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Special Points of Interest

In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May.



Today, Memorial Day is celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. It is customary for the president or vice president to give a speech honoring the contributions of the dead and to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. More than 5,000 people attend the ceremony annually. Several Southern states continue to set aside a special day for honoring the Confederate dead, which is usually called Confederate Memorial Day.

Dicey, Icy, Pricy

By Vice President Knight Allen

Well, the Legislature is moving right along-for better and for worse.

Some good news: the collective bargaining reform bills are alive and seem to be progressing. Also the proposals to repeal Term Limits and the 2/3 majority vote for tax increases are dead. However, the tax increases are also dancing happily along and unless there are 15 "no's" in the Assembly the largest permanent tax increase in the history of Nevada will be approved by a REPUBLICAN Legislature and Governor.

I came across a blurb in the Wall Street Journal (WSJ) on 4/30. It was a reprint of an article in Time magazine on June 24, 1974. Are you ready for this? "...a growing number of scientists are beginning to suspect that many seemingly contradictory meteorological fluctuations are actually part of a global climate upheaval." "...when meteorologists take an average of temperatures around the globe they find that the atmosphere has been growing gradually cooler for the past three decades. The trend shows no indication of reversing. Climatological Cassandras are becoming increasingly apprehensive, for the weather aberrations they are studying may be the harbinger of another ice age." "Telltale signs are everywhere-from the unexpected persistence and thickness of pack ice in the waters around Iceland to the southward migration of a warmth-loving creature like the armadillo from the Midwest. Since the 1940's the mean global temperature has dropped 2.7* F.

Although that figure is at best an estimate, it is supported by other convincing data."

Interesting isn't it? Just substitute "warmer" for "cooler" and Time could re-run the column practically word for word (and

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probably has in one way or another). Do you get the feeling the only difference between global cooling vs warming (and now "climate change") is the fact nobody could figure out how to make a buck out of cooling while warming/climate change has spawned a multi-billion dollar industry?

Speaking of which: in a WSJ article on 3/31; Mr. Tom Warner Chairman and CEO of Sun Power Corp. reported on his company's 150 million dollar solar project in Chile built with no incentives, and selling its power at market prices. He stated the project was, "commercially financed, with merchant pricing, no incentives. It's not theoretical. It's being done. That plant is online." So, how come here in the US we have to open up every public treasury at every level of government to get solar power?

How come?

On 3/22 the Las Vegas Sun did a nice article comparing Tesla now with bringing Citigroup and its credit card processing operation to Clark County in 1985. I was struck by the fact there was no financial incentives given to Citi to come here. Governor Richard Bryan and the Legislature, in special session, changed the banking statute along with allowing the bank to charge any interest rate they wanted but, no money giveaways. Citi got itself a mailing address of "The Lakes, Nevada" rather than "Las Vegas" which didn't sit well with some folks but in a recent interview Mr. Bryan said it was a "seminal event and they could have called themselves anything they wanted."

Epilogue: Citi shut down the operation in January 2014 and the building now sits empty at 8725 West Sahara.

It seems to me enticing Citi to come here by changing our banking laws is substantially different than putting up a billion dollars of taxpayer money to get Tesla to build it "giga-factory." Citi had a good run and cost us nothing. With Tesla we can only hope that our elected leader's embrace of crony capitalism and corporate welfare works out.

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"Old age is like everything else. To make a success of it, you've got to start young." -

Fred Astaire



Born Frederick Austerlitz, in Omaha, Nebraska on May 10, 1889. He made dancing look effortless on screen and stage.

Astaire made a screen test. The movie executive wrote: "Can't act, can't sing. Balding. Can dance a little."

He said, "The only way I know to get a good show is to practice, sweat, rehearse, and worry."

Fred died on June 22, 1987



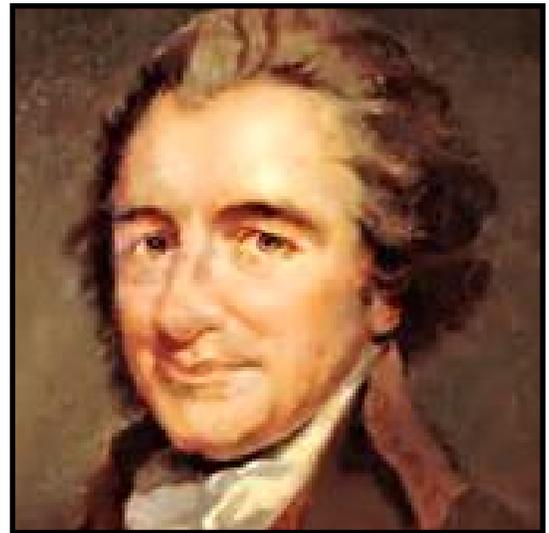
“Please Don’t Quote Me”



“When it shall be said in any country in the world
 ‘My poor are happy;
 neither ignorance nor distress is to be found among them;
 my jails are empty of prisoners, my streets of beggars;
 the aged are not in want, the taxes are not oppressive;
 the rational world is my friend,
 because I am a friend of happiness’:
 when these things can be said,”
 Paine wrote, “then may that country boast
 of its constitution and its government.”

