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The first woman to run for U.S. president was Victoria Woodhull, who campaigned for the office in 1872 under the National Woman's Suffrage Association. While women would not be granted the right to vote by a constitutional amendment for nearly 50 years, there were no laws prohibiting a woman from running for the chief executive position.



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GROSS, GROSS, GROSS

By Vice President Knight Allen

Clinton vs Trump.

Both Cruz and Kasich dropped out after Indiana but Bernie Sanders continues on. I guess it's reasonable to ask, Why not? He keeps winning state after state but under the Democratic Party system he never gets any delegates. Certainly not in numbers that even remotely reflect his popularity.

Bernie reminds me of Rhett Butler in 'Gone with the Wind' who goes off to join the Confederate army when it's obvious the Civil War is lost. When asked why he said it's because the Lost Cause is the only one worth fighting for. Of course Rhett was a capitalist and had hedged his bets with his gun running profits. Bernie the socialist would probably have written a letter of outrage to Lincoln demanding the North send at least half of its war production to the South. You know, in the interest of "fairness."

I suggest we all sit back, relax and enjoy our very own national three ring circus.

A book written by Rob Brotherton deals with conspiracies and how those folks with what might be called "suspicious minds" may not be as completely off the wall as a lot of us think. Obviously 9/11 was a conspiracy as was the first attack on the Twin Towers in 1993. OK, understood, but I found this to be food for thought: "90% of routine federal indictments for terrorist attacks since 9/11 contain at least one conspiracy charge." It's not just terrorism. Conspiracy charges are the rule not the exception in price fixing, insider trading and money laundering cases too. It seems conspiracies are going on all around us all the time. I enjoyed this quote from Edward Abbey: "It's true that I don't know exactly who my enemies are but that of course is exactly why I'm paranoid."

The RJ reported the state unemployment rate on 4/14. Just like the wage numbers I wrote about last month the state runs a year-

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over-year time frame that sets a positive tone for the numbers. The stat that jumped out at me was this: "Nevada's total job base stood at 1.350 million in the month" (March 2016). Once again, let's get some longer term perspective. At the end of 2007 just before the crash total Nevada employment was 1.284 million. We've picked up 66,000 jobs in eight plus years an increase of 5%. Combine that with the total wage increase of 6% and I think we can all be grateful we're retired.

Unless you are involved with the world of finance you might not recognize the name Bill Gross. He is a Wall Street guru who built the world's largest bond fund and then left (or was forced out) and has pretty much started all over again with a much smaller pool of capital. He was interviewed by Barron's last month (4/11/16) and he said something I'd like to relate to you. He said people save to achieve their dreams; college for their kids, retirement and they depend on a return on that money. But, "Well, sorry. When interest rates get to zero - and that isn't the endpoint, they could go negative -SAVERS ARE DESTROYED (my emphasis). And savers are the bedrock of capitalism. Savers allow investment and investment produces growth." That is well said. Charles Schwab has talked about this too. There are reports out there that suggest savers have been robbed of a trillion dollars in interest payments since quantitative easing began. But, hey! Don't be concerned. It's all being done for the Greater (Wall St.) Good and for the General (Government's) Welfare.

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A Missouri couple trying to keep good sense of humor when it comes to the field of candidates for president are showing their sense of humor by placing an unusual campaign sign in their yard, which reads: "Everybody Sucks 2016. The U.S. is doomed." (TRUE, TRUE – VWP) The sign has received plenty of attention from not only in their Kansas City neighborhood, but on a national level as images of the sign have gone viral. Debbie Butler said that she and her husband, an Army veteran who fought in Afghanistan and Iraq, bought the sign as a joke. It's just fun," she said. "We just thought it was funny when we saw it, so we bought it and put it in the front yard."



"Please Don't Quote Me"

GREAT INSULTS

"A member of Parliament to Disraeli:
"Sir, you will either die on the gallows or
of some unspeakable disease."

"That depends, Sir," said Disraeli,
"whether I embrace your policies or your
mistress."

"I have never killed a man, but I have
read many obituaries with great
pleasure."

Clarence Darrow

"Thank you for sending me a copy of
your book; I'll waste no time reading it."

Moses Hadas

"He has no enemies, but is intensely
disliked by his friends..."

Oscar Wilde

"I feel so miserable without you; it's
almost like having you here."

Stephen Bishop

"I've just learned about his illness. Let's
hope it's nothing trivial."

