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Special Points of Interest

On November 6, 1861, Jefferson Davis, who had been elected president of the Provisional Government on February 9, 1861—as a compromise between moderates and radicals—was confirmed by the voters for a full **six-year term**.

A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Davis was a celebrated veteran of the Mexican War. He served as secretary of war under Franklin Pierce and as a longtime U.S. senator from Mississippi. His first wife, Sarah Knox, was the daughter of president Zachary Taylor. Although a strong advocate of states' rights, Davis tried to temper the antagonism between North and South in the tense days leading up to the war, opposing secession even after South Carolina left the Union in December 1860. However, when Mississippi seceded in January 1861, the slave-holding planter cast his lot with the Confederacy.

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It's all Greek to me.

By Knight Allen, NSC Director of Legislation

You have probably been following, at least to some degree the European financial crisis and in particular the Greek bailout.

The saddest thing to me about the whole sorry mess is the loss of self-governance by the Greek people.

Greece is the birthplace of democracy, for goodness sakes, but now for all intents and purposes it's being run by a bunch of bankers and paper pushing, numbers crunching, bean counting bureaucrats with no accountability and unanswerable to the people of Greece

Consider just two aspects of the bailout as reported by the Wall Street Journal on 2/22/12:

1. The European Central Bank is protected from taking a loss on its Greek bond holdings while private investors are set to take a 50% to 70% loss.
2. Both major political parties were forced to agree to the austerity terms in order to get the money and have agreed to "govern" under those conditions regardless of which party wins the next Greek election. Of course, a case could be made the Greek" people got themselves into this situation with their cradle-to-grave political system that produces less and less while constantly demanding more and more. The problem, as Margaret Thatcher famously observed is that at some point you run out of other peoples' money. Or as seems to be the case" for Greece you keep getting money but the price is so high you lose control of your government. Pretty dismal and I guess we can all be happy it couldn't possibly happen here,' right?

Well, maybe right but then again, maybe not so right. Consider:

1. When the financial crisis hit, what exactly did the Congress do? They did precisely what the Federal Reserve, the Treasury Department bureaucrats, the monster banks and the Wall Street operatives told them to do. They simply obeyed all the unelected and unaccountable factions that had gotten us into the mess in the first place giving them obscene amounts of money to keep the game going.
2. Speaking of money. What about the massive devaluation of our currency (see *NSC Foghorn* 10/13/11)? That has mostly been the, conscious

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policy of the Federal Reserve. Unaccountable and unanswerable to the American people.

3. What about zero interest rates that are doing so much harm to savers and seniors (see *NSC Foghorn* 9/8/11)? Again a conscious policy by the unaccountable Federal Reserve.

So, how different are we from the Greeks? Actually, not very different at all. The Congress has become nothing more than a servile lap dog that holds committee meetings on a regular basis to be kept up to date on what the unelected rulers are doing and what those rulers expect from Congress. Pathetic is too kind a word to describe the collective incompetence of these people.

I have been known, on a rare occasion, to drop a letter to the editor. I enjoy being part of the "Letters" community and, agree or disagree, I always find the page to be interesting. Every once in a while something special comes along (besides mine which are always special, right?). That happened on 2/21/12 in the RJ in a letter written by J. Daluga of Henderson,

The subject was how some people are always trying to impose their moral codes on everybody and how this is coming from both sides "The right says abortion is immoral, gay marriage is immoral and secularism is immoral. The left says being rich is immoral, fatty foods are immoral and fossil fuels are immoral. This is the real problem: Someone else wants to tell me what's 'moral'- and they want (to) make laws about it. Stop."

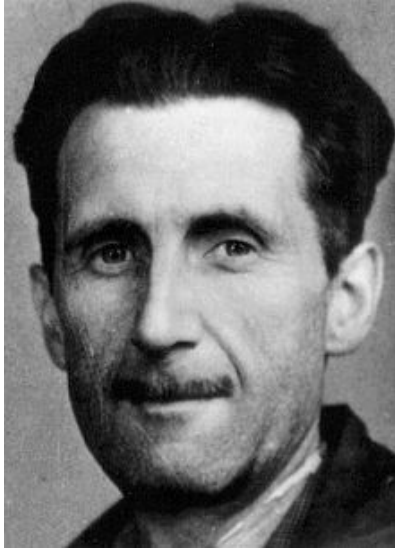
Well said J. Daluga.

