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Special Points of Interest

A Pilgrim Family



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By Vice President Knight Allen

Happy, (or sad) Post Election Time.

This is being written prior to the election. I know Vern would be willing to hold the Foghorn if I wanted to rush a post-election column but I don't want to. There will be plenty of time for Monday morning quarterbacking in the months to come.

There was an interesting article in the RJ 11/4. "Nevada can't find escort services to assess taxes." Can't find?

According to the article, Clark County has about 50 escort businesses on file, "but the addresses either don't exist or go to nothing but a room with a telephone." According to the bean counters this, failure to find, is costing the state budget \$20 million. This all revolves around the live entertainment tax which was modified by the 2015 legislature and expanded to cover escort services. It's been in effect since 10/1/15. It's been a year and the state is no closer to finding these businesses now than they were a year ago.

While this article must give you a hollow laugh, (how could it not), that twenty-million-dollar figure did intrigue me. Can you imagine what kind of revenue could be generated by having the live entertainment tax applied to every Raiders game and NHL game? I'd be willing to wager it makes the \$20 million look like a kid's lemonade stand. There's just one itsy, bitsy, teeny weenie little problem: Professional sports are exempt from the tax. Another glorious victory for crony capitalism and the corporate welfare queens.

It's standard operating procedure. It's the same pattern over and over again: Tesla, Faraday Future, Switch, Microsoft, Apple and dozens of nameless others. The capitalists get the gold, the workers get the crumbs and the people get the shaft.

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It has been my conviction for a long time that we live in this Louie XVI, "let them eat cake" environment because our political leadership is totally disconnected from the people. This was brought home to me in stark fashion by Jane Ann Morrison's column in the RJ on 10/6/16. It was about Councilman Ricky Barlow's troubles with the law but that wasn't what got my attention. Jane Ann mentioned that Mr. Barlow joined the Council in 2007 at a salary of \$45,410 and that he now has a salary of \$75,000, Let's see if I can get YOUR attention:

Subject: Compensation - Year end 2007 to Year end 2015:

LV City Council 45,410 to 75,000 +65%

Source: Ms. Morrison's column

Clark County Private Sector 41,399 to 43,732 +5.6%

Source: NV. Employment Dept. Research & Analysis

The average local government wage in Clark County rose 12%.

Source: IBID

Get the picture? This is the world we live in. Privileged governments serving crony capitalists at the expense of everyone else.

Cheers for the Cubs and Indians. They put on a great World Series. It was fun to watch right down to the final out. Maybe next year the Indians will break their drought.

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In Loving Memory

Belle Earl Chohanin

September 2, 1921 – October 12, 2016

Gisela Tabor

January 4, 1929 – October 4, 2016

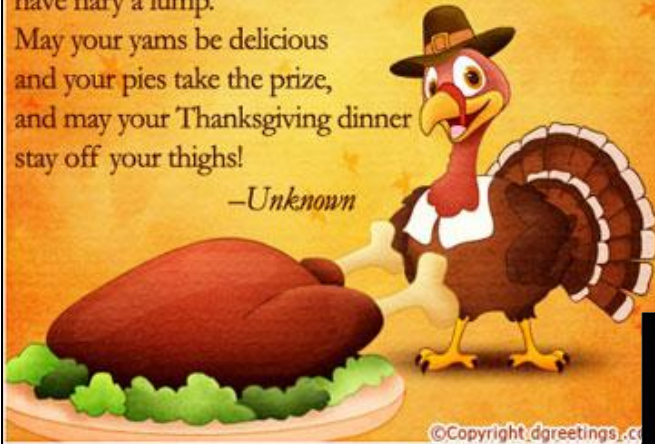
**You will both remembered by all of us at
the Nevada Seniors Coalition**

***Rest in Peace Friends, we know you are in
a better place and we shall meet again.***

"Please Don't Quote Me"

May your stuffing be tasty
 May your turkey plump,
 May your potatoes and gravy
 have nary a lump.
 May your yams be delicious
 and your pies take the prize,
 and may your Thanksgiving dinner
 stay off your thighs!