Irvin S. Cobb

"He is not only dull himself; he is the
cause of dullness in others."

Samuel Johnson

"In order to avoid being called a flirt, she
always yielded easily."

Charles, Count Talleyrand

"He loves nature in spite of what it did to
him."

Forrest Tucker

"His mother should have thrown him
away and kept the stork!"

Mae West

"He uses statistics as a drunken man uses
lamp-posts... for support rather than
illumination."

Andrew Lang (1844-1912)

"I've had a perfectly wonderful
evening. But this wasn't it."

Groucho Marx

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none
of the vices I admire."

Winston Churchill

"He has never been known to use a word
that might send a reader to the
dictionary." **William Faulkner** (about
Ernest Hemingway).

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a
nice letter saying I approved of it."

Mark Twain

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first
night of my new play; bring a friend, if
you have one."

George Bernard Shaw to Winston
Churchill

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will
attend second if there is one."

Winston Churchill, in response.

"He is a self-made man and worships his
creator."

John Bright

"He is simply a shiver looking for a spine
to run up."

Paul Keating

"Why do you sit there looking like an
envelope without any address on it?"

Mark Twain

"Some cause happiness wherever they
go; others, whenever they go."

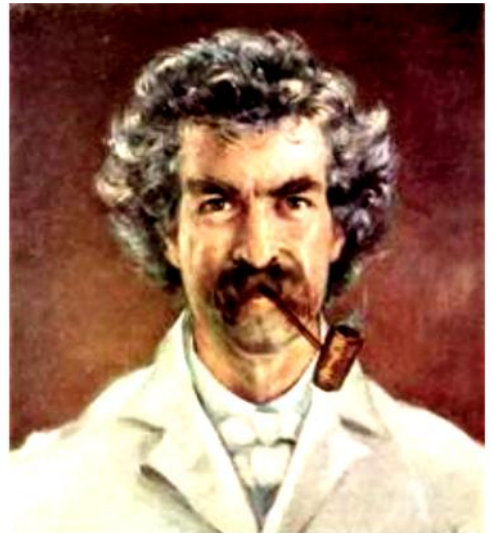
Oscar Wilde

"He has Van Gogh's ear for music."

Billy Wilder

"He had delusions of adequacy."

Walter Kerr





EVENT LOCATION

Santa Fe Station
4949 N Rancho Rd
2nd Floor Ballroom

EVENT HOURS

Noon – 4:00

Opening/Welcome
1:00

Senior Service Providers Resource Fair
Noon – 4:00

Public Service Uniform Fashion Show & Safety Presentations
1:30 – 3:00

Door Prizes throughout the afternoon



Unused Prescription Drug Drop-off Point

Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.) & Clark County Commissioners' Marilyn Kirkpatrick & Larry Brown
Invite you to

