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Special points of interest:

To find the world's favorite drinks, data from International Wine and Spirit Record was used. The company provided a list of the top 20 spirits markets by volume and the number of nine-liter cases sold of the most popular three brands in each of those countries during 2007. The top brand sold is also listed.

- * China – Chivas Regal 496,475,500
- * Russian Federation – Green Mark Vodka 311,669,250
- * United States – Smirnoff Vodka 178,407,250
- * South Korea Jinru Soju 144,715,500
- * Japan – Suntory Whiskey 132,936,250
- * India – Bagpiper 130,430,000
- * Brazil – Pirassunuunga 118,747,500
- * Thailand – Ruang Kao 60,847,000
- * Ukraine – Korty Vodka 57,979,400

The complete list is at <http://www.forbes.com>.

Stocks Down, Energy Down, Down with Health

By Ken Mahal, A.I.A. NSC President

PRESIDENT SAID “BUY STOCKS”, THE MARKET DROPPED 281 POINTS.

The day after he said buy stock the market tanked 281.40 points. Never in our history do I ever remember a president telling us to buy stocks. In fact since when is it the job of our president sticking his nose into our investment business anyway? Do we get to sue him and the government if things go bad? Well we most likely shouldn't blame him with all of the other things that are tanking in our economy. I see by comments on the Fox business news that it was reported that millions of people over recent months have been stuffing hundreds of thousands of dollars in coffee cans in their homes making it even more of a problem getting people to spend instead of saving at this time. Strange isn't when we want people to save they don't. I don't blame people for putting money in the sock, under the mattress or in the suitcase in case you want to make a quick trip out of town to places unknown. Citigroup was in pennies this afternoon when just recently it was considered one of the better stocks to own. I did a quick calculation on what it will take for us to live and hopefully we are covered for ten years and after that let the president who ever it is take care of us. There is no point in worrying but it might be a good idea to pray a little bit to our maker to give us a helping hand during these tough times. I find it little hard to believe how bad our economy is when you and I did nothing to screw it up and don't know anyone personally who might have been a part of the screw up of our economy. This is the worst economy since 1997 or 12 years. In Las Vegas we have the highest rate of home owners with homes worth less than the value of the mortgage. For a change it would be nice to be ranked in a good bracket wouldn't it? One good one is that gasoline is down about 50% from 4 months ago. By the traffic everyone likes cheaper gasoline or did

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we ever care?

OUR COST OF ENERGY IS DOWN. HOORAY FOR US.

The big drop from about \$145 to \$45 dollars a barrel for oil makes me really happy to see. Speaking of that I really think instead of our leadership saying we go renewable like solar energy and not dirty coal, that we do all of it. Why should we shut down the oil and coal industries when we know how to clean it up? Why should we put the hard working people in the coal, oil and nuclear industry out of work when all of them help us protect ourselves from any energy problem that comes along? There are tens of thousands of hard working people in these industries; do we really want to put all of these people out of work? I don't think so; we should just work harder to clean up the emissions so that we can use coal, oil, nuclear, solar, wind and thermal side by side to solve our energy needs. It seems to me that we have many options that we should use until we can find the ones that work the best or maybe use all of these resources as long as we have them and we are innovative enough to do it well. Isn't that what is so great about this country we can do any of it so long as different energy sources are better in one area than any other? Just leave us alone and let the various regions of the country do what they can to produce certain energy better. Do not try to shut down some energy sources just because some politician calls it dirty in order to get their solar energy on the agenda. As far as solar goes we have enough desert land and sunshine in Nevada to provide solar power for the entire United States but logistically it would not be practical so fine, use the solar where it makes sense as well as coal, oil etc.

NOW OUR PRESIDENT WANTS TO FIX HEALTH CARE.

Hold on to your seat folks we have been there already. Remember when we went through more than a thousand pages of health care reform under Hilary Clinton when Bill told us about the two for one package when he ask her to rework our health care. We still only needed one page to do our senior health care. Now let's see how many hundreds of pages will be need for the latest revised health care that we will need to be diligent over. If you saw what I saw today March 4th there must have been at least a hundred high powered, suit wearing, know it all, health care experts listening to our president give them a summary of what he wanted from them in this new and revised health care service for all Americans. With what I heard it sounded like more of the same; the rich will be expected to dig into their pockets and pay for it. Amen to all.

Open letter to President Ken Mahal,

Responding to your article of January 15, 2009 regarding your comment about waiting to see what happens when a Mr. Nobody gets elected to office. Well we can be assured that the Mr. Nobody who has just been elected to office knows more than your Mr. Nobody, President Bush, who was elected to office and put us into the worse decline since 1929. Yet we heard no comments from you regarding whether he would do a good job or not. We have seen what kind of job he was capable of doing.

Also in response to your article of February 12, 2009 regarding our NEW President, why are you blaming him for your financial troubles, your bonds problems, your medical problems, your everything that's wrong with you. He has been in office less than three weeks and has already got to work to bring jobs back to America. Why not put your blame for your troubles where they belong on your President Bush and keep your racial thoughts to yourself. Try for once to be more for America and give our new President a chance. It took your Bush eight years to destroy us. I think Obama deserves more than three weeks to get us started on the right track again.

