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In Memory of Jane Shugart Brown

AmSoc members were shocked and saddened by Janie's sudden death on August 14, 2011. Jane was born on January 16, 1951 in Fort Stockton, Texas. She had a brother (Jerry) and a sister (Jackie). Jane graduated from Texas Christian University, where she earned a degree in Spanish.

Jane and her children came to Mexico 1975. They lived first in San Luis Potosi, but ended up in Guadalajara in 1994 where Jane started a restaurant business in La Gran Plaza. After returning to the United States a couple of times for about three years total, they came back for good in 1997 where found a home in Las Cañadas.

Jane was a skilled Spanish-English translator. She loved to read and had just begun a new hobby growing plants and vegetables. Jane loved Mexico. Most of all, she was an attentive and loving mother to her children.

Jane is survived by Michael and Vanessa, her son and daughter.

We at AmSoc will remember Jane for her happy disposition and kindness. Our Thursday lunches and special events will never be the same without her cheerful presence and efficient service as a volunteer server. It was much too soon for her to leave us.

(Thanks to Sue Hurst for supplying information)



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September Events



Combination Mexican Independence Day and Labor Day

Will be celebrated on Saturday,
September 10

Menu:

*Traditional buffet-style Tacos (always a tasty treat!)
and Apple pie*

Doors open at 12:30 - *no earlier!*

Luncheon starts at 1:30

Tickets \$85 pesos.



We would like to send our best wishes for a rapid recovery to *Loretta Eisbrenner* who is recovering from a broken hip. They miss you at poker, Loretta!

Why the American Economy is failing

Amazon couldn't make a Kindle here if it wanted to!

- The U.S. has lost, or is on the verge of losing, its ability to develop and manufacture a slew of high-tech products. Amazon's Kindle 2 couldn't be made in the U.S., even if Amazon wanted it to:
- The flex circuit connectors are made in China because the US supplier base migrated to Asia.
- The electrophoretic display is made in Taiwan because the expertise developed from producing flat-panel LCDs migrated to Asia with semiconductor manufacturing.
- The highly polished injection-molded case is made in China because the U.S. supplier base eroded as the manufacture of toys, consumer electronics and computers migrated to China.
- The wireless card is made in South Korea because that country became a center for making mobile phone components and handsets.
- The controller board is made in China because U.S. companies long ago transferred manufacture of printed circuit boards to Asia.
- The Lithium polymer battery is made in China because battery development and manufacturing migrated to China along with the development and manufacture of consumer electronics and notebook computers.

Source:

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/stevedenning/2011/08/17/why-amazon-cant-make-a-kindle-in-the-usa/>

Quotations

Isn't it interesting that the same people who laugh at science fiction listen to weather forecasts and economists? Kelvin Throop III

Rudeness is the weak man's imitation of strength. Eric Hoffer

Do just once what others say you can't do and you will never pay attention to their limitations again. Arthur C. Clarke

Una buena palabra puede calentar tres meses de invierno.

Anónimo

Humorous quote

I never forget a face, but in your case, I'll make an exception.

Groucho Marx

Discovery

By Pauline Van Havere

¿Habla Español?

Like many people learning another language, I find reading and writing easier than understanding the spoken word. It's so frustrating to miss the key word in a sentence! I decided that I needed to practice my listening skills so I'm trying out a web site recommended by a friend. It's called Lo Más TV at <http://lomastv.com> and so far is quite fun. I did need to sign up for it at \$122 pesos per month but there's a 7-day money back guarantee period.

Once you're signed up, you can pick from over 600 short video clips of material from all over the Spanish speaking world. There is a range of categories including Drama, Food, Interviews, Music, and so on. As the video plays, the narrative is displayed below it in Spanish and

English. You have the standard recorder type controls like rewind, pause, forward, and replay.

When you feel comfortable with a video, you can choose to play the fill in the blank quiz. There is no time limit and you can have a phrase repeated if you want. You are scored on your answers as you enter them, and then given a second chance at the ones you missed.

I quite like this site. So far, I've just done the video quizzes but you can also build up a flash card library and take online lessons. This is in no way an advertisement of the web site; it is just a heads up that the service is available to anyone like me who is interested in improving their Spanish.