Celebrate Older American's Month

Senior Safety Fair



May 25, 2016



Public Service Uniform Fashion Show and Safety Presentations

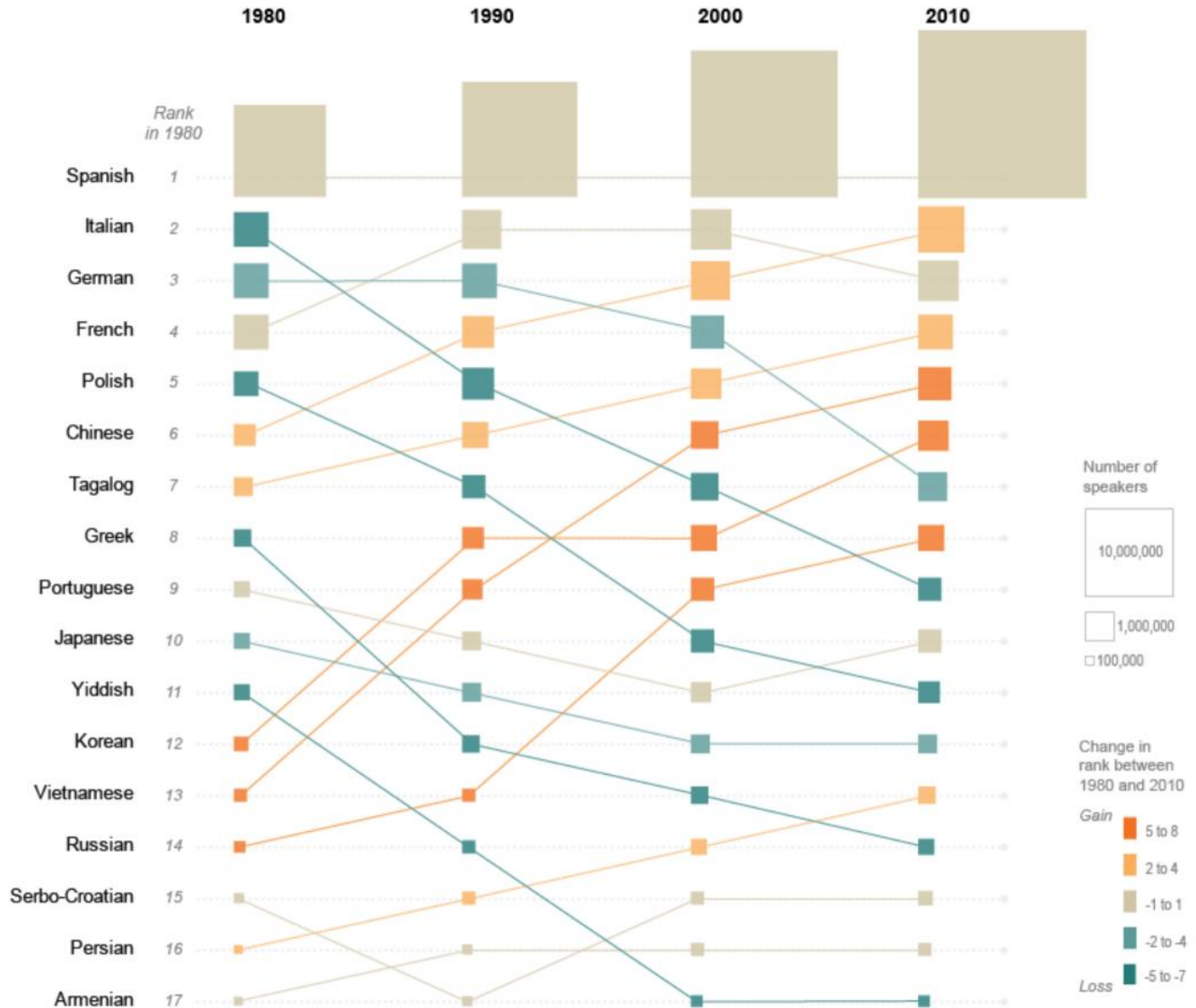
- Uniform Fashion Show featuring
 - Law Enforcement Officers
 - Fire Fighters
 - Public Utilities Field Staff
- Safety Presentations featuring
 - Fire Prevention/Home Safety
 - Natural Disaster Preparedness
 - Personal Safety in Public Places
 - Fraud/Scams/Cyber Protection



For more information, please call: Senior Medicare Patrol 702-486-3403

Top Languages Other than English Spoken in 1980 and Changes in Relative Rank, 1990-2010

February 14, 2013



In 1980, the five most commonly spoken languages other than English were Spanish, Italian, German, French, and Polish. By 2010, Spanish was still the most widely spoken language after English but it was followed by Chinese, French, Tagalog, and Vietnamese. More information about language spoken at home can be found at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/socdemo/language/>.

SOURCE: Decennial censuses 1980-2000 and 2010 ACS 1-year estimates

NOTE: Square area is proportional to the number of people speaking a given language. Data are for the population 5 and older.

Spanish includes Spanish Creole, French includes Patois, Cajun, and French Creole; Portuguese includes Portuguese Creole. The languages highlighted are the languages where comparable data were available for the four time periods: 1980, 1990, 2000, and 2010. Other languages spoken in 2010 at least as widely as those shown above include Arabic, Cambodian, Gujarati, Hebrew, Hindi, Hmong, Navajo, Thai, and Urdu.

As is the case with all surveys (including the 1980, 1990, and Census 2000 “long-form”), statistics from sample surveys are subject to sampling and nonsampling error.

For more information, go to

http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/documentation_main/

At the April Meeting



The April speaker was Richard Egan from the State of Nevada , Office of Suicide Prevention. Richard is The Suicide Prevention and Outreach Facilitator. The mission of the Nevada Office of Suicide Prevention is to reduce the rates of suicide and suicidal acts in Nevada through statewide collaborative efforts to develop, implement and evaluate a state strategy that advances the goals and objectives of the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention. Richard gave a very interesting and informative talk.

Thank you Richard for a job well done.