Thomas Paine

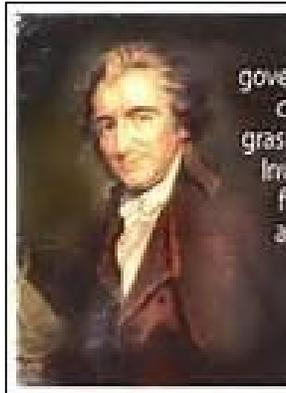
Society in every state is a blessing, but government, even in its best stage, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state an intolerable one.



Thomas Paine

January 29, 1737—June 8, 1809

Newspapers of the time said of him at the time of his death “*He had lived long, did some good and much harm*”, which time judged to be an unworthy epitaph.



We still find the greedy hand of government thrusting itself into every corner and crevice of industry, and grasping at the spoil of the multitude. Invention is continually exercised to furnish new pretenses for revenue and taxation. It watches prosperity as its prey and permits none to escape without a tribute.

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To argue with a person who has renounced the use of reason is like administering medicine to the dead.

• Thomas Paine



“The duty of a true

Patriot

is to protect His country from its government.”

THOMAS PAINE



Social Security Column



FROM TYPEWRITERS TO MEGABYTES — SOCIAL SECURITY'S EVOLUTION

By Barbara Duckett

Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Las Vegas, NV

The first typewriter to be commercially successful was invented on June 23, 1868. One hundred years later, Social Security still used the same technology to type Social Security cards, envelopes, forms, and applications. This system required thousands of employees to create, maintain, transmit, and file the folder for each current and future beneficiary by hand to ensure

accurate payments to retirees and disability beneficiaries.

Of course, that has all changed with modern computers and the Internet. Now, you don't even need to leave the comfort of your home to do the majority of your business with Social Security. Your first step in embracing the future is creating your own, personal my Social Security account.

Setting up a mySocial Security account is quick, secure, and easy. More than 18 million Americans already have accounts. In fact, someone opens one about every 6 seconds. Join the crowd and sign up today at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount. With a personalized my Social Security account, you can:

- Obtain an instant, personalized estimate of your future Social Security benefits;
- Verify the accuracy of your earnings record — your future benefit amounts are based on your earnings record;
- Change your address and phone number, if you receive monthly Social Security benefits;
- Sign up for or change direct deposit of your Social Security benefits;
- Get a replacement SSA-1099 or SSA-1042S for tax season; and
- Obtain estimates of the Social Security and Medicare taxes you've paid.

Here are some other things you can do with a few simple key strokes at our website www.socialsecurity.gov:

- Apply for retirement, disability, spouses, and Medicare benefits;
- Check the status of your benefit application;
- Use our benefit planners to help you better understand your Social Security options as you plan for your financial future;
- Request a replacement Medicare card; and
- Apply for Extra Help with your Medicare prescription drug plan costs.

Accessing www.socialsecurity.gov on the go is just as easy as it is at home. We've optimized our website to function on your desktop computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone.

Just look at how far we've come. Those slow days of typewriters are gone. At Social Security, we're embracing innovation and seeking new technologies to better serve you. Social Security isn't just prepared for the future; we're protecting your future.

Learn more about Social Security by typing www.socialsecurity.gov — in your web browser, not on your typewriter. ###

ARMED FORCES DAY

★★★★★ MAY 16, 2015 ★★★★★



HONOR THOSE WHO ANSWERED
THE CALL TO SERVE



At the April Meeting

Members



* New Member *:

Dr. Phil Hauaskanacup
Welcome to the Group

Our April speaker was Patty Gurney, the Southern Nevada, Aging and Disability Services Division, Advocate for Elders, who brought our members up-to-date on services available to them from the State and County.

Good job Patty. See you next year?

Important Facts to Remember as You Grow Older:

- Death is the number 1 killer in the world.
- Life is sexually transmitted.
- Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.
- Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.
- All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
- In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.
- Don't worry about old age; it doesn't last that long.

*Thanks to all NSC members
Who helped us.
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.



100 Years Ago This Month

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS
CUNARD



**EUROPE VIA LIVERPOOL
LUSITANIA**

Fastest and Largest Steamer
now in Atlantic Service Sails
SATURDAY, MAY 1, 10 A. M.
Transylvania, Fri., May 7, 5 P. M.
Orduna, - - Tues., May 18, 10 A. M.
Tuscania, - - Fri., May 21, 5 P. M.
LUSITANIA, Sat., May 29, 10 A. M.
Transylvania, Fri., June 4, 5 P. M.

Gibraltar-Genoa-Naples-Piraeus
S.S. Carpathia, Thur., May 13, Noon

NOTICE!

TRAVELLERS intending to embark on the Atlantic voyage are reminded that a state of war exists between Germany and her allies and Great Britain and her allies; that the zone of war includes the waters adjacent to the British Isles; that, in accordance with formal notice given by the Imperial German Government, vessels flying the flag of Great Britain, or of any of her allies, are liable to destruction in those waters and that travellers sailing in the war zone on her allies do so at their own risk.

IMPERIAL GERMAN EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D. C., APRIL 22, 1915.

On May 7, 1915, less than a year after World War I erupted across Europe (July 28, 1914), a German U-boat torpedoed and sank the RMS Lusitania, a British ocean liner on its way from New York to Liverpool, England. Of the 1,959 passengers and crew members on board, 1,198 perished, including 128 Americans. Almost two years would pass before the United States formally entered World War I on (April 6, 1917), but the sinking of the Lusitania played a significant role in turning public opinion against Germany, both in the United States and abroad. (For the straw that broke the camels back, see the Zimmerman Affair on page 4 of the March Foghorn.)



The New York Times.

NEW YORK, SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1915—THIRTY-FOUR PAGES

LUSITANIA SUNK BY A SUBMARINE, PROBABLY 1,000 DEAD; TWICE TORPEDOED OFF IRISH COAST; SINKS IN 15 MINUTES; AMERICANS ABOARD INCLUDED VANDERBILT AND FROHMAN; WASHINGTON BELIEVES THAT A GRAVE CRISIS IS AT HAND

SHOCKS THE PRESIDENT
Washington Deeply Stirred by Disaster and Fears a Crisis.

BULLETINS BY WHITE HOUSE
White House Press Clerks, but to Stand on the Nation's Case.

SENATE OF CONGRESS CALL
Line of Lusitania Reached From Tone of Her First Warning in Germany.

CAPITAL HALL OF MARCHES
Marches That Show What to Do with War.

DEATHS OF FROHMAN IS FEARED IN LONDON
"What Is America Going to Do About It?" Ask British College of Students.

SEVERAL DEAD TAKEN ABOARD
Several Hundred Survivors at Queenstown and Kinsale.

STEWARDS TELL OF DISASTER
One Torpedo Crashes Into the Forward Lion's Bow, Another Into the Engine Room.

BOATS PROMPTLY LOWERED
But Why Does Ocean So Quietly Many Hours After Disaster with Her 160 Officers Reported Saved?

ATTACHED IN BRITISH SHIP
Passengers at Queenstown-Warnings Had Been Given by Wireless No. Five the Ship Left New York.

LONDON, Saturday, May 6.
The Lusitania, the British liner, was sunk off the coast of Ireland by a submarine on Saturday night.

Consent Office Here Resigned for News; Loss of the Lusitania Fills London With Horror and Utter Amazement

Fate of 1,918 on Lusitania Long in Doubt

Lusitania advertisement together with warning from German Embassy.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on
Thursday, June 11, 2015
starting at 10 a.m. at 

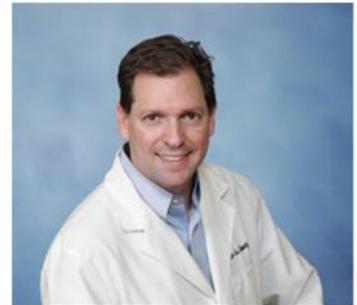


Whitney Recreation Center
5712 E. Missouri Ave., Las Vegas,
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Our June speaker will be:

From the Center for Sight –

Dr. Adam Schwartz, O.D.



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**Franklin D. Roosevelt signs
WAAC Act**

President Franklin D. Roosevelt approved legislation establishing the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) on **May 14, 1942**. The act created a voluntary enrollment program for up to 150,000 women to join the war effort in noncombat roles. The legislation, authored and introduced by Massachusetts Republican Representative Edith Nourse Rogers (1881-1960), gave women, as Rogers put it, "a chance to volunteer to serve their country in a patriotic way." (In 1925, Rogers had succeeded her late husband, John Rogers, in the House and was the first woman from New England to be elected to Congress. Reelected 17 times, she spent 35 years in the House, making her the longest-serving woman in congressional history. When she began her 19th campaign in 1960, shortly before her death from a heart attack, she ran unopposed.

As WAACs, women held down jobs as medical care professionals, welfare workers, clerks, cooks, messengers, military postal employees, chauffeurs and telephone and telegraph operators. A year after Congress created the service, Rogers spearheaded new legislation granting official military status to the volunteers as the Women's Army Corps (WAC).. Rogers' initiative opened the way for the Navy's Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES), the Women Airforce Service Pilots,(WASP), and Semper Paratus Always Ready Service

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.

(SPARS), the Women's Reserve of the Coast Guard.. Women in the Marine Corps were and are called Marines. Marine Corps Gen. Thomas Holcomb who authorized the mobilization of women into the Corps on February 13, 1943, was emphatic that the Women Marine reservists were not to be ascribed any sort of nickname. In a March 1944 issue of Life magazine, he announced, "They are Marines. They don't have a nickname and they don't need one. They get their basic training in a Marine atmosphere at a Marine post. They inherit the traditions of Marines. They are Marines."

