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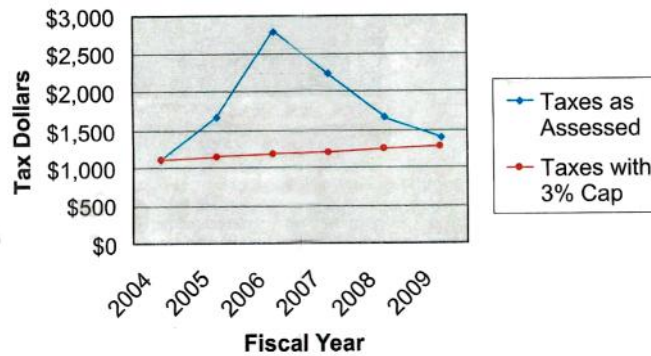


The national flag of the United Kingdom is the Union Jack, also known as the Union Flag. The current design of the Union Jack dates from the union of Ireland and Great Britain in 1801. It consists of the red cross of Saint George (patron saint of England), edged in white, superimposed on **the Cross of St Patrick (patron saint of Ireland)**, which are superimposed on the Saltire of Saint Andrew (patron saint of Scotland). Wales, however, is not represented in the Union Flag by Wales's patron saint, Saint David, as at the time the flag was designed Wales was part of the Kingdom of England.

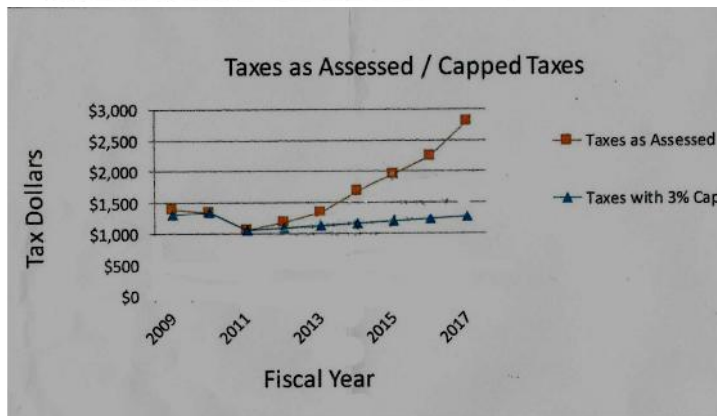
## STEADY AS SHE GOES

By Vice President Knight Allen

**Taxes as Assessed / Capped Taxes**



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Do the two graphs look familiar to you? They should if you are a homeowner because you receive one every December from the Clark County Assessor's Office. Based on what I have observed lately I'm thinking people either ignore it or only glance at it. Most don't really study them, even those who are actively following AB43 in this year's legislative session. I say this because I went to the Sawyer Building on 3/9 to attend the Assembly Taxation Committee's hearing on AB43. It was kind of an eye opener. So many people there were outraged that

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their property tax might go up 3%. It was almost as if they really didn't know the tax has been going up by 3% every year since 2005. Add to that all the letters to the editor hollering about property tax increases and it gets to be a bit embarrassing.

Fact: AB43 will not affect the 3% cap. However, I would not turn a blind eye to the possibility that some bill that will attack the cap could come out of nowhere. I don't think we have to worry because the Republicans have been put back into the minority and have re-embraced their "No tax increases" dogma. Unlike in 2015 when, as the majority party in both houses, they engineered the largest tax increase in Nevada history.

Besides showing you the graphs which give a solid visual of the insane housing market from 2005 through 2017 I wanted to give you an idea of just how important the cap has been to us. To do that I used the numbers from the Clark County Treasurer's Office that come with the Assessor's card. So, go to the graphs and follow along:

Starting in 2005 that gap between the two lines represents a 45% difference between what we paid vs what we would have had to pay without the cap.

In 2006: 135%. That's not a misprint. The property tax would have been more than double what we actually paid thanks to the 3% cap.

In 2007: 83%      2008: 33%      2009: 7.7%      2010: 0%      2011: 0%

In 2009 you can see the two lines converging. In 2010 and 2011 they met and statistically there was no difference between the "as assessed" and "with the 3% cap" numbers.

But look what's happened since 2012. Values have started rising and the cap has kicked back in protecting us again from a market that is overheating.