Members

Renewing Members

- ♥Karen Maggio♥
- ♥Edward and Mary Ann Duffy♥

Thank you for your continued support

New Members

- ♥Mary Granger♥
- ♥Judge Janiece Marshal♥

Welcome Aboard

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

Memorial Day May 30



Thanks to all NSC members who contributed time, gifts and money to us 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.



From The Editor English ~~As~~ Is a Second Language

For years Congress has argued over declaring English the official language of the United States. Proposals to ban English surfaced shortly after the American Revolution when many people wanted to get rid of anything English.

U.S. President John Adams considered every detail in building the new nation. His Revolutionary War correspondence letters, which are stored in the U.S. Library of Congress, reveal how his thoughts went beyond concerns such as raising an army and establishing a common currency. Adams felt strongly that one common language was important to the new United States — and that the language should be English despite the dispute with England.

This wasn't the first time that Americans have argued about whether English-only should be the law of the land however. It was an issue as early as the 1750s. Language became a political and emotional issue when British settlers in Pennsylvania began to fear and resent the fact that a third of their fellow Pennsylvanians were German speakers. (*deutschland ueber alles* – my mother, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1886 spoke German (platte deutsch or Low German) before she was taught English).

Since that time, American nativists* have sought to eradicate minority languages and discourage bilingualism wherever it could be found: in Maine and Louisiana, California and New Mexico, Hawaii and Puerto Rico, as well as in Pennsylvania. Complaints about Germans as well as other non-English-speakers became common in the last quarter of the 19th century, and again during and after World War I, when the fear of immigrants and their languages prompted protective English-only legislation. Non-Anglophones were considered to be less than human: in 1904 a railroad president told a congressional hearing on the mistreatment of immigrant workers, “These workers don't suffer—they

don't even speak English” Today as well there is opposition to non-Anglophones and bilinguals—this time not Germans but Hispanic and Asian Americans.

The result is the proposed Constitutional English Language Amendment (ELA). This amendment would make English the official language of the United States.

Despite the **myth** that German had once come close to replacing English in the United States, Americans have never had a legally-established official language. The so-called German vote did not take place in 1776, and it had nothing to do with privileging German over English. The legend that it did, which has gone around since at least the 1850s, was spread initially by propagandists celebrating German contributions to American culture. It has since been taken over by those who claim that the English language in the United States is an endangered species. The story of the German Vote is occasionally trotted out by ELA supporters to demonstrate the power of ethnic groups to subvert national unity and to warn Americans that although the German threat to English has been defused, the Spanish one has not.

Those of you who would like follow what is now happening can go to the ProEnglish website at <https://proenglish.org/>

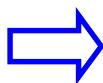


* **Nativism**, in general, refers to a policy or belief that protects or favors the interest of the **native** population of a country over the interests of immigrants.

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Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on
Thursday June 9, 2016
Starting at 10 a.m. at



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

Our June Speaker will be:

From the State of Nevada Aging and Disability Services
Division, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Pro-
grams and “Extra Help” Program

Community Development Specialist

Sharon Goldstrom

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May 12, 1780 Worst American Defeat of the Revolutionary War

Americans suffer their worst defeat of the Revolutionary War on **May 12, 1780**, after a siege that began on April 2, with the unconditional surrender of **Major General Benjamin Lincoln** to British Lieutenant General Sir Henry Clinton and his army of 10,000 at Charleston, South Carolina.

The British captured more than 3,000 Patriots and a great quantity of munitions and equipment, while losing only 250 killed and wounded in the process. Lieutenant General Clinton, confident of the British control in the South, sailed north to New York after the victory, upon learning of an impending French expedition to the British-occupied northern state. General Charles Cornwallis was now in command of 8,300 British troops in the South.

The British presence let loose the full violence of a civil war upon the population of South Carolina which was a deeply divided state. First, the British used Loyalists against the Patriot population. The Patriots returned the violence in kind. Guerrilla warfare strategies that patriots Francis Marion, Thomas Sumter and Nathanael Greene had used throughout the Carolina campaign of 1780-81 eventually chased the far more numerous British force into Virginia. There they eventually surren-

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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.

dered at Yorktown on October 19, 1781 effectively ending the war.

Major General Lincoln was able to turn the tables and accept Cornwallis' ceremonial surrender to General George Washington at Yorktown on October 20, 1780 and pay him back for the humiliation of surrendering to the British at Charles-

