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2nd & 3rd Place Awards



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The Secrets of AREA15

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Group 2 - Trina Machacek *Eureka County Star*

Group 3 - Brooke Everson *Las Vegas Weekly*



Group 1 - Olivia Kuntz *Las Vegas Review-Journal*

Group 2 - Abigail Fitzpatrick *Pahrump Valley Times*

Group 3 - Caryl Lou Paayas *Las Vegas Weekly*

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The advertisement features a collage of images at the top showing the restaurant's interior, various Mexican dishes, and a mariachi band. The central text reads: "Ay Ay Ay! MEXICAN CUISINE". Below this, a yellow banner contains the text: "Get ready to experience the vibrant flavors of Mexico like never before! Ay Ay Ay Mexican Cuisine invites you to join us for a fiesta like no other as we celebrate our grand opening!". At the bottom, there are images of drinks and a can of SANTitas. The text "Sunday May 5th" is written in a cursive font, followed by "Live mariachi band, mouthwatering tastings, and fabulous drinks!". The address "1570 W Horizon Ridge Pkwy #120, Henderson, NV 89012" is listed at the bottom.

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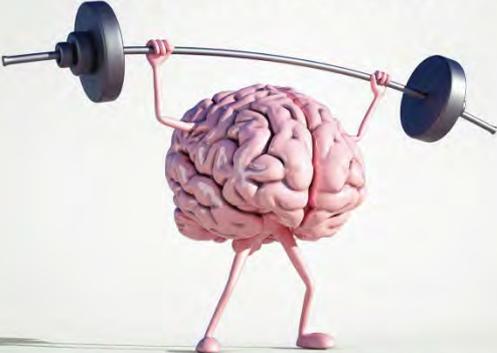
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Brooke Everson
Las Vegas Weekly
Boys & Girls Clubs of
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Group 1 - Henry Hernandez *Las Vegas Review-Journal*

Group 2 - Dolores Sarantes *Tonopah Times*



Group 1 - Olivia Kuntz *Las Vegas Review-Journal*

Group 2 - Dolores Sarantes *Pahrump Valley Times*

Special Event

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Breast Cancer Facts

Prevention

Check out these prevention activities to lower your risk of breast cancer.

- Don't have that drink. Women who don't drink have a slightly lower risk than those who have one drink every day.
- Stay fit. Maintaining a physically active lifestyle and staying at a healthy weight can reduce your risk.
- Talk to your doctor about birth control. The hormones in birth control may slightly increase your risk.
- If it's in your life plan, have children. Studies have shown that women who bear children before 30 have a lower risk.

Risk Factors

Gender Women are about 100 times more likely than men to get breast cancer.

Age Most breast cancers develop in adults over the age of 55.

Genetics Women who have a close blood relative with breast cancer have a higher risk, as do women with inherited gene mutations such as BRCA1 and BRCA2.

Reproductive history Women who began menstruating before 12 or experienced menopause after 55 may have an increased risk. Having a child before age 30 and/or breastfeeding can reduce the risk.

Alcohol Consumption of alcohol can increase the risk.

Weight Being overweight after menopause is linked to a higher risk.

Being sedentary Those who have sedentary lifestyles may be at a higher risk.



David Sly
Las Vegas Review-Journal
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VEGAS INC WOMEN INSPIRING NEVADA EVENT RECAP

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**Samantha Lamb, Hannah
Anter, April Martinez, Melina Taylor**
Las Vegas Weekly
**VEGAS INC Women Inspiring
Nevada 2024**

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Group 1 - **Samantha Lamb, Hannah Anter, April Martinez, Melina Taylor** *Las Vegas Sun*

Group 2 - **Tara Addeo** *The Record-Courier*

Group 3 - **Samantha Lamb, Hannah Anter, April Martinez, Melina Taylor** *Las Vegas Weekly*