-Unknown



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'I celebrated Thanksgiving
 in an old-fashioned way.
 I invited everyone in
 my neighborhood
 to my house, we had
 an enormous feast,
 and then I killed them
 and took their land.'

-Jon Stewart



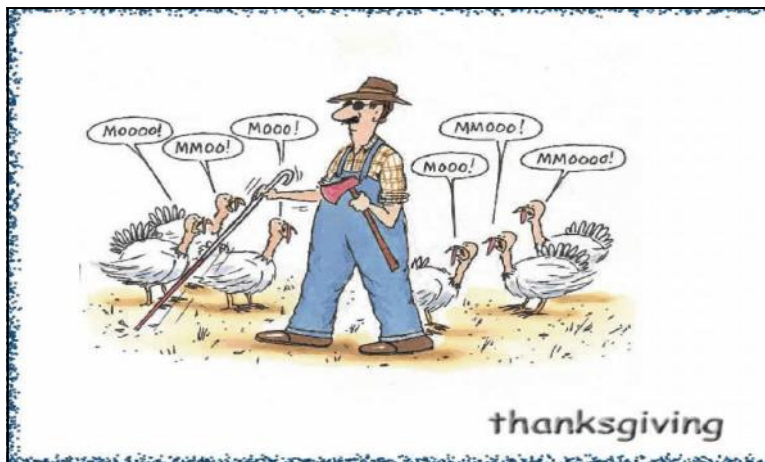
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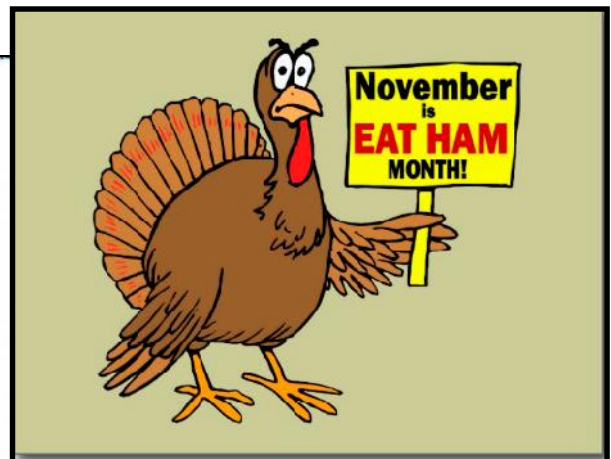
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VETERANS DAY

NOVEMBER 11, 2016

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



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THANKSGIVING

In the United States, there is debate as to when and where the first Thanksgiving was held. There were Thanksgiving observances in the colony that was to become Virginia as early as 1607. There were probably harvest season celebrations in the colonies even prior to this date. However, there is one Thanksgiving that stands out over the rest in the minds of the people of the United States – the Thanksgiving at Plymouth Rock. The significance of this Thanksgiving lies in the harsh situation that the people involved faced.

A ship called the Mayflower left the town of Plymouth, England and headed toward the New World in September of 1620. There were 102 passengers on board the ship when it departed from England. Some were seeking religious freedom. These individuals were known as Separationists but are now referred to as Pilgrims. The ship was originally supposed to land in the Virginia settlement, but weather conditions prevented the Mayflower from ever reaching its intended destination.

The voyage from England to the New World took 66 days. The ship arrived in what is now known as Cape Cod Harbor, New England, in November. Winter had already begun by this time so the Mayflower was forced to drop anchor and attempt to wait until the spring before settling on land. Several exploratory crews were sent out onto the land, to forage for food and possibly to find a better location. Miles Standish, who was an English Soldier, and Captain Christopher Jones were the leaders of these crews. Letters sent back to England by some of the members involved documented some of these events. On one expedition, led by Miles Standish, the party found an abandoned Native American settlement and essentially looted it. Several of the members of the party dug up a grave. In the grave were stashes of corn were found which they took with them covering the grave as they left. This event could easily be viewed in a negative light from our standpoint in present day, but consider what the level of desperation of the crew would have been like at the time. This action caused tension between the local Native Americans and the passengers of the Mayflower. A man by the name of Thomas Hunt several years earlier had captured 20 Native Americans in the same area and sold them into slavery in England, which added to the tension.