Inner Peace/Paz Interior

Contributed by Lupita Elizondo

If you can start the day without caffeine,

Si puedes empezar el día sin cafeína,

If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,

Si siempre estás feliz e ignoras los achaques y malestares,

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,

Si eres capaz de evitar quejarte y aburrir a las personas con tus problemas,

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,

Si todos los días puedes comer lo mismo y sentirte agradecido,

If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,

Si eres capaz de comprender que cuando tus seres queridos están muy ocupados no te pueden dedicar tiempo,

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,

Si puedes aceptar que te critiquen y culpen sin resentimiento,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

Si puedes superar la tensión sin ayuda médica

If you can relax without alcohol,

Si te puedes relajar sin alcohol,

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

Si puedes dormir sin ayuda de medicamentos...

You are probably the family dog!

Eres probablemente el perro de la familia.



AMSOC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 16, 2011

We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Jane Shugart who passed away Sunday evening the 14th of August. She will be missed. We also wish to thank Bar Rutenbeck for the support he has provided to Jane's family.

Jane

Lorreta Eisbrenner: Fractured her hip, had surgery and is currently recovering in a nursing home. A special thanks to Gretchen Coffey for all that she has done.

Prior to the meeting we also discussed the changes to employee contributions for IMSS, Infonavit and AFORES. Our accountant presented detailed information for our review.

Meeting minutes

Present: Ann Whiting, John Griffin, Regis Soileau, Jerry Dankner, David Ruiz, Bruce Newby and Patricia Olarte. Guest: Klif Harrison.

The meeting was called to order at 10:55 am with a quorum in attendance.

Treasurer's report:

The report was reviewed and approved by unanimous vote. We expressed our appreciation for the excellent work that John Griffin is doing as Treasurer in providing significant detail on income and expenses.

Old Business:

1. Friday, the 16th of September is a Mexican holiday so Lupita and Rocio have the day off.
2. The AMSOC brochure has been approved and 1,500 are being printed by O&A.
3. A rent increase of 5% is planned for the Junior League, Leticia Rodriguez, Claudia Silva (psychologist) and José Luis Tadeo (life coach) when their current contracts expire - they did not have rent increases last year. The rent has already been increased for David Ruiz, Toastmasters and AA.
4. Maintenance: Library ceiling repair and skylight re-sealing as required after the rainy season, an extractor for the kitchen and reparation of the window in the library were approved.
5. Web site: A professional developer, Joseph Leonard, will be moving to Guadalajara and when he is here we will discuss the possibility of his taking responsibility for the AMSOC web site.

New Business:

The website was down for a few days but is now up and running

Event Schedule:

1. Labor Day/Mexican "Grito de Independencia" rescheduled to the 10th of September.
2. Halloween will continue to be a joint Toastmasters/AMSOC event - to be scheduled.
3. The Thanksgiving celebration will be held on Thursday the 24th of November.
4. The annual Christmas posada remains to be scheduled in coordination with the orphanage.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

The Memorial Society

Q. Who is eligible to join the Memorial Society at AmSoc?

A. Any resident, single, married or divorced, is eligible.

Q. What are the benefits of joining?

A. You will have complied with Mexican law by having a notarized form submitted to San Miguel Funeral Home in the event of your passing. Without this form, signed by you and notarized by our attorney, there is no guarantee that your final wishes will be honored. By being a member your final wishes can be preserved so that

your next of kin, a friend or significant other can comply with your requests.

Family can be notified in the event of your passing. If you requested that your remains be sent to a funeral home back home they will be notified and arrangements made for shipping.

Q. How much is the membership and annual fee?

A. The fee for AmSoc members is only \$400 pesos for each individual application and \$500 pesos for non-members.

There are **no** annual or additional fees to be a member of the Memorial Society unless you later make a change in your next of kin, a friend or significant other.

The Administrator of the Memorial Society, Jim Watkins, can be contacted by email at: jimw2030@gmail.com or at AmSoc most mornings at 3121 2395 or his cel # 333 5071 084 anytime.

Notices and Announcements

AmSoc Book Club

September's meeting will be at 10:00 a.m.
Thursday September 15.

Everyone is welcome to attend whether or not you are a member or have read the book of the month, which is *The Conquest of Mexico* by Bernal Diaz. This book is based on a contemporary account of the Spanish conquest of Mexico written by a foot soldier in Hernán Cortés' army. This is your opportunity to view the invasion through the eyes of a foot soldier. There is no movie.