NSC member LouJanice Perry

651,000 jobs cut in February – Reid, Pelosi, Obama & Chamber of Commerce insist on importing more foreign workers

By Roy Beck, Friday, March 6, 2009

Another month has passed. Another half-million (or more) jobs have been lost. And our federal leaders continue to do nothing about auto-pilot programs that are flooding our country with foreign workers.

Nothing has changed since last year when 138,000 new foreign workers were added to the U.S. each month on average.

Here are the latest government facts that can't seem to soften the hardened hearts of our leaders

The official unemployment rate has soared to 8.1% (highest since 1983)

U.S. employers cut 651,000 jobs in February

That is on top of 655,000 jobs lost in January and 681,000 jobs cut in December.

4.4 million -- Total jobs eliminated since the recession began in December of 2007.

The number of Americans reeling from the bad job market is staggering:

12.5 million Americans are actively looking for a job and cannot find even part-time employment.

Another 8.6 million Americans want a full-time job and have been forced to work part-time.

American workers in nearly every part of the economy were under seige in February:

Construction companies cut 104,000 jobs.

Factories cut 168,000.

Retailers cut nearly 40,000.

Professional and business services cut 180,000, with 78,000 jobs lost at temporary-help agencies.

Financial companies cut 44,000 jobs.

Leisure and hospitality firms chopped 33,000 positions.

BUT FEDERAL LEADERS SAY MORE FOREIGN WORKERS NEEDED

Following the lead of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Pres. Obama, Senate Majority Leader Reid and House Speaker Pelosi refuse to respond to the plight of unemployed American workers and consider a suspension of most immigration and foreign worker programs.

We at NumbersUSA have said since November that the national jobs disaster requires an immediate suspension of all immigration and temporary foreign work programs except for spouses and minor children of U.S. citizens, a controlled number of emergency refugees and a few thousand truly extraordinary skilled workers for whom no American substitute is available.

With no sign of federal leaders tightening the flow, another approximately 280,000 foreign workers have been allowed to enter U.S. job markets since the first of this year alone.

Not only that, but the leaders have continued to try to protect as many U.S. jobs as possible for illegal aliens. Sen. Reid until today has refused to even allow a vote on a 5-year extension of a VOLUNTARY E-Verify program that allows businesses to make sure jobs go to legal workers.

And in the nation's top newspapers, such as the New York Times and Washington Post, ivory tower editorial writers are continuing to argue that we need more foreign workers in order to turn our economy around!

I wish they and our political leaders could have a chance to say that while looking in the eyes of the 12.5 million officially unemployed Americans.

ROY BECK is Founder & CEO of NumbersUSA

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A reauthorization of the E-Verify program, which allows employers to verify workers' Social Security number electronically (a Homeland Security program allows this to be done), and a requirement that companies receiving stimulus money use the system, were blocked by Senator Reid. (D-NV). He also took a lead role in removing them from the House-Senate conference bill that was passed and signed by President Obama. A reauthorization of the E-Verify program (for five years) which allows employers to verify workers' Social Security number electronically, and a requirement that companies receiving stimulus money use the system, were blocked by Sen. Reid. He also took a lead role in removing them from the House-Senate conference bill that was passed and signed by President Obama. **A vote was forced for this week after a massive protest and failure to get the 60 votes necessary to stop debate. Watch what happens and respond accordingly at election time in 2010.** VWP

Illegal is not a sick bird it is a sick society – VWP

Notch Fairness Act of 2009

S. 81:

111th Congress: This is a bill in the U.S. Congress originating in the Senate ("S."). A bill must be passed by both the Senate and House and then be signed by the President before it becomes law.

Bill numbers restart from 1 every two years. Each two-year cycle is called a session of Congress. This bill was created in the 111th Congress, in 2009-2010.

2009-2010 Notch Fairness Act of 2009

A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to allow workers who attain age 65 after 1981 and before 1992 to choose either lump sum payments over **four years** totaling \$5,000 or an improved benefit computation formula under a new 10-year rule governing the transition to the changes in benefit computation rules enacted in the Social Security Amendments of 1977, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1067:

111st Congress: This is a bill in the U.S. Congress originating in the House of Representatives ("H.R."). A bill must be passed by both the House and Senate and then be signed by the President before it becomes law.

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The list below shows legislation in this and previous sessions of Congress that had the same title as this bill.