On board the Mayflower, scurvy and tuberculosis were among the diseases that were affecting the passengers. Those that were able started to build Plymouth Colony on the mainland. On some of the additional expeditions skirmishes with Native Americans took place where arrows and gunfire were exchanged. Only about half of the original 102 had survived by the end of the winter,

In the spring, something incredible happened to the destitute colonists. Several years before in 1614, when Thomas Hunt had taken the 20 Native Americans as slaves, he had tried to sell some of them in Spain. Local Spanish friars took the slaves to attempt to convert them to Christianity. Among these Native Americans taken was a man by the name of Tisquantum Squanto. Squanto wanted to return home and escaped the custody of the friars. He made his way to London, England, and then made two subsequent trips back across the Atlantic before he could get to the area where he was originally from, the area where Plymouth Colony was being established. He returned in 1619. That Squanto learned English and found his way to London and then back to his tribe in 5 years shows his level of intelligence and determination. In the spring of 1621, as the Pilgrims were struggling for survival, they met Squanto. That Squanto spoke English was nothing short of a small miracle for the Pilgrims. Squanto aided the Pilgrims in the practice of cultivating corn (maize) and catching wildlife. He also helped to create peace between a local tribe, the Wampanoag, and the Pilgrims. In the fall of 1621, the Pilgrims harvested the corn that Squanto had helped them plant. In celebration, they held a Thanksgiving dinner and invited members of the Wampanoag tribe to join them. This would be a Thanksgiving that would be remembered for centuries to come.

At the October Meeting



Our October speaker was Sherlene Simpson, LPN the Ombudsman for the State of Nevada office for Consumer Health Assistance (GovCHA). She explained the many services that this office offers and provided lots of literature. Thank you Sherlene for a great presentation.

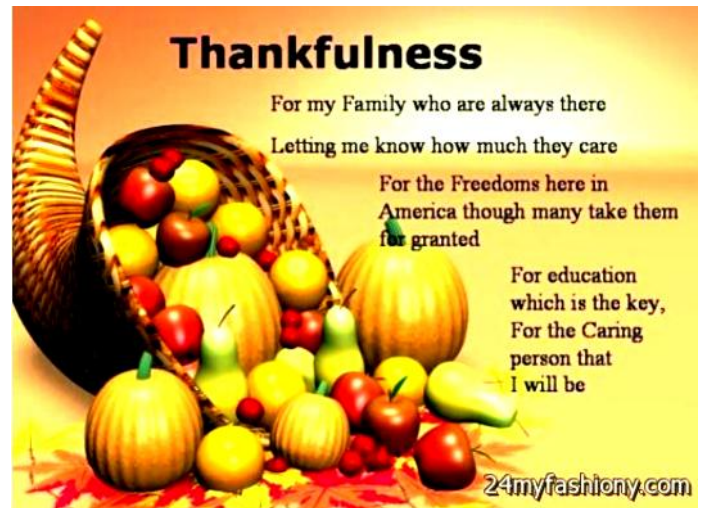


Members

Renewing Members

- ♥Al Bianco♥
- ♥Richard Bianco♥
- ♥Carol Burgeson ♥
- ♥Beverly Hansford♥
- ♥Alma McGraham♥

Thank you for your continued support



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.

A FEW THINGS THAT HAPPENED IN PRIOR NOVEMBERS

On November 1, 1952, the United States detonated "Mike," the code name for the first hydrogen bomb. The **H-bomb** was a thousand times more powerful than the atomic, or fission, bombs that the United States had dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Many scientists tried to delay the testing of the hydrogen bomb, because the presidential election would be held only three days later. The new president - whether it ended up being Dwight Eisenhower or Adlai Stevenson - would have to deal with the fallout from a test he had not ordered. But sitting president Harry Truman decided to proceed anyway.

The test took place on Elugelab Island, part of the Eniwetok atoll in the Marshall Islands, about 3,000 miles west of Hawaii. It was detonated from a ship 30 miles away. The bomb completely obliterated the island on which it had stood, and wiped out animal and plant life on the surrounding islands. The mushroom cloud rose 120,000 feet into the atmosphere.