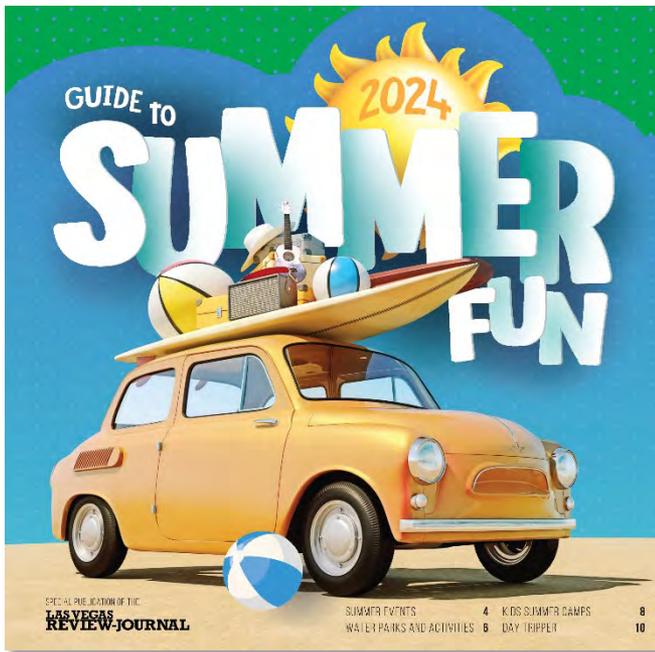


Group 1 - **Wanda Blair, Paris Paull, Kimberlyn Racoma** *Las Vegas Review-Journal*

Group 3 - **Samantha Lamb, Hannah Anter, April Martinez, Melina Taylor** *Las Vegas Magazine*

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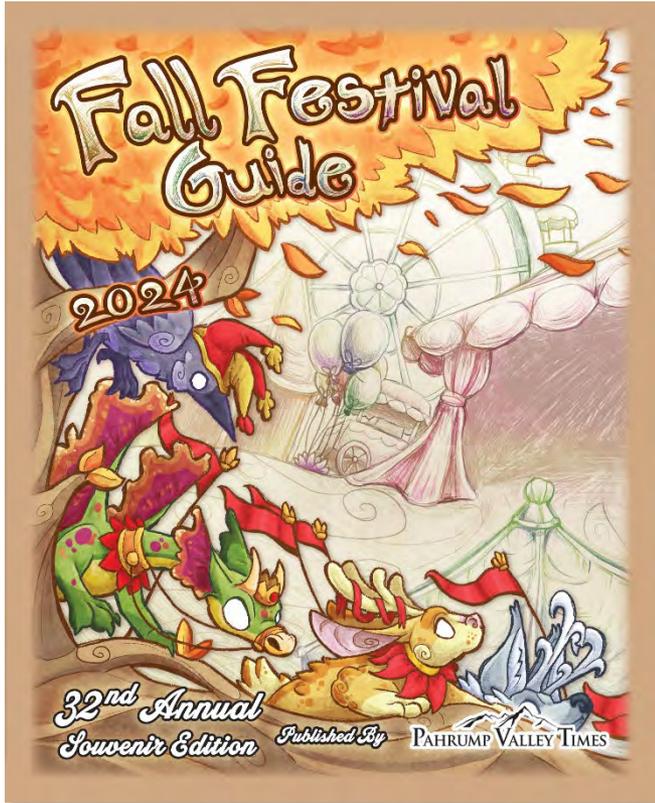
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Angie Gutting
Las Vegas Review-Journal
Guide to Summer Fun Cover

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Abigail Fitzpatrick
Pahrump Valley Times
Fall Festival Guide 2024

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2nd & 3rd Place Awards



Group 1 - Staff *Reno News & Review*

Group 2 - Staff *Nevada Appeal*



Group 1 - Angie Gutting *Las Vegas Review-Journal*

Group 2 - Abigail Fitzpatrick, Dolores Sarantes
Pahrump Valley Times

Art and Culture Commentary

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Reno gets the biggest little spotlight in Paramount's new Knuckles TV series, a Sonic the Hedgehog spinoff

Reno becomes the final battleground in the new Knuckles TV series on Paramount+.



Jason Hidalgo

Reno Gazette Journal

Feb. 9, 2024, 12:31 p.m. PT



Knuckles (voiced by Idris Elba) takes part in an epic battle in downtown Reno in Knuckles, episode 6, season 1, streaming on Paramount+, 2024. [Paramount Pictures/Sega/Paramount+](#)

Call it the Biggest Little cameo.



Jason Hidalgo
Reno Gazette-Journal
Knuckles, Shin Chan Shiro,
Dragon Age reviews

Art and Culture Commentary

Rural

WinterWonderGrass leaves fans happy, excited for next year



WinterWonderGrass, which took place April 5-7, 2024 at Palisades Tahoe, kicked off with a wintry vibe.

Photo by [Kyler Klix](#).