In 2012 the difference between what we would have had to pay and what we actually paid was 7.2%.

In 2013: 19%      2014: 44%      2015: 63%      2016: 81%      2017: 102%-There's that double again.

No one knows what the future holds but what we can know is the 3% cap has worked and is working now just as intended. Please don't let anyone hustle you into believing the cap isn't working or that there is something "better" out there. Better for whom? Not for us that's for sure.

I hope you found this to be worthwhile.

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# “Please Don’t Quote Me”

## EARTH DAY APRIL 22

I think, too, that we’ve got to recognize that where the preservation of a natural resource like the redwoods is concerned, that there is a common sense limit. I mean, if you’ve looked at a hundred thousand acres or so of trees — you know, a tree is a tree, how many more do you need to look at? — Ronald Reagan, while speaking before the Western Wood Products Association in San Francisco on 12 March 1966



**Go Green**  
Happy Earth day



### **The Redwoods**

Here, sown by the Creator’s hand,  
In serried ranks, the Redwoods stand;  
No other clime is honored so,  
No other lands their glory know. The great-  
est of Earth’s living forms,  
Tall conquerors that laugh at storms;  
Their challenge still unanswered rings,  
Through fifty centuries of kings.  
The nations that with them were young,  
Rich empires, with their forts far-flung,  
Lie buried now—their splendor gone;  
But these proud monarchs still live on.  
So shall they live, when ends our day,  
When our crude citadels decay;  
For brief the years allotted man,  
But infinite perennials’ span.  
This is their temple, vaulted high,  
And here we pause with reverent eye,  
With silent tongue and awe-struck soul;  
For here we sense life’s proper goal;  
To be like these, straight, true and fine,  
To make our world, like theirs, a shrine;  
Sink down, oh traveler, on your knees,  
God stands before you in these trees.  
— Joseph B. Strauss

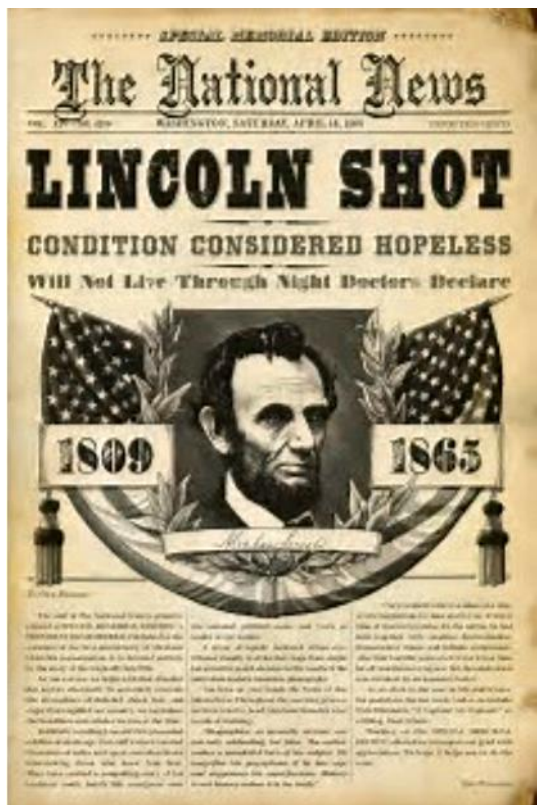
## ARBOR DAY APRIL 28

Arbor Day...which has already transplanted itself to every state in the American Union and has even been adopted in foreign lands ...is not like other holidays.

Each generation takes the earth as trustees. We ought to bequeath to posterity as many forests and orchards as we have exhausted and consumed.

# Easter Cards Of Bygone days





APRIL 14, 1865



APRIL 14, 1912





**EVENT LOCATION**

*Sam's Town  
5111 Boulder Hwy,  
Las Vegas, NV 89122*

*Inside The  
Ponderosa Ballroom*

**FREE to Attend**

**Open to the  
PUBLIC**

**Door Prizes:**

- *Gift Cards*
- *Propane Table Top Grill from Southwest Gas*
- *Many MORE!*



***Drop Off Unused or Expired Medications***

**Seniors and Law Enforcement Together  
(S.A.L.T.) Council**

*Invites you to*

***Celebrate Older American's Month***

# Senior Safety Fair



**May 24, 2017  
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm**

**Senior Services Provider Resource Fair**

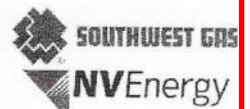
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**Safety Presentations and Q&A Session**