Good Dentist who speaks English

Dra. Olga C. Sanchez Vergara

Cleaning \$450p

Filling \$550

X-Ray \$70

Crown \$1,200

Calle Juan Alvarez 672

2½ blocks east of Federalismo

Tel: 614-3890

English speakers call:

044-33-1220-2715

Review: The Mongol (The rise of Genghis Khan)

I watched this film recently and was quite impressed. The language of the film is Mongolian; but the subtitles are clear and easy to read. The camera work and costumes are beautiful and the action exciting. It is an endearing account of his (Termudjin's) childhood and young manhood, showing him in a very favorable light. He is portrayed as a handsome young man, just and merciful with his enemies and devoted to his wife. Whether this is an idealized portrayal, or he changed later in life to earn his current reputation he, I couldn't say, but it is certainly worth watching. *Vicki (DVD donated to AmSoc)*

Weekly Calendar

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Light Exercise 10 a.m. - 11a.m.
AA Meeting 6 p.m.

Tuesday

Toastmasters 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Wednesday

Beginner's Spanish 11a.m. - 1 p.m.

Thursday

Lunch 12:30 p.m.
Games 11-4

Saturday

Overeaters Anon. 11 a.m.
English conversation 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Toastmasters 10:30 - 12:30



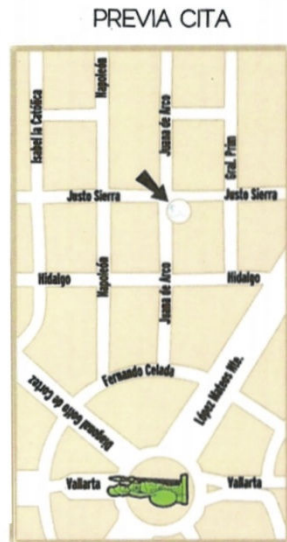
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Readers' comments and contributions welcome!

Come on you men, why should we women do all the work?

Salud Integral

Ubicación: Club de AmSoc

Stress Management

Physiotherapy · Massage Therapy

Rehabilitation

Sciatica · Sprains

Reflexology · Bioenergetics

Pain Management · Post-surgery Therapy

Rehabilitación post-cirugía

Masaje relajamiento · Manejo del dolor

Reflexología · Depilación laser

Emergency house calls

Terapeuta: Leticia (Lety) Rodriguez

Tel: 044-333-103-2528

San Francisco 3332

Chapalita

The Last Word (by VW)

Compiling the following report was an interesting and somewhat unnerving experience. Normally, I don't pay much attention to money matters, but after what I've been reading, it looks as if I should.

The contents of the report are based on information assembled from the Internet as I subscribe to neither TV nor newspapers. I have tried to verify the facts as much as possible by consulting more than one source; however there will inevitably be errors and omissions. Many of the facts are probably the opinions of the reporters and commentators who wrote the articles, but they are far more knowledgeable than I am. I urge readers to send me your feedback.

You can follow the hyperlinks in the PDF version with just one click.

Please let me know what you think, whether you agree or not, and if you have information and ideas I've overlooked. I'll publish your replies in the October Voice.

Special thanks to my friend Dave Clingman in New Zealand for his proofing services and for info about buying silver.

Melbourne beats Vancouver as most liveable city



Melbourne scored highly across a raft of categories assessing liveability

The Australian city of Melbourne has beaten Canada's Vancouver to the title of world's most

liveable city for the first time in almost a decade.

Vancouver has topped the annual Global Liveability Survey since 2002, but this year fell to third behind Vienna. (BBC news) My comment: *Brought down by hockey hooligans?*

Recovery Corner

Over-Eaters Anonymous

A 12-step program for compulsive eating. The group is self-supporting from member contributions. No fees or dues. Meetings are held in the AmSoc library every Saturday 11 a.m. - 12 noon. Contact: Daryl 33-3507-4746

Alcoholics Anonymous - Chapalita

Friends of Bill W. AA Group have their meetings in the main AmSoc building. Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Centro GDL

Lunch and a meeting (open) AA group meetings at Mexicaltzingo 1238 corner of Pavo (downtown) on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturdays from 12 - 1:00 PM. The location is 1-1/2 blocks from the Mexicaltzingo light rail [Tren] Station, between La Paz & Niños Heroes.

Supplement

Is there a recession in your future?

It seems that every day there is more bad news about the economy, and not only in the United States; the threat appears to be worldwide.