By [Kyler Klix](#)

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Saturday, April 13, 2024



Kyler Klix

Nevada Appeal

Art and Culture Commentary Magazine



Amber Sampson
Las Vegas Weekly

Art and Culture Commentary

2nd & 3rd Place Awards



Group 1 - Scott Dickensheets *Double Scoop*

Group 2 - Eric Coleman *Pahrump Valley Times*

Group 3 - Gabriela Rodriguez *Las Vegas Weekly*



Group 1 - John Katsilometes *Las Vegas Review-Journal*

Group 3 - Scott Dickensheets, Meg Bernhard, Josh Bell
Desert Companion

Breaking News Reporting

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Prominent Las Vegas attorney among 3 killed in Summerlin shooting



A prominent Las Vegas attorney and his wife were fatally shot Monday during a deposition at a law office in Summerlin before the gunman took his own life. (Las Vegas Review-Journal)

By [David Ferrara](#), [Brett Clarkson](#) and [Jeff Burbank](#)

Las Vegas Review-Journal

April 8, 2024 - 10:44 am



**David Ferrara, Brett Clarkson,
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Las Vegas Review-Journal

Prominent Las Vegas attorney among
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Breaking News Reporting

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Planning commissioners approve substance abuse treatment center



A packed board room in the community center on Oct. 30 for a Carson City Planning Commission hearing for a residential treatment center.
Photo by Scott Neuffer.

By Scott Neuffer

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Thursday, October 31, 2024



Scott Neuffer
Nevada Appeal

Planning commissioners approve
substance abuse treatment center

Breaking News Reporting

2nd & 3rd Place Awards



Group 1 - Noble Brigham, Caitlin Lilly, Katelyn Newberg
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Group 2 - Steve Ranson *Lahontan Valley News*



Group 1 - Siobhan McAndrew *Reno Gazette-Journal*

Group 2 - Keith Kohn *Elko Daily Free Press*

Business Feature Story

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6/3/25, 12:51 PM Cannabis lounges provide a new lure for Las Vegas visitors - The Nevada Independent

THE NEVADA INDEPENDENT

Cannabis lounges provide a new lure for Las Vegas visitors

As the recreational industry expands, the ability to legally consume marijuana in a social setting 'will do well,' one patron said.

Howard Stutz April 14th, 2024 at 2:00 AM Economy Gaming Marijuana



Justin Price, left, of San Francisco and sister Jen Price of Jacksonville, Florida, smoke cannabis at Dazed! consumption lounge inside Planet 13 while lounge specialist Manny Gonzales assists on April 9, 2024. (Jeff Scheid/The Nevada Independent)

A family reunion during this first weekend of April brought San Francisco resident Justin Price and his sister Jen Price of Jacksonville, Florida, to Las Vegas.

After family members departed, the siblings ventured from their rooms at the Waldorf Astoria to visit other Las Vegas attractions, including the newly opened Dazed! cannabis consumption lounge inside the Planet 13 dispensary in an industrial area just west of the Strip.

"We like to smoke and it's nice to have a place to sit and relax," Jason Price said.

"I don't drink and you just don't want to sit out on the Strip and smoke. Our Uber driver suggested this location."

They visited the nearby Area 15 entertainment district before heading over to Planet 13. Lounge specialist Manny Gonzales brought out their order of different cannabis flowers — commonly referred to as buds — and a bong.

"We had an awesome day," Jen Price said. "This is a place that would bring us back to Las Vegas."

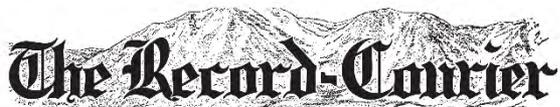
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Howard Stutz
The Nevada Independent
Cannabis lounges provide a new lure
for Las Vegas visitors

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The Record-Courier

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Low 30s
Mostly sunny

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Christmas for cats at Animal Shelter

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Visit www.classy.org for information on how to donate to the cat cottage.

Douglas County commissioners increased the budget \$100,000, in addition to the \$600,000 set aside last spring for the project.

"Your initial donation of \$60,000 has leveraged into another \$600,000 in private donations," Group President Katherine Dodge said on Thursday. "I think that's a heck of a good upgrade."

Commissioners also authorized the county manager to acquire additional equipment of up to \$18,000 from annual revenue donations and a contract with CBBC Construction, which is donating project management and contract administration, and TSK Architects is donating design and planning for the cat cottage.

Dodge said the funding will help the groups mission of bettering the lives of the county's pets.