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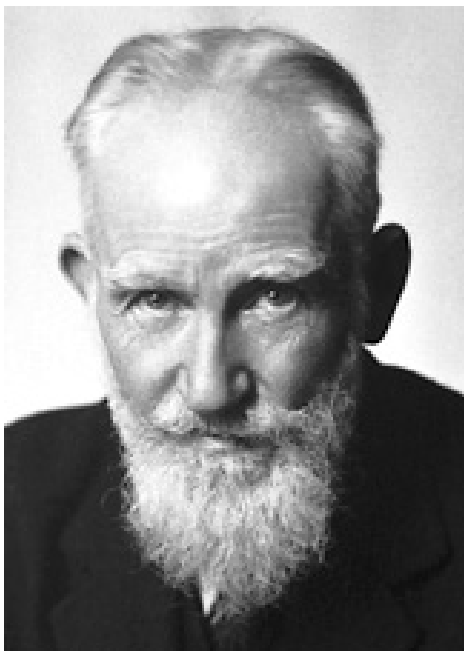
March 5	First day a candidate may file
March 16	Last day a candidate may file
May 26	First day of early voting in Primary Election
June 8	Last day of early voting in Primary Election
June 12	Primary Election
October 20	Beginning of General Election early voting
November 2	Last day of early voting for General Election
November 6	General Election

“Please Don’t Quote Me”



Political language... is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable, and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind – George Orwell

A national political campaign is better than the best circus ever heard of, with a mass baptism and a couple of hangings thrown in. – H.L. Menken



He knows nothing and thinks he knows everything. That points clearly to a political career – George Bernard Shaw

Hispanics to Account for Greater Share of Growth in the Labor Force

Press Release

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Hispanics are expected to account for 74% of the growth in the nation's labor force from 2010 to 2020, according to new projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). A Pew Research Center commentary notes that this is much higher than in the previous two decades. Hispanics accounted for 36% of the total increase in the labor force from 1990 to 2000 and for 54% from 2000 to 2010. A major reason is that the Hispanic population is growing rapidly due to births and immigration. At the same time, the aging of the non-Hispanic white population is expected to reduce their numbers in the labor force.

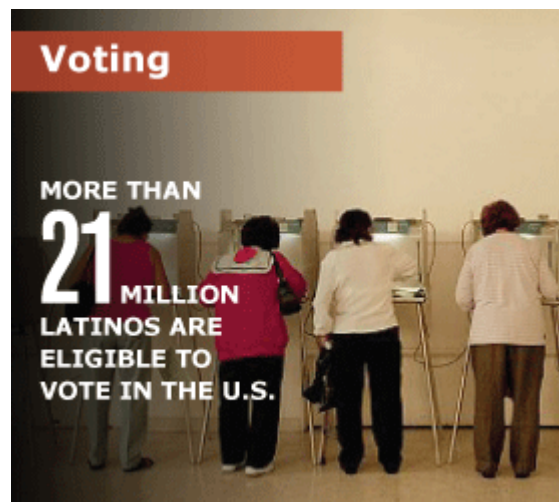
Another important factor is that Hispanics have a higher labor force participation rate than other groups. The nation's labor force participation rate—that is, the share of the population ages 16 and older either employed or looking for work—was 64.7% in 2010. Among Hispanics, the rate was 67.5%. There are two main explanations for this gap: Hispanics are a younger population than other groups, and include a higher share of immigrants.

The figures for Hispanics come from the latest round of BLS projections for the U.S. labor force, covering 2010–2020, which indicate that growth will slow overall. These projections show that the labor force will increase by 10.5 million in this decade, growing to 164.4 million in 2020 from 153.9 million in 2010. That is less than the increase of 11.3 million from 2000 to 2010, and substantially less than the 16.7 million increase from 1990 to 2000. The projected average annual increase in the labor force from 2010 to 2020—0.7%—is also less than the annual growth of 0.8% from 2000 to 2010 and only about half the 1.3% annual rate of growth from 1990 to 2000.