The economic problems of the world are beginning to concern even me, so I've been looking into ways to conserve what little money I have. (Vicki Wootton)

"Given the tumult of the Great Recession, this [forecast decline] may be hard to believe. But the economy is much weaker than it was at the outset of the last recession in December 2007, with most major measures of economic health—including jobs, incomes, output and industrial production—worse today than they were back then. And growth has been so weak that almost no ground has been recouped, even though a recovery technically started in June 2009." NY Times Business section, 8/8/2011

What are some of the warning signs?

- S&P lowers US credit rating.
- The Chinese authorities are now calling for a new world reserve currency to replace the US dollar following S&P's downgrade. (BBC)
- One person in eight is on food stamps. There were 45,753,078 people on food stamps in mid May 2011, that's 14.7% of all Americans on food stamps, a 12.1% increase from May of the previous year. The average monthly amount is \$133.80.
- Unemployment rate had risen to 9.1% as of July 2011, that's 13.9 million people out of work (a slight decrease from last year, but still almost double the 2007 rate of 4.6%). Unemployment benefit claims are climbing slowly. Keep in mind that this statistic doesn't allow for millions who are still not employed because they have run out of benefits, not applied for benefits, failed to find employment, or given up.
- Consumer Price Index as of July 2011 is at 4.4% up from 1.8% last year. (Gov Stats)
- The annual inflation rate as of July 2011 is 5%. (Gov Stats) *Government Statistics are often much lower than the true rate.*
- A recent AARP survey found that 20% of workers 45 or older had stopped contributing to their retirement funds in the past year and that 13% are tapping their accounts to pay day-to-day expenses.
- Over 20% of children in America live in poverty; that's one child in five.
- Fifty million are now enrolled in Medicaid, an increase of 3.6 million from 2007.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-08-11/u-s-is-bankrupt-and-we-don-t-even-know-commentary-by-laurence-kotlikoff.html>

What can you do to protect your money?

I hesitate to say move out of US dollars, although I have personally converted to Canadian dollars. It's your decision. However, leaving money in a savings account does you no good at all, with interest rates at less than 1%; you even lose money if your bank has service charges.

This might also be a good time to get out of the stock market. The bond market is not such a good bet either.

If you like to play the stock market, think about investing offshore.

So, if you believe a recession is coming, how can you avoid being swept away by it?

Here are some of the suggestions I've come across, some you might find a bit off-the-wall, but I didn't plan to be exclusive about this.

Pay off your credit cards and stop taking them with you every time you go out—they make it much too easy to spend money. Once you've paid off the cards, don't close all of them; you may need access to that credit in an emergency.

On a smaller scale, implement some austerity measures. Some of the things that drain your budget are:

- Food: eating out a lot, eating expensive foods like meat, buying processed instead of fresh (market) foods;
- Utilities: stop wasting electricity— turn off unnecessary lights and appliances. Cut down on making long distance phone calls; is it really necessary to make so many?
- Shopping: cut out impulse buying - do you really need your fortieth pair of shoes or the latest electronic gadget?
- Waste: don't cook too much food and then throw away what's left over;
- Plant a vegetable and herb garden;
- Repair rather than toss things out;

- Barter or trade rather than buy;
- Walk or take public transit instead of driving everywhere;
- Stockpile medications. Your biggest problem in an economic meltdown could be getting health care. If you're dependent on prescription meds, try to get some extra pills now so you'll have some on hand later. Just make sure you're always taking the oldest meds you have, to minimize the risk of taking expired pills.

Other things you can do: <http://io9.com/378581/12-ways-to-prepare-for-the-next-great-depression>

The Mexican Economy

I would be remiss if I didn't mention Mexico given that the majority of Voice readers live here.

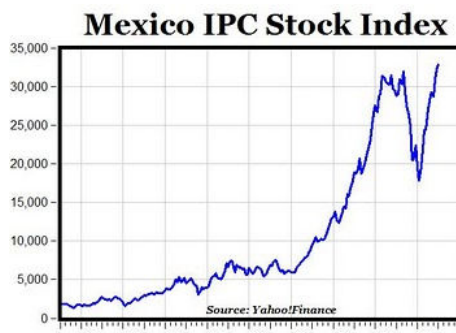
Mexico's GDP, the broadest measure of a country's output of goods and services grew 5.5 percent in 2010, the biggest jump since 2000, the national statistics agency said on its website. The GDP expanded 4.6 percent in the fourth quarter last year from the previous year. The economy was forecast to grow 4.4 percent in the final quarter, according to a survey of 13 analysts by Bloomberg.