One of the ways that we look forward to doing that is to create a new cat facility at the shelter that provides a better space for caret and guests, better open for cats, better quarantine, and gives the dogs a cat-free zone to live in," she said.

CATS, A4



Bike & Brew builds ice skating rink

Big Daddy's Bike & Brew owner Keith Hart and wife Monica test the ice skating rink Keith built at the shop.

By Sarah Drinkwine | sarah@recordcourier.com

Big Daddy's Bike & Brew has added ice skating to its list of services and it provides "something different and fun," said Big Daddy's Bike & Brew owner Keith Hart. "We are always trying to reinvent the wheel around here."

Hart said there hasn't been an ice skating rink in the Carson Valley, let alone anywhere close by. "People have to go to Eldorado Beach," said Hart. "So, we decided we would give it a go and see what happens."

The rink is located at Big Daddy's Bike and Brew in front of the five truck.

Hart said the rink is built with all natural material and the only thing they are adding, is for the weather to cooperate.

"We have had some warm days lately and we need daytime temperatures to be in the 30s or 40s."

RINK, A4



Sarah Drinkwine
The Record-Courier
 Bike & Brew builds ice skating rink



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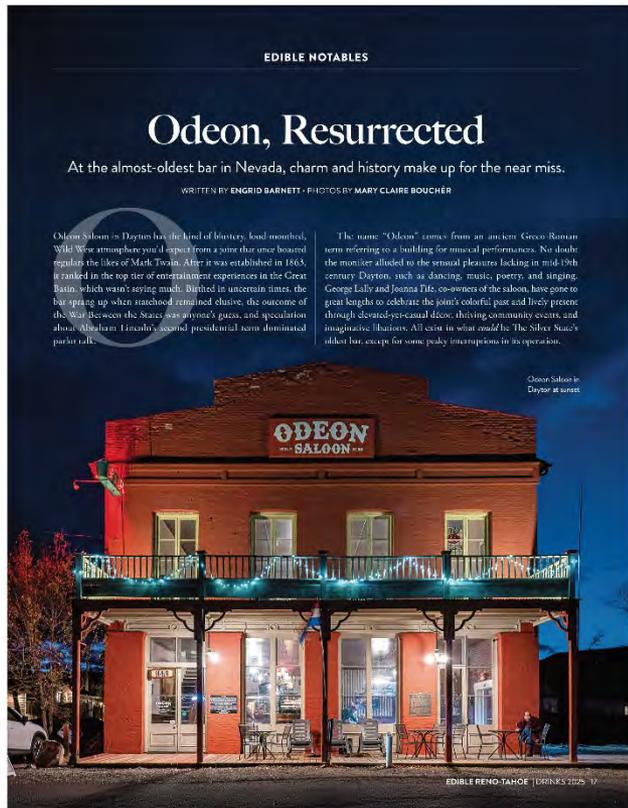
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Group 2 - Scott Neuffer *Nevada Appeal*

Group 3 - Jamie Della *edible Reno Tahoe*



Group 1 - Jason Hidalgo *Reno Gazette-Journal*

Group 2 - Robin Hebrock *Pahrump Valley Times*

Group 3 - Brock Radke *Las Vegas Weekly*

Business Spot News Story

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5/31/25, 10:24 AM

Cost for effluent lands local golf course in the rough

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BUSINESS

Cost for effluent lands local golf course in the rough

By: Kristen Hackbarth May 7, 2024



Sierra Sage's Junior PGA Golf League. Image courtesy of Sierra Sage Golf and used with permission.

Sierra Sage faces skyrocketing water bills from City of Reno

Washoe's Board of County Commissioners gave last year a \$30,000 discount on effluent water charges to Cal-Mazz Golf Management to help the operator cover the skyrocketing cost of keeping the Sierra Sage Golf Course running. At the time, Commissioner Mike Clark said the [decision was just kicking the can to the next year](#).

"I think that in this time hopefully, we can put some pressure on Reno," Commissioner Alexis Hill said during that same May 2023 meeting. "Hopefully, we can do a long-term agreement with Reno putting in their equal share."

That hasn't happened, and now it's next year.

Cal-Mazz, which operates the golf course through a contract with Washoe County, is facing the same challenge it has for the past six years: Effluent rates charged by the City of Reno are topping more than \$200,000 a year.

<https://thisisreno.com/2024/05/cost-for-effluent-lands-local-golf-course-in-the-rough/>



Kristen Hackbarth
This Is Reