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Special Points of Interest

March is Women's History Month



Frances Perkins Wilson was the U.S. Secretary of Labor from **March 4,**

1933 to June 30, 1945, the longest (12 years) serving in that position, and the **first female cabinet** member in U.S. history.

As a loyal supporter of her friend, Franklin D. Roosevelt, she helped pull the labor movement into the New Deal coalition. She and Interior Secretary Harold L. Ickes were the only original members of the Roosevelt cabinet to remain in office for his entire presidency.

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Parking Fee, Let It Be – Taxed

By Vice President Knight Allen

I'd like to offer you a different take on MGM's plan to charge for parking which has created quite a hubbub. The comments and letters to the editor expressing outrage at the plan and stating in no uncertain terms they'll never go near an MGM property if the plan is put into effect; all operate on the core assumption the company cares about what their individual customers think. But, what if...? What if the company could not care less what the people of Las Vegas think? Or, for that matter, what any individual customer anywhere in the country, including California thinks?

This thought came to me as I read the RJ's 2/19 article on MGM's earnings report for yearend 2015. In the article Mr. Jim ("We're not tone deaf") Murren emphasized over and over again MGM's focus on conventions.

1. 350,000 square foot expansion to Mandalay Bay's convention complex. Mandalay "will outgrow the space in a couple of years."
2. 200,000 square foot expansion of Aria's convention area by 2018.
3. Company has "booked a half a billion dollars" of new convention business for 2017 and 2018.
4. Company is developing a master plan to add convention capacity on the Strip where it already controls more the three million square feet square feet of convention, meeting and conference space.
5. Bellagio, MGM Grand and Luxor could also see convention expansion opportunities. So, what if...? What if the numbers crunchers, bean counting, paper pushing bureaucrats, led by Bean Counter #1 – Jim Murren have run their algorithms and decided the the future of MGM rests with the convention market not general retail market?

Conventions are a gold mine. People come here, they pay higher

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prices for rooms, food and entertainment all while on a fun "working" vacation. It's a sweet system. The conventioneers have a good time, MGM raises its cash flow and profit margins and best of all it's all done on the corporate card. Tax deductible and completely subsidized by the American taxpayer. Oh, that parking charge? Mr. Murren probably knows that a lot more of us than we'd like to admit will simply go along.

Ka-ching!

Speaking of who really pays for the high life of our corporate elite, the Sun had a front page story on January 25 titled "Casinos are spending heavily to defend tax increase; here's why."

The Sun rounded up the usual suspects to give "insight" as to why. A UNLV professor, a direct beneficiary of higher taxes, said that while casinos' taxes went up everyone else's did too. The head of the Nevada Resort Association said they like it because they favor "broad based tax solutions to fund state government" and the gross receipt – er, excuse me, the "commerce tax" is one of the broadest.

So, what's wrong with the article? To put it succinctly it's a crock. A pile of two-faced hypocritical capitalist manure dumped on us by the rich, powerful and elite of Nevada society.

BUSINESSES DO NOT PAY TAXES

I've got the S&P500 to prove it, The Forbes 400 to prove it and a society with an ever widening gap between the rich and everyone else to prove it. Although it's probably less than 50-50 I hope the people get a chance to repeal the "commerce" tax.

Memo:

To: NSC Members

From: Knight

Subject: Rooftop Solar/Net Metering

There comes a point when the noise gets deafening and it's time to shut it off. So, at least for a while, in the immortal words of Mr. Oliver Hardy, "I have nothing to say."

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March 20th Spring Forward



"Please Don't Quote Me"



Count ^{your} joys
 instead of ^{your} woes,
 count ^{your} friends
 instead of ^{your} foes.

-Irish Proverb



Many a time a
 man's mouth
 broke his nose.

- Irish Proverb

Always end your day
 with a positive thought.
 No matter how bad
 things are, tomorrow
 is another chance to
 make things better.

Goodnight from Ireland Calling

"Here's to a long life and a
 merry one. A quick death and
 an easy one. A pretty girl and
 an honest one. A cold pint
 and another one!"

May the road rise up to meet you.
 May the wind be always at your back.
 May the sun shine warm upon your face,
 and rains fall soft upon your fields.
 And, until we meet again,
 may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

As you slide down
 the banister of life,
 May the splinters
 never point in the
 wrong direction!

HAPPY SAINT PATRICKS DAY MARCH 17th



2016 FEDERAL/STATE ELECTIONS

Federal/State Elections are in even-numbered years. In 2009, the Nevada Legislature changed the date of the Federal/ State Primary Election to the second Tuesday in June of each even-numbered year. The General Election date remains the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. The dates listed below are based on current law and are subject to change depending on the outcome of the current Nevada state legislative session.

MARCH 7—18, 2016 Candidate Filing: Period during which candidates (non-judicial) may file to run for office in 2016.

MARCH 18, 2016 Last day for Candidate Name Changes (Non-Judicial): Last day non-judicial candidates may change how their name appears on the ballot.

MARCH 29, 2016 Last Day to Withdraw or Rescind withdrawal of candidacy (non-judicial).

MAY 14, 2016 Standard Registration Deadline: Last day to register to vote or to update your existing registration, without having to appear in-person at the Election Department offices, or without having to register on the Secretary of State's Internet site.

MAY 15—24, 2016 Extended In-Office and Online Registration (10 days): You may register to vote or update your existing registration ONLY by the following means: (1) in person at the election department offices or (2) on the Secretary of State's Internet site.

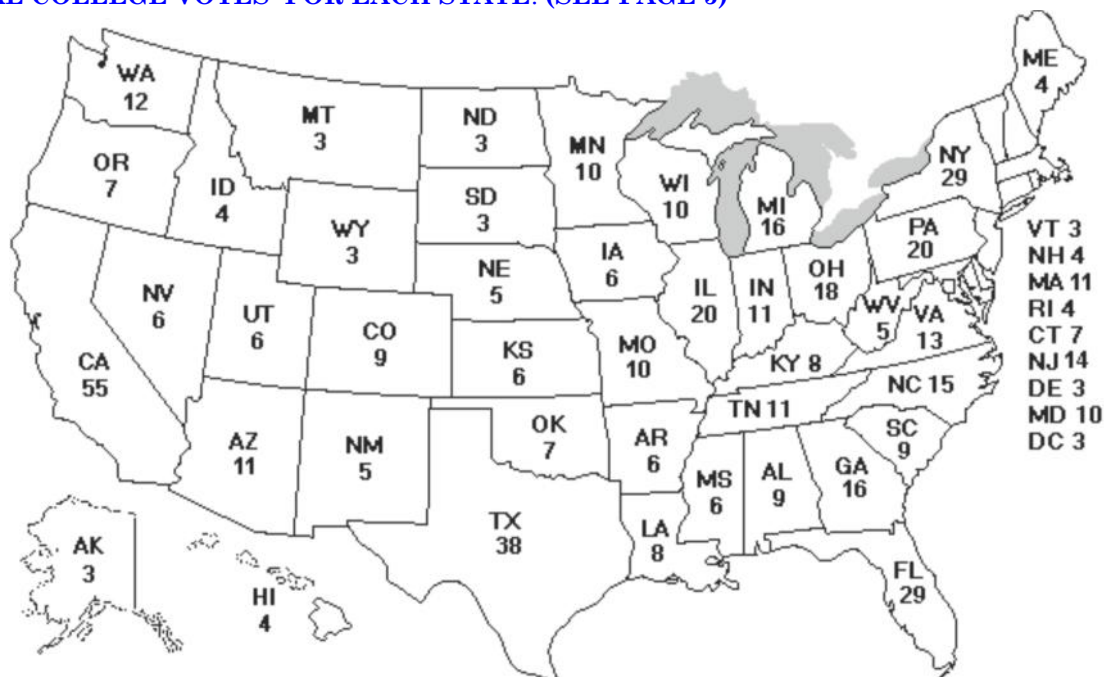
MAY 28—JUNE 10, 2016 Early Voting (14 days): Any voter registered in Clark County may vote at any early voting site within the County. Hours and days vary by location.

JUNE 7, 2016 Mail/Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Last day for the Election Department to RECEIVE WRITTEN mail ballot requests.

JUNE 14, 2016 PRIMARY ELECTION (STATE)

NOVEMBER 8, 2016 GENERAL ELECTION (FEDERAL/STATE)

ELECTORAL COLLEGE VOTES FOR EACH STATE. (SEE PAGE 5)



The Electoral College

Since this is an election year, I thought it would be a good time to explain what the Electoral College is and how it operates.

The Electoral College is a process, not a place. It was established in the Constitution by the founding fathers as a compromise between the election of the President by a vote in Congress and the election of the President by popular vote of qualified citizens.

The Electoral College process consists of the selection of electors, the meeting of the electors where they vote for President and Vice President, and the counting of the electoral votes by Congress.

The Electoral College consists of 538 electors, The Electoral College includes 535 electors from the states, one for each of the 435 members of the House plus one for each of the 100 senators. Another three electors represent the District of Columbia, which is treated like a state for purposes of the Electoral College (23rd Amendment), for a total of 538.

Each candidate running for president has his or her own group of electors. The electors are generally chosen by the candidates political party, but State laws determine how the electors are selected and what their responsibilities are.

When you vote for president you are actually voting for your candidates electors.

Although most states have a “winner take all” system were the all electors go to the winning presidential candidate, Maine and Nebraska each have variations of “proportional representation”.

The governors of the various states prepare a “Certificate of Ascertainment” which lists all candidates who ran for President in their state and also the names of their respective electors. The Certificate also declares the winning presidential candidate in his state and shows which electors will represent their state at the meeting of the electors in December of the election year. The Certificates of Ascertainments are sent to the Congress and National Archives as part of the official records of the election.