The commentary, "Labor Force Growth Slows, Hispanic Share Grows," authored by Rakesh Kochhar, Associate Director for Research, Pew Hispanic Center, can be accessed on the Pew Hispanic Center website (www.pewhispanic.org) and on All Things Census at the Pew Social & Demographic Trends website.

The Pew Hispanic Center and Pew Social & Demographic Trends are projects of the Pew Research Center, a nonpartisan, non-advocacy research organization based in Washington, D.C., and funded by The Pew Charitable Trusts.

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Who Were In the Civil War Armies?

Bell Irwin Wiley in his book *The Life of Billy Yank* listed the former occupations of enlistees in the Confederate and Union armies. He found that out of 9,000 soldiers in twenty-eight Confederate regiments there were:

4500 farmers

474 students (both school and university—one school master took his entire class and enlisted)

472 laborers

321 clerks

318 mechanics

222 carpenters

138 merchants

116 blacksmiths

Other occupations having more than 50 enlistees included sailors, doctors, painters, teachers, shoemakers and lawyers.



An examination of 12,000 Union soldiers show an almost exactly similar set of occupations and numbers of those practicing except more Northerners were teachers and printers.

There were also more foreign-born Union troops. There were a million Germans living in Northern states most of them having immigrated following repression in Germany following an 1848 revolution. They and their native-born descendants (probably all German speaking) numbered 200,000 out of the Union army's two million members. The Irish comprised 150,000, English born 45,000 and 50,000 Canadians.

The Confederate numbers were not separately counted but Irish, Germans, Italians and Poles were known to total tens of thousands. However the "typical" Confederate soldier was English speaking and of English or Scotch-Irish ancestry.



At the February Meeting



The speaker at our February meeting was Dr. Lauren Grover. He gave a lecture on the NUCCA chiropractic method.

The NUCCA chiropractic method is a gentle and safe form of chiropractic care, with a focus on permanent results. The NUCCA procedure was designed to correct the entire spine back to a balanced unstressed position. The NUCCA chiropractic technique works because repositioning the spine reactivates the transmission of healing messages from the brain to the affected part of the body (via the nervous system) so the body's natural self-healing process can begin.

For more information call Crystal at 702.944.4673 or go on the Internet to www.drdevin.com.

Members

Renewing Members:

Knight Allen

John and Gisela Tabor

Thanks for your continued support

New Member:

Juanita Clark

☺ Welcome to the Group ☺



March 17, 2012



March 11, 2012

- ☺ 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.



Girl Scouts of the USA



This year March 12th marks the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts.

The organization was started in Savannah, Georgia by Juliette Gordon Low a wealthy, well-educated American widow. There were originally 18 girls. Now there are more

than 3.2 million worldwide.

GSUSA has made 2012 the “Year of the Girl” to address one of the most pressing issues too many girls face – not reaching their full potential.

“Diversity has been a core value of Girl Scouts since its founding in 1912. At a time of segregation and before laws promoting civil rights were passed, our founder, Juliette Gordon Low, ensured that African-American, American Indian and Hispanic girls were able to become Girl Scouts. She led efforts to make Girl Scouting available to girls who lived in rural and urban areas, to girls who were rich, middle class and poor, and to girls who were born in this country as well as immigrants. The foundation of diversity that Juliette Gordon Low established runs throughout Girl Scouting to this day. Our mission to build “girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place” extends to all girls of this nation. More than 900,000 volunteers work every day to ensure that our outreach, volunteer systems and resources work toward making Girl Scouting available to every girl who is willing to embrace the Promise and Law. Today, Girl Scouts reaches girls in urban, rural, low-income and public housing communities, and girls whose mothers are in prison or who are themselves living in correctional facilities, homeless shelters, foster care and domestic violence shelters. We have a long history of adapting activities to girls who have disabilities, special needs, and chronic illnesses.”

For more information go to www.girlscouts.org.

From the Editor



- ♠ Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote. Andrew Lack
- ♠ If voting changed anything, they'd abolish it. – Ken Livingstone
- ♠ The great thing about democracy is that it gives every voter a chance to do something stupid. – Art Spander
- ♠ Vote for the man who promises least. He'll be the least disappointing. – Bernard Baruch
- ♠ Vote: the instrument and symbol of a free man's power to make a fool of himself and a wreck of his country. – Ambrose Bierce
- ♠ Constantly choosing the lesser of two evils is still choosing evil. – Jerry Garcia
- ♠ Those who stay away from the election think that one vote will do no good: 'Tis but one step more to think one vote will do no arm. – Ralph Waldo Emerson
- ♠ The ignorance of one voter in a democracy impairs the security of all. – John F. Kennedy
- ♠ Vote early and vote often. – Alphonse

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 12 starting at 10 a.m. at >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>



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

Our April 12th Speaker will be:

**From Southwest Gas
Ernie Ritacca**

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The End of the Wooden Ship Era

The U.S.S. Merrimack, a 40-gun frigate launched in 1855, served in the Caribbean and was the flagship of the Pacific fleet in the late 1850s. Early in 1860, the ship was decommissioned for extensive repairs at the Gosport Navy Yard in Norfolk, Virginia. When the Civil War began in April 1861, it was sunk by Union sailors as the yard was evacuated. A salvage company raised the ship six weeks later, and the Confederates began rebuilding it.

One-hundred seventy two dollars was spent putting ironclad upon the Merrimack's hull. A new gun deck was added and an iron canopy was draped over the entire vessel. The hardest part of the construction was finding the iron plating. It was produced in the Tredegar Iron Works in Richmond, Virginia. The plant had to alter its operations to roll more than 300 tons of scrap iron for the 2-inch thick plating.

The C.S.S. Virginia was launched February 17, 1862. On **March 8**, it steamed out of Norfolk toward the Union ships guarding the mouth of the James River at Hampton Roads. Rumors about the ironclad were rampant for several days among the Yankee sailors, and now they saw it. The Virginia, fired several shots into U.S.S. Cumberland before ramming and sinking it. T

The other Union ships fired back, "having no more effect than peas from a pop-gun", in the words of one observer." Ninety-eight shots hit the Virginia with little effect. The U.S.S. Congress, exploded after fires, caused by a barrage from the Virginia, reached the powder magazine. The U.S.S. Minne-

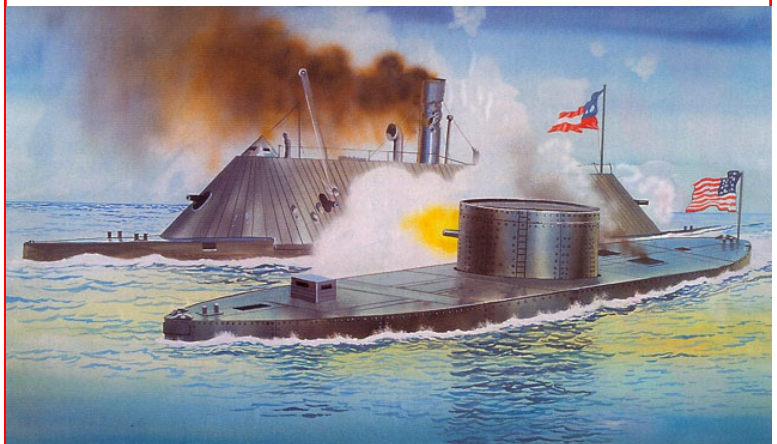
The Nevada Seniors Coalition, Inc. (NSC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization. No person is excluded on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin.

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.

sota was run aground before the Virginia called it a day.



It was the worst day in U.S. naval history and signaled the end of the wooden ship era. However, the next day, the C.S.S. Virginia fought the most famous naval duel in history with the U.S.S. Monitor, a Union ironclad, that was able to fight the Confederate ship to a draw.

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