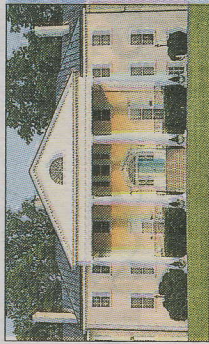


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A STORY LAST WEEK about funding for English-as-a-second-language programs at Nevada schools drew a sizeable response from readers. But one e-mail in particular raised questions about a related topic: the apparent decline of English as a first language.

Under the subject line "English," the reader wrote, "Deport the illegal's ., problem solved."

LYNNETTE CURTIS

OVERHEARD ON THE SCANNER:

"If the duck's mobile, it's probably going to go into the lake and I won't be able to catch it."

LAS VEGAS MAYOR OSCAR GOODMAN

filmed a cameo recently for the upcoming movie "Surge of Power: Revenge of the Sequel," a follow-up to the campy "Surge of Power: The Stuff of Heroes." The plot follows an openly gay superhero who (spoiler alert!) saves Las Vegas.

They didn't give him much to say: "Thanks, sir, for saving the city. I am the happiest mayor in the universe, and

tell all your friends Vegas is great."

"It took me five days to remember that," Goodman said.

As for superheroes saving the city — how about pumping in some water?

ALAN CHOATE

AT A GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

on Monday for the new Express Lanes project on Interstate 15, Goodman expounded on having Capriati Construction Corp. do the work.

"You can always get a sandwich at the end of the day," he quipped, referring to the unrelated Capriotti's Sandwich Shop, home to the Capastrami.

FRANCIS MCCABE