CONSTITUTION WHEN RATIFIED BY:</b></p> <p>A A MAJORITY OF THE SENATE</p> <p>B TWO-THIRDS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</p> <p>C THREE-FOURTHS OF THE CONGRESS</p> <p>D THE LEGISLATURES OF THREE-FOURTHS OF THE STATES</p> <p>(SEE PAGE 6 FOR ANSWERS)</p> |
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# At the September Meeting



Sharon Goldstroh, BA, MS Health Promotion Disease Prevention Coordinator, and Medicare “Extra Help” Program Facilitator for the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Aging and Disability Services Division told us about the many programs available for the sick and disabled of Nevada and answered many members questions. Good job Sharon and thank you for the information.

# Members

*Renewing Members:*

*\*La Vern Bower\**

*♥Thanks for your continued Support♥*

## ANSWERS TO QUIZ ON PAGE 5

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



*Thanks to all NSC members for their help. It is very much appreciated.*




 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.



**TAXI ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)**

The Taxi Assistance Program (TAP), formerly known as Senior Ride, provides discounted taxicab fare to eligible individuals through coupon booklets that are accepted by all taxicab companies in Clark County.

Coupon books cost \$10 each and provide \$20 worth of taxicab fare. The coupon books can be purchased the following ways:

Book of twenty \$1-coupons (each \$1 coupon is worth \$1 of cab fare)

Book of four \$5-coupons (each \$5 coupon is worth \$5 of cab fare)

The Taxi Assistance Program was created by and is funded through the Nevada Taxicab Authority.

**How do I use coupons?**

Call the taxi companies directly to schedule your rides, or hail a cab as you usually do. You can use the coupons to pay all or part of the fare and tip. Please note that change will not be provided when coupons are used.

Example: the fare is \$10.35 and the tip is \$2.00. You may pay with \$11.00 in coupons and \$1.35 cash or any combination of Taxi Bucks and cash that equals \$12.35

Example: the fare is \$10.35 and the tip is \$2.00. If you pay with \$13.00 in coupons, you will not receive any change

**How can I purchase coupon books?**

You first must register with the Taxi Assistance Program to purchase the coupon books. Information regarding applying or registering can be found below.

Participants can purchase coupon books at the time of initial registration and may use a check, cash or money order at that time. The program does not have the ability to charge a credit card or debit card. If you will be using cash as payment, please bring the correct amount; TAP does not provide change.

Once registered, we request that participants order coupon books by mail. To do so, send a check or money order (please do not send cash through the mail) with one business-size, self-addressed, stamped envelope for each book requested to:

**Taxi Assistance Program  
Aging and Disability Services Division  
1860 E. Sahara Ave.  
Las Vegas, NV 89104**

The coupon books are non-refundable and non-exchangeable.

**.ELIGIBILITY**

To qualify for the Taxi Assistance Program, an individual must meet the following eligibility criteria:

Be age 60 or older –or– have a permanent disability

Reside in Nevada

Gross income at or below the following:

Family Unit	Gross Monthly Income Limit	Gross Annual Income Limit
1	\$3,830	\$45,960
2	\$5,170	\$62,040

For households with additional individuals, please contact the Taxi Assistance Program for income limits

Income limits are updated for 2013

**Supporting Documents:**

To register for the TAP program, applicants will need to provide various supporting documents. Copies of supporting documents that are required include, but are not limited to, the following:

Nevada Identification issued from the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles (to demonstrate Nevada residency; the Nevada ID cannot be seasonal and must display a Nevada address)

Proof of disability (for individuals under the age of 60 with a permanent disability)

Social Security Disability Certification Letter/Statement

Physician's written verification/certification of disability

All TAP participants must complete IRS form 4506-T Request for Transcript of Tax Return to demonstrate income eligibility

Apply in person at the Aging and Disability Services Division Las Vegas Regional Office (located at 1860 E. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89104)

Apply via mail by calling (702) 486-3581 to request that a TAP application form be mailed to you


**APPLY / PROGRAM REGISTRATION**

You can register for the Taxi Assistance Program either in person or by mail.

**TAP office hours are: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

For additional information please contact the **Taxi Assistance Program** at (702) 486-3581..

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be **Thursday, November 13** starting at 10 a.m. at the 



**Whitney Recreation Center**  
5712 E. Missouri Ave., Las Vegas, NV  
702-455-7576

**Kevin Janison**

**News3 Weather**

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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.

## October 9, 1936 Hoover Dam Begins Transmitting Electricity to Los Angeles

Hoover Dam, having harnessed the power of the mighty Colorado River, began sending electricity over transmission lines spanning 266 miles of mountains and deserts to run the lights, radios, and electrical appliances of Los Angeles, California on **October 9, 1936**. Tens of thousands of people jammed Broadway to watch a parade that night celebrating the event.

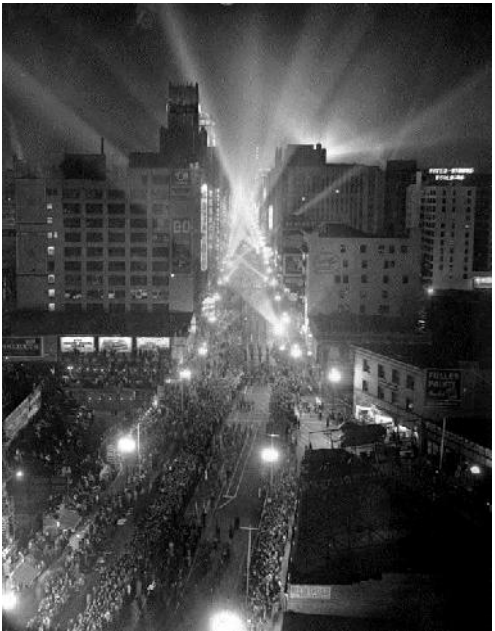
There was only one generator at the time that went into full operation on October 26, 1936. The last generator went into operation on December 1, 1961.

There are now 17 generators that, when operating at full power, can supply all the electricity needed by a city of 750,000 people and 2700 miles of transmission lines sending electricity from the dam to Los Angeles.

The central reason for the dam was the collection, preservation, and rational distribution of that most precious of all western commodities, water. Power generation was secondary.

Hoover Dam, under the guidance of the Federal Reclamation Bureau, became one part of a much larger multipurpose water development project that tamed the wild Colorado River for the use of the growing western population of farmers, ranchers, and city dwellers. Water that had once flowed freely to the ocean now was held in the 115-mile-long Lake Mead. Aqueducts channeled millions of gallons of Colorado River water to California where it continues to this day to flow from Los Angeles faucets and irrigate vast stretches of fertile cropland.

With Hoover Dam, the federal government set out to demonstrate that the aridity of a region once called the Great American Desert need be no serious obstacle to its full settlement and development. However, as rapidly growing western cities like Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and Phoenix today face increasing difficulties in obtaining the water they



The 1936 LA parade

need, it remains to be seen if the Great American Desert might still win and limit or even reverse western growth.