The electors meet, in their respective states, on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December of the election year, where they vote for President and Vice President on separate ballots. At the meeting, the state’s electors votes are recorded on a “Certificate of Vote”. Each state’s Certificate of Vote is also sent to Congress and the National Archives as part of the official records of the election.

On January 6th, in the year following the meeting each state’s electors, each state’s electoral votes are officially counted in a joint session of Congress held in the House chamber.

The Vice-President of the United States, as President of the Senate, presides over the count and announces the results of the vote. The President of the Senate then declares which persons, if any, have been elected President and Vice President of the United States of America.

On January 20th, in the year following the Presidential election, the President-Elect takes the oath of office and is sworn in as President of the United States. The original date of the inauguration was March 4th. This lasted from March 4, 1789 until Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s first inauguration on March 4, 1933. The Twentieth Amendment changed the date.

By the way, there is no Constitutional provision or Federal law that requires Electors to vote according to the results of the popular vote in their States. However **some** states require Electors to cast their votes according to popular vote. There are two categories of these pledges—Electors bound by State law and those bound by pledges to political parties. **VERN**

At the February Meeting

Members



Renewing Members

♥Bernice Borge♥

Thank you for your continued support



March 27, 2016



Purim begins
on March 23,
2016 at sunset

and ends on
March 24, 2016
at nightfall.

Our speaker was Misty Richardson from the Clark County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. She distributed a lot of useful literature concerning emergencies of all types, fire, floods, earthquakes, etc. For members not attending this meeting, information is available at <http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/fire/oem/Pages/Preparedness.aspx> or by calling the Emergency Management



Thanks to all NSC members Who contributed time, gifts and money to 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.



The Boston Massacre or The Incident on King Street

The Boston Massacre, or the Incident on King Street – the official name, took place on a cold and snowy night on **March 5**, 1770. It was started by an argument between a young barber's apprentice and a British officer about payment for a haircut. The barber's apprentice claimed that the officer had not paid, and the soldier reportedly knocked the child down in the street.

A crowd of young men who were watching yelled at the officer, and began throwing snowballs and pieces of ice at him. The officer fled to the Customs House nearby, guarded by a sentry with a musket. Soldiers came out of the Customs House to help defend the two men against the crowd, which was growing. A fire bell rang, and more people flooded the streets to see what was happening. The crowd grew more unruly, throwing ice, oyster shells, and lumps of sea coal. The soldiers were armed and the crowd called them cowards and dared them to shoot.

Shots suddenly rang out. When the smoke cleared, five colonists were dead or dying - Crispus Attucks, Patrick Carr, Samuel Gray, Samuel Maverick, and Christopher Monk - and three more were injured. Hardly a massacre, but the more revolutionary members of the colonies played it up as much as they could.

The soldiers were put on trial for manslaughter, with lawyer and American patriot John Adams being selected to represent them. He didn't support the British by any means, but he believed that all men deserve a good defense under the law and he was told that no one would take the case. So he took it, and he managed to get four of six of the soldiers acquitted. The Boston Massacre is remembered as a key event in helping to galvanize the colonial public to the Patriot cause.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on
Thursday April 14, 2016
Starting at 10 a.m. at



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

**Our April Speaker will be from:
the State of Nevada, Office of Suicide Prevention**

***Suicide Prevention Training
and Outreach Facilitator***

Richard Egan

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March 10, 1876 The First Telephone Call

On March 10, 1876 Alexander Bell conducted a successful experiment with the telephone., during which he spoke through the instrument to his assistant, Thomas A. Watson, in the next room.

Bell's notebook entry for March 10 describes this event.

Bell writes "I then shouted into M (the mouthpiece) the following sentence: 'Mr. Watson — come here — I want to see you.' To my delight he came and declared that he had heard and understood what I said." That same day Bell wrote his father of his "great success" and speculated that "the day is coming when telegraph wires will be laid on to houses just like water and gas — and friends converse with each other without leaving home."

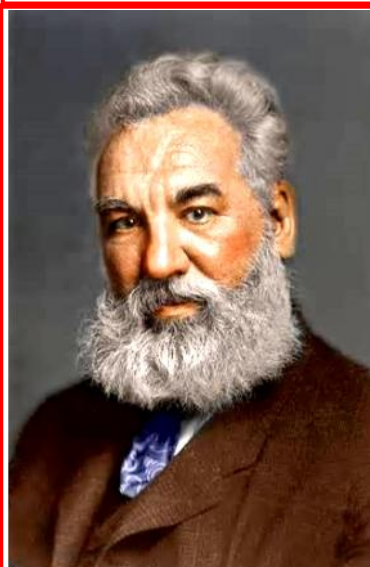
Fifty-four years after telegraph lines connected American's coasts, transcontinental telephone lines were completed. Bell was invited to participate in the dedication of the New York line. Using a duplicate of his 1876 telephone spoke to his former assistant in Sn Francisco. Bell again commanded , Mr. Watson, come here, I want you Watson replied that it would take him a week to do so.

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.



Thomas A. Watson

Alexander G. Bell