111th Congress: S.81 *Introduced*

111th Congress: H.R. 1067 *Introduced*

110th Congress: S. 17 *Dead*

110th Congress: H.R. 368 *Dead*

109th Congress: H.R. 615 *Dead*

108th Congress: S. 1418 *Dead*

108th Congress: H.R. 97 *Dead*

107th Congress: S. 825 *Dead*

107th Congress: H.R. 97 *Dead*

107th Congress: H.R. 853 *Dead*

106th Congress: S. 390 *Dead*

106th Congress: H.R. 148 *Dead*

106th Congress: H.R. 568 *Dead*

105th Congress: S. 2003 *Dead*

105th Congress: H.R. 3008 *Dead*

104th Congress: H.R. 2930 *Dead*

Isn't it strange that the stimulus bill passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama makes provision to pay Filipino veterans who fought in WWII, mostly as guerrilla fighters, \$15,000 if they are American citizens and \$9,000 for non-citizens but still ignores the Notch Babies, most of whom are also veterans of WWII. As shown above, bills have been introduced since 1996 to give the Babies \$5,000 in a way that most of them will be dead before they can collect it. It seems to me that they could have been included in the stimulus package and paid a lump sum.

The Filipinos went through a similar procedure before finally being granted their money. In 1942 President Roosevelt classified the Filipino fighters as veterans of the United States military with full benefits, however in 1946 Congress took away the citizenship and veterans' benefits saving an estimated \$57 billion (470,000 originally volunteered). More than 60 years have passed and the average age of the fighters is 90. The benefits can't be passed on to wives or other family members, so they have to hurry to get it before they are no longer with us. \$198 million has been allocated based on 18,000 veterans still being alive. So far more than 20,000 have applied and, while about 10 are dying each day, the list is growing.

If you want to help the Notch Babies (many NSC members qualify) contact your Congress people and insist they do something to give these people the pittance that has been denied to them for so long – before it is too late. Vern

At the February Meeting



State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Volunteer Coordinator Sharon Goldstrohm with NSC President Ken Mahal

SHIP is a Medicare grant program run by the State of Nevada, Division For Aging Services, that helps seniors and disabled persons having trouble with, or understanding Medicare, Medicaid and the Part D prescription drug program. Trained volunteers are used extensively for this task and Sharon is in charge of these volunteers.

She explained the program in detail and took questions from the audience.

Thank you Sharon.

To get help from SHIP call the hotline 486-3478 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Members

Renewing Members

Robert & Ingeborg Levy

John Tabor, Jr.

Thank you for your continuing support



NSC is an all volunteer group and we always need help. The same people have been doing all the work for years. Please contact any NSC officer or director to volunteer to help.



Thanks to all of you who contributed to NSC last month. We really appreciate it.

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.



Thelma Clark, Advocate Extraordinaire

Starting in 1981, Las Vegas resident Thelma Clark pressed her case for senior citizens, mobile home park residents and the poor. She was a no salary lobbyist for the Silver State Mobile Home Owners League (now called the Nevada Association of Manufactured Home Owners, Inc.). She lived in a mobile home park. When she learned a neighbor that had been evicted had no legal recourse she started her life as an activist.



Thelma Clark
1918 – 2009

The result was a law, NRS 118B, that defines the rights of both manufactured home park residents and owners. It is known as the best law protecting manufactured home owners in the United States. It is added to regularly as conditions change. She was involved in this and other legislative activities for 13 consecutive legislative sessions from 1981 until 2007 when she fell and broke her back. Although legally blind and having a broken back she continued advocating for those that needed her help. She was named Las Vegas Citizen of the month in 2007. It will be a long time, if ever, that someone will be found to replace her. Great job Thelma, and thank you for all you did.

Vern Perry

From the Editor

Time marches on and it marched us into March already.

There are lots of things for you to do this month. e.g.

Celebrate Women’s History Month – that’s her story.

March 2 1904, you missed Dr. Suess’ birthday – have some green eggs and ham any Who, Horton.

March 3, 1847 – Alexander Graham Bell – Call For Phillip Morris.

March 3, 1931 – you could sing the Star Spangled Banner officially.

On the 13th you can rediscover Uranus (1784).



March 17th – Erin Go Brahless.

March 19th – watch the swallows return to Capistrano.

March 20th – put some **Spring** in your step.

March 24th – disappear with Harry Houdini (1878)

Vern

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 9 at 10 a.m. at >>>>>>>>>>>>>>



After the meeting why don’t you eat and play, and stay all day?

Our April 9th Speaker will be:

Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto

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March 12, 1912



Girl Scouts®

Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low assembled 18 girls from Savannah, Georgia, on March 12, 1912, for a local Girl Scout meeting. She believed that all girls should be given the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually. With the goal of bringing girls out of isolated home environments and into community service and the open air, Girl Scouts hiked, played basketball, went on camping trips, learned how to tell time by the stars, and studied first aid. Within a few years, Daisy's dream for a girl-centered organization was realized. Today, Girl Scouts of the USA has a membership of nearly four million girls and adults, a significant growth from its modest beginnings nearly a century ago. In fact, more than 50 million women in the U.S. today are Girl Scout alumnae. From our willingness to tackle important societal issues, to our commitment to diversity and inclusiveness—Girl Scouts is dedicated to every girl, everywhere.



The Nevada Seniors Coalition, Inc (NSC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan 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.



Juliette Gordon Lowe
October 31, 1860 –
January 17, 1927