Mexico's peso has strengthened 2.3 percent this year, the best performance against the dollar among the major Latin American currencies tracked by Bloomberg. (2010)

The manufacturing sector grew 6 percent and construction expanded 4.3 percent in the fourth quarter from a year earlier, the agency said. The services industry expanded 5 percent in 2010 and 4.2 percent in the fourth quarter.

Mexican Bolsa (Stock exchange)

Mexican Bolsa Index: 35016.04 (Aug 30/2011) NYT



http://markets.financialcontent.com/stocks/news/read/11381029/bull_market_rally_in_mexico_sets_record_highs

[http://markets.on.nytimes.com/research/markets/worldmarkets/snapshot.asp?symbol=\\$IPC](http://markets.on.nytimes.com/research/markets/worldmarkets/snapshot.asp?symbol=$IPC)

<http://markets.socialpicks.com/socialpicks/quote/historical?Symbol=992%3A1900000025> (history)

Invest in Canada

Backed by huge reserves of natural resources, Canada's economy is the strongest in the world. Others, like China, India, Brazil and Singapore are doing well also. At the moment, the US dollar is almost neck-to-neck with the Canadian dollar—100 US\$ currently gets 98.14CAD, but given the instability of the U.S. economy, many financial experts predict that the US\$ could take a plunge in the near future. Europe appears to be experiencing a similar crisis.

Canada's national debt is around 460 billion in contrast to the US's more than 14.667 trillion dollars. Given that the population of Canada is about one ninth that of the US, and the US economy is ten times larger than Canada's, this is still a hefty difference. If the US debt were proportional to Canada's it would be 4.14 trillion.

If you are an investor, you might be interested in Canadian stocks. Here are a few of the top Canadian stocks for 2011:

CN - The Canadian National Railway (CN)

CP - The Canadian Pacific Railway (CP)

BNS - Bank of Nova Scotia (Scotiabank)

RBC - Royal Bank of Canada

TD - Toronto Dominion Bank

Encana - Natural Gas (EGP)

Comeco - Nuclear Power (CCJ)

Goldcorp Inc. - Mining precious metals (GC)

Potash Corp of Saskatchewan (POT)

Research in Motion - Electronics (inventors of the Blackberry) (RIMM)

iShares (ETF provider) MSCI Canadian Index Fund

http://ca.ishares.com/product_info/fund/index.htm

Canadian Dollar Trust (Currency shares)

<http://www.thebrookland.com/blog/washington-post-canadas-economy-is-the-envy-of-the-world>

Precious Metals

Gold

Most precious metals investments, including many touted as “physical gold” do **not** actually convey legal ownership of precious metals to the investor. As a result, the *elimination of counterparty risk* rationale for the investment is defeated!

Most investors who believe they own gold really don't!

You **do not own gold** unless you have taken delivery of coins or bars personally or have received legally binding documentation showing you to be the legal owner of specific coins or bars (identified by bar serial numbers) stored with a bullion bank in an **allocated** account that is allocated in *your* name.

Some prognosticators advise you not to invest in gold, although they are in a minority. I've come across predictions that gold could go as high as \$5000 per ounce, but they too are in a minority. The popular prediction is that it will top at \$3000.

<http://www.financialsense.com/contributors/erik-townsend/so-you-think-you-own-gold>

Silver

Investing in silver seems a viable option; its price is rising steadily although not yet as madly gold, but the projected future rise of silver could be even more vigorous than gold. Today's price (Aug 31 2011) is 41.71/oz.

