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## Special Points of Interest



### ONE HOUR ON NOVEMBER 6

The idea of daylight saving was first conceived by Benjamin Franklin during his sojourn as an American delegate in Paris in 1784, in an essay, "An Economical Project." The idea was first advocated seriously by London builder William Willett (1857-1915) in the pamphlet, "Waste of Daylight" (1907)\*, that proposed advancing clocks 20 minutes on each of four Sundays in April, and retarding them by the same amount on four Sundays in September. What a mess that would be. -Vern

\*<http://www.webexhibits.org/daylightsaving/willett.html>

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## Questions, We got Questions.

By Vice President Knight Allen

The ballot questions are the closest we get to direct democracy. Let's take a look at this year's lineup.

### Q1. Gun sales background checks.

Every debate about gun control is never about guns. It's about control. It's the "cancer of gradualism." The insatiable hunger of a faction within every society to control the actions of the mass of people -for the "greater good" of course. With guns it's always safety, what could be more important than your safety and the safety of your family and of society in general? Q1 is only a small trade off. Just a small step from where we are now. Besides, have you really missed the freedom you've already lost?

Benjamin Franklin had the eternal answer when he expressed the idea that anyone willing to trade a little freedom for a little safety deserves neither.

"No" on Q1

### Q2. Recreational Marijuana.

As a near zealot when it comes to individual freedom of choice and a strong believer that the right to be wrong may be the most important freedom of all my natural tendency is to support Q2. There are 3 things about Q2 that turned me around:

1. There is no opt-out clause for communities that don't want it. Even Colorado, the poster child for recreational marijuana has an opt-out.
  2. It's crony capitalism. There's no free market. Small business entrepreneurs need not apply. Q2 is rooted in government handouts to a privileged/corporate elite.
  3. What's the hurry? Lots of states are rushing headlong into this. Why join them?
- Let's take a little time and see if the well documented negative social and crime trends happening in Colorado and elsewhere will taper off or get worse. It never hurts not to get swept up in bubbles. Dotcom, housing or recreational marijuana

"No" on Q2

### Q3. Electric Utility De-regulation.

This is a real beaut. Talk about your numbers game. Reminds me of the line about; "lies, damned lies and statistics." In some ways it's funny. In some cases, has de-regulation worked in New York, Connecticut and Texas? YES, it has and here are

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the references and numbers to prove it.

Has de-regulation worked in New York, Connecticut, and Texas? **NO** it hasn't and here are the references and numbers to prove it.

Who do you believe? I checked the names of those writing the arguments. On the "Yes" side are two men from something called Nevadans for Affordable, Clean Energy Choices. A group clearly a front for the green energy industry. On the "No" side is a lone private citizen.

I've had all I want of the "greens" and their multi-billion-dollar tax subsidies, crony capitalism and corporate welfare. I think we should go with the private citizen.

### "No" on Q3

#### **Q4. A proposal to exempt durable medical equipment (oxygen, wheelchairs etc.) from taxation.**

As you probably know I am a passionate believer in the core principle of taxation in "Wealth of Nations", "Do not tax the necessities of life." If the items in Q4 don't fall into that category I don't know what does so I went into the Arguments with a strong "Yes" mindset. I got slowed down a bit by the first item in the Argument Against which states the question is vaguely worded without clear definitions of which devices we're talking about. This concern was completely eliminated by the first item in the "Rebuttal to Argument Against" which reads, "Durable medical equipment is already defined in Nevada law."

Q4 is a wonderful opportunity to vote FOR something that can be of real help to people who truly need it.

### "Yes" on Q4

#### **Q5. The Gas Tax.**

This is the ballot question in which I had a hand. I read in the paper that not one single person had come forward to write the "Argument Against." Under Nevada law the job was delegated to the Clark County Registrar of Voters, Mr. Joseph Gloria. I called him and was pleasantly surprised when he said I could offer my ideas. Realizing my part in the process was totally unofficial and dependent on Mr. Gloria's goodwill, I kept my proposals simple and to a minimum.

1. I emphasized the time frame and how ten years is way too long in an ever fluctuating economy.
2. I took off after the construction inflation escalator which is so disconnected from and higher than the general inflation rate the people live with, it might as well be operating on another planet.

Mr. Gloria and his assistant did a wonderful job, adding: the fact it's actually TEN separate tax increases, the 30 year bond albatross and its outsized burden on lower income people plus the other points in their "Argument Against."

I believe their "Arguments Against" and their rebuttal of the arguments for more than carry the day.

### "No" on Q5

#### **Observations on Elections:**

"Good intentions will always be pleaded for any assumption of power. The Constitution was made to guard the people against the dangers of good intentions. There are men in all ages who mean to govern well, but they mean to govern.

They promise to be good masters, but they mean to be masters." Daniel Webster

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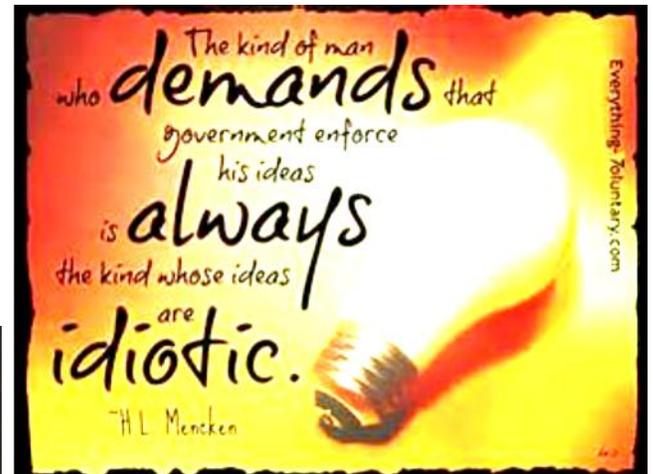
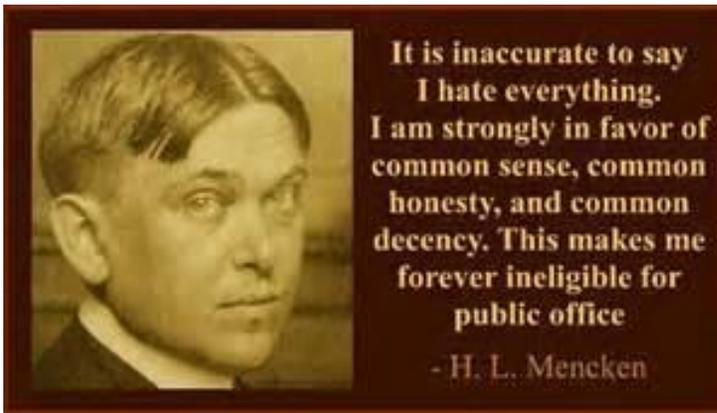
## "Please Don't Quote Me"

**On some great and glorious day the plain folks of the land will reach their heart's desire at last, and the White House will be adorned by a downright moron.**

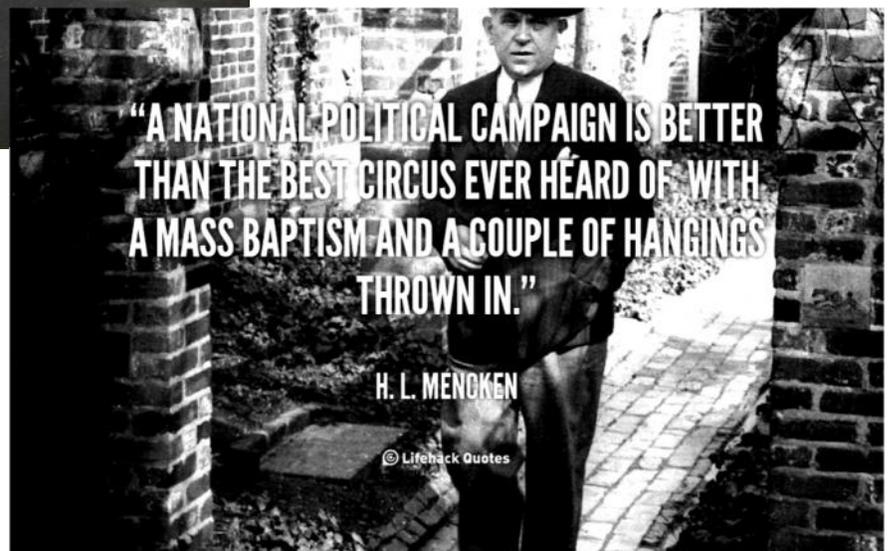
– **H. L. Mencken** (The attribution to Henry Louis [Mencken](#), a prominent newspaperman and political commentator during the first half of the 20th century, is accurate. It appeared in the *Baltimore Evening Sun* on 26 July 1920, in an article entitled "Bayard vs. Lionheart". Snopes.com)



H.L. Mencken  
Born September 12, 1880  
Died January 19, 1956



You can't do anything about the length of your life, but you can do something about its width and depth. ~H.L. Mencken



## AND THEN IT IS WINTER...

THIS IS RIGHT ON THE NOSE. ....READ IT SLOWLY... I DON'T KNOW WHO WROTE IT, BUT I AM GUESSING IT WAS A SENIOR!!! I FIRST STARTED READING THIS EMAIL AND WAS READING FAST UNTIL I REACHED THE THIRD SENTENCE. I STOPPED AND STARTED OVER READING SLOWER AND THINKING ABOUT EVERY WORD. THIS EMAIL IS VERY THOUGHT-PROVOKING.

You know. . . Time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is... The winter of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like. But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change.... Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!

But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's NOT over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!

Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.

**LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY! HAVE A GREAT DAY!**

REMEMBER.... "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.

**"LIVE HAPPY IN THIS YEAR AND EVERY YEAR!**

**LASTLY, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:**

**TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN, YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE SO - ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS.**

~Your kids are becoming you.....

~Going out is good. Coming home is better!

~You forget names.... But it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!!!

~You realize you're never going to be really good at anything.

~The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.

~You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".

~You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch.

~You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what? "...when?" ... "what?" . ???

~Now that you can afford expensive jewelry, it's not safe to wear it anywhere.

~You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"?!!!

~What used to be freckles are now liver spots.

~Everybody whispers.

~You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear.

~But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!

Stay well, "OLD FRIEND!" Send this on to other "Old Friends!" and let them laugh in AGREEMENT!!!

It's Not What You Gather, But What You Scatter That Tells What Kind of Life You Have Lived.

# Doing Your Part: What To Keep Out Of The Drains



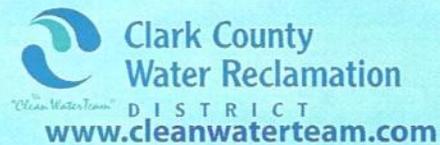
The only things you should flush down the toilet are the **three P's: Pee, Poo and toilet Paper**. While that may make you giggle, sewer overflows in your home are no laughing matter. Certain items can harm your pipes and the wastewater collection system and damage expensive equipment, causing backups and overflows. Some items can't be removed from the wastewater and return to our drinking water source. You can be a valuable member of the Clean Water Team by keeping these things out of the sewer.

**PLEASE DO NOT FLUSH OR POUR  
THESE ITEMS INTO DRAINS!**

- Disposable Diapers
- Fat, Oil or Grease
- Medicines
- Flammable Liquids
- Grain, Rice or Seeds
- Disposable Wipes
- Grit
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Coffee Grounds
- Kleenex
- Cigarette Butts
- Bandages
- Automotive Fluids

If you have any question about whether or not something can be put down the drain or toilet, please call us at (702) 668-8065 or email us at [publicinfo@cleanwaterteam.com](mailto:publicinfo@cleanwaterteam.com).

**Thank you for being a partner in clean water!**



**October 13, 1792** - The cornerstone of the White House was laid by George Washington. The building, located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, is three stories tall with over 100 rooms, and was designed by James Hoban. President John Adams was the first president to occupy it. He and his family moved in during November of 1800. The building was first known as the "Presidential Palace," but acquired the name "White House" about 10 years after its completion. It was burned by British troops in 1814, during the War of 1812, then reconstructed, refurbished and reoccupied in 1817.

### At the September Meeting



### Members

#### Renewing Members

- ♥ Beverly Hansford ♥
- ♥ Merle Luhrsen ♥

Thank you for your continued support



Darrellyn Bonstell, the Community Outreach Director of the Better Business Bureau of Southern Nevada, Inc., spoke about investments and investment frauds. She left a lot of information on how to invest safely. Thank you Darrellyn for an excellent presentation.



*Thanks to all NSC members who contributed time, gifts and money to the coalition. 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.

## GERMAN AMERICAN DAY

**October 6 is German American Day.** On this date in 1683, English Quaker William Penn brought the first group of German settlers to America. He was granted the territory - a parcel of land nearly as large as England itself - as payment for a debt that the crown owed to his father. The king dubbed the land "Pennsylvania," meaning "Penn's Woods," in honor of the senior Penn. Penn the son called Pennsylvania his "Holy Experiment," and he set about to find a group of righteous men to form a new society founded on Quaker ideals of nonviolence, freedom of religious worship, and equality for all. "Freedom of religion" and "equality" were conditional terms, however. While other religious traditions were tolerated in Pennsylvania, participation in government was restricted to Protestants; Catholics, Jews, and Muslims could not vote or hold office. And Penn's promises of equality didn't really extend to everyone: women couldn't vote, and Penn himself was a slave-owner.

## NEVADA DAY

Nevada Day is a grand celebration commemorating Nevada's admission to statehood on Monday **October 31, 1864**. Nevadan's have the distinction of holding the largest statehood celebration in the nation! The highlight is the Nevada Day Parade held in Carson City. This year, the 77 year of the Nevada Day Parade, the parade takes place on Saturday, October 29, 2016.

### Next Meeting

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



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

**Our November 10, 2016 Speaker will be:**

From the



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**October 13, 1775**  
**Continental Congress Authorizes**  
**First Navel Force**

Little consideration had been given to the protection by sea of the colonies until Congress was informed that a British naval fleet was on its way to the colonies. In November the Continental Navy was formally organized. On December 22 Esek Hopkins was appointed the first commander in chief of the Continental Navy together with four captains. The Navy consisted of two 24-gun frigates, two 14-gun brigs and three schooners. Also receiving commissions were five first lieutenants ( including future American hero John Paul Jones), five second lieutenants, and three third lieutenants.

The first task given to "Admiral" Hopkins (as he was dubbed by George Washington ) was assessing the feasibility of attacking the British Navy in Chesapeake Bay. He sailed south with his force of eight ships and said no way was he going to attack the British fleet. Instead he sailed to the Bahamas and attacked the British port of Nassau. This decision resulted in his being relieved of his command on his return home.

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.

During the revolution the Navy preyed on British merchant shipping and won several battles over British warships. Shortly after the war the first naval force was disbanded. Although what we now know of as the United States Navy was reestablished in April 1798, today's U.S. Navy considers its birthday to be October 13th. #

**Ezek Hopkins**