Because "Mike" was so large - 20 feet long - it wasn't practical to use as a weapon. It was intended to prove that the concept of a multistage nuclear fusion reaction that had been developed by Edward Teller and Stanislaw Ulam would work. Edward Teller knew the detonation had been a success when he picked up shock waves on his seismometer in Berkeley, California.

The successful test of the thermonuclear device gave the United States an edge in the arms race, but not for long. The Soviet Union detonated a hydrogen bomb the following year.

On November 6, 1860, Abraham Lincoln was elected president. Eighty-two percent of those that could vote did so. Lincoln was in his hometown of Springfield, Illinois, and after he had dinner that evening he went to the telegraph office in town to wait for results in each of the states. His election was certain at about two in the morning when he won New York. He later wrote, *"I went home, but not to get much sleep, for I then felt as I never had before the responsibility that was upon me."* He had won the election with less than 40 percent of the popular ballot, and not one single vote in 10 of the Southern states.

November 7 is the birthday of physicist and chemist Marie Curie, born in Warsaw (1867), which was then known as the Kingdom of Poland, and was a part of the Russian Empire.

She is responsible for developing the theory of radioactivity, which is a term she also coined. She was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize (1903) and the first and only woman to win twice in multiple sciences.

Her parents were poor teachers, and after the Russian authorities removed laboratory instruction in the sciences from schools, her father pilfered the leftover lab equipment, brought it home, and let his children use it freely. Curie was an intelligent and curious child, largely self-taught, and because she couldn't go to University because of her sex, she studied clandestinely at what was called a "Floating University," a secret set of informal, underground classes held in Warsaw.

Marie Curie died of the effects of radiation exposure. She had been used to carrying test tubes filled with radioactive material in her lab pockets. Because of the high levels of radioactive contamination, her papers from the 1890s are too

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on
Thursday January 12, 2017
Starting at 10 a.m. at



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

Our January 12, 2017 Speaker will be:

Announced later.

**There will be no December meeting but there will be a
December Foghorn.**

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November 10, Birth of the U.S. Marine Corps

During the American Revolution, the Continental Congress passes a resolution stating that “two Battalions of Marines be raised” for service as landing forces for the recently formed Continental Navy. The resolution, drafted by future U.S. president John Adams and adopted in Philadelphia, created the Continental Marines and is now observed as the birth date of the United States Marine Corps.

Serving on land and at sea, the original U.S. Marines distinguished themselves in a number of important operations during the Revolutionary War. The first Marine landing on a hostile shore occurred when a force of Marines under Captain Samuel Nicholas captured New Providence Island in the Bahamas from the British in March 1776. Nicholas was the first commissioned officer in the Continental Marines and is celebrated as the first Marine commandant. After American independence was achieved in 1783, the Continental Navy was demobilized and its Marines disbanded.

In the next decade, however, increasing conflict at sea with Revolutionary France led the U.S. Congress to establish formally the U.S. Navy in May 1798. Two months later, on July 11, President John Adams signed the bill establishing the U.S. Marine Corps as a permanent military force under the jurisdiction of the Department of Navy. U.S. Marines saw action in the so-called Quasi-War with France and then fought against the Barbary pirates of North Africa during the first years of the 19th century (to the shores of Tripoli). Since then, Marines have participated in all the wars of the United States and in most cases were the first soldiers to fight. In all, Marines have executed more than 300 landings on foreign shores.

Today, there are more than 200,000 active-duty and reserve Marines, divided into three divisions sta-

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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.

tioned at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; Camp Pendleton, California; and Okinawa, Japan. Each division has one or more expeditionary units, ready to launch major operations anywhere in the world on two weeks’ notice. Marines expeditionary units are self-sufficient, with their own tanks, artillery, and air forces. The motto of the service is *Semper Fidelis*, meaning “Always Faithful” in Latin.

THE EAGLE, GLOBE AND ANCHOR EMBLEM HAS BEEN PART OF THE MARINE UNIFORM SINCE 1868 AND BECAME THE OFFICIAL EMBLEM OF THE MARINE CORPS IN 1955.