I've heard that Mexico is the best place to buy silver coins and bullion; after all, it's the biggest silver producer in the world. Some of the best places to buy silver in Guadalajara are:

Silver Only: Portal Joyero, Paseo del Hospicio 61, #208, Guadalajara. Tel: (33) 3540-9924

Diamond Afinaciones Metalúrgicas Oro y Plata: Paseo del Hospicio 22, 4th floor, Plaza Tapatía, Guadalajara. Tel (33) 3618-4171

Numismática Chapalita: Vicente Méndez Corona 181-#107, Colonia Centro, Guadalajara. Tel: (33) 3613-2925

ExpressDolar: Mary Loera Loera, Corona 151 (Cnr, Lopez Cotilla) Guadalajara, Tel: 33 3613-8614/15/16

Banco Azteca: many branches (you'll find the bank behind the washers and dryers)

http://www.ehow.com/how_4500248_buy-silver-bars-mexico.html

Copper

Not as glamorous as gold and silver, copper is being touted as viable alternative given that its value will continue to rise. China is stockpiling copper and the world demand will soon outstrip the supply. However, keep in mind that copper of comparable value to precious metals, would require a lot of storage space.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-01-19/global-copper-shortage-to-widen-on-economic-recovery-kamoo-says.html>

<http://www.goldwhy.com/why-buy-copper-from-the-metal-mint.html>

http://www.forbes.com/2003/04/21/cz_bc_0421sf.html (Forget Gold, Buy Copper)

ETFs

There is some debate at the moment as to whether buying ETFs (Exchange Traded Funds) is more favorable than mutual funds.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Exchange-traded_fund

<http://www.thestreet.com/story/11100797/1/etf-vs-mutual-fund-debate-comes-to-a-close.html>

BitCoins

I was intrigued by the idea behind Bitcoins and their rapid increase in value. Until June 2011, they looked as if they could be an option for more daring investors, however, their server was hacked in June and some people lost a considerable amount of money. People are still investing in Bitcoins, and hackers are still attacking. *It would be better to avoid this option until it becomes safer and more stable, unless you like to live dangerously.* Wells Fargo and Chase have recently shown an interest and will now process payments for purchasing Bitcoins. This doesn't mean they will sell them. Another new move is to purchase them through physical agencies in various communities rather than buying them online. Keeping electronic storage Wallets safe from hackers is still a major concern, but programmers are working on solutions all the time.

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/petercohan/2011/06/28/can-bitcoin-survive-is-it-legal/>

Bond Market

Developed world government bonds are no longer the risk-free investment they once were. In fact, credit markets show that government debt is now perceived to be riskier than corporate debt in Western Europe. (BBC)

Interesting Facts

- Sixty percent of new (2011) senators and forty percent of new congresspersons are millionaires. (Washington Post)
- Chase JP Morgan profits from food stamp processing.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eYRG9f5F4gw> (jp morgan)

<http://www.economicpolicyjournal.com/2011/01/food-stamps-as-jpmorgan-growth-industry.html>

<http://theeconomiccollapseblog.com/archives/the-more-americans-that-go-on-food-stamps-the-more-money-jp-morgan-makes>

- The wealthiest 1% in the US control 90%, \$60% or 40% of the country's wealth, depending on whose statistics you believe. Whatever you believe, it is a staggering amount. Another statistic claims that the wealthiest 10% in the US own 79.9% of all US Assets. This means that the other 90% of the population get to share the remaining 20.1%. Even the CIA reports that income distribution in the United States is more unequal than in Guyana, Nicaragua, and Venezuela, and roughly on par with Uruguay, Argentina, and Ecuador.

Links

Here are more links to sites I've used, which provide a more expanded view of the subject.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2010/06/21/business/main6602637.shtml>

<http://moneywatch.bnet.com/economic-news/news/doomsday-defense-cuts-loom-large-for-select-12/6277729/?tag=re1.channel>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-14574125>

<http://www.businessinsider.com/henry-blodget-15-amazing-stock-market-charts-2009-10>

<http://howestreet.com/>

<http://www.caseyresearch.com/>

<http://www.businessinsider.com/collapse-of-the-economy-2011-5#>

<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/us-stocks-to-get-no-rest-remain-volatile-2011-08-20?siteid=yhoof>

http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?llr=wse5aedab&v=001yP95GP3a5wgdW6wmAkEdkMEwOaCsv0TyYd6QpH8-7I0vKqfDhNokCAJQqziUhH6xbQYN2kd2ob_DxHyg_EDdKZhS4fyeHmfJBI9mP39041M%3D

US Debt Clock

This is a very interesting website. It is packed with financial information on all sorts of spending and debt. You can see the debt rising as you watch, too fast to focus on the lower digits.

By the time you read this, the US debt will be \$14.680 trillion—\$176,000 per citizen or \$668,000 per family as of August 31, 2011. This is the legacy of your descendants. <http://www.usdebtclock.org/>