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

- Fire Safety and Falls Prevention
- Public Utilities
- Personal Safety
- Healthcare Fraud

**Door Prizes and Entertainment**



# AMERICA IN THE GREAT WAR

When the European continent erupted in conflict in 1914 the American people were not interested in getting involved in any European war. President Wilson declared America's neutrality. He proposed an even-handed approach towards all the belligerents that was to be maintained in both "thought and deed." The President steadfastly maintained his hope of a peaceful solution to the conflict despite the protestations of those (including former president Theodore Roosevelt) convinced that events in Europe would inevitably draw America into the war. In 1916, Wilson campaigned for reelection on a peace platform with the slogan "He kept us out of war."

However, events in Europe altered Wilson's outlook and public opinion. Germany's campaign of unrestricted submarine warfare, the loss of American lives on the high seas, the sinking of the Lusitania (131 U.S. Citizens killed in 1915) and other ships and the prospect that Germany would not change her policies compelled a reluctant Wilson to ask Congress for a declaration of war in April 1917. On April 2, 1917, he went before a joint session of Congress where he cited Germany's violation of its' pledge to suspend unrestricted submarine warfare in the North Atlantic and Mediterranean, as well as its attempts to entice Mexico into an alliance against the United States in return of which, Germany would, help Mexico recover territory it had ceded to the U.S. following the Mexican-American War (including Nevada). On April 4, 1917, the U.S. Senate voted to declare war on Germany. The House of Representatives concurred on April 6th. Austria-Hungary was added on December 7, 1917 (the Japanese were on our side in this war).

The United States was unprepared for its entrance into the First World War. In April 1917, the American Army numbered only 300,000 including all the National Guard units that could be federalized for national service. The Army's arsenal of war supplies was non-existent and its incursion into Mexico with Pershing in command, the previous year (we lost) pointed out the severe deficiencies in its military structure including training, organization, and supply. Pershing wanted a million men. Congress said it could muster only 420,000 by spring 1918. The allies thought the Americans would supply copious quantities of military supplies. Instead our men fought with equipment supplied by the Allies (including the British helmets). American troops saw their first action in May 1918 fighting alone along the Marne River. In September an all-out attack in eastern France was ordered by Pershing. It along with other Allied offensives along the Western Front caused the entire German army to retreat. In early October, the Americans pushed through the Argonne Forest. The German High Command cracked under the persistent onslaught. The top German General, Ludendorff resigned and fled to Sweden. The navy mutinied and the Kaiser abdicated on November 9 and went to Holland. On November 11 the war ended when Germany signed an armistice.

A total of 1.2 million American troops were in the battle. There were 117,000 casualties. The war was over. Americans wished to forget Europe's troubles and return to "the good old days". Congress rejected participation in the League of Nations. The nation turned inward again. And then in twenty years we were again unprepared to go into WWII. #

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**APRIL 13, 1818**  
**A New American Flag**

The first national flag, emblazoned with thirteen stripes and thirteen stars, was modified in 1795 when Kentucky and Vermont entered the Union.

The flag with fifteen stars and fifteen stripes that flew over Fort McHenry during the War of 1812 inspired Francis Scott Key to write "The Star Spangled Banner."

Although it did not become official until July 4, on **April 13, 1818**, a new flag was flown over the U.S. Capitol for the first time.

Congress passed the Flag Act of 1818, adding five new stars to the flag and reducing the number of stripes from 15 to 13. From then on a star was added for each new state

The five additional stars represented Tennessee, Ohio, Louisiana, Indiana, Mississippi

The flag's thirteen stripes represented the original colonies; its twenty stars symbolized the number of states in the Union at that time.

Samuel C. Reid designed the flag, which was sewed by his wife and her friends, and sent it by mail to the Capitol. Congressman Peter H. Wendover arranged for the flag to fly over the Capitol on the same day that it was received in Washington, D.C. Since the arrangement of the stars was not yet standardized and was not until 1912), the stars on Reid's flag were arranged into one big star.

The final design is shown below.



James Monroe was the only president to



serve under this flag since Illinois entered the Union in 1819 and another star had to be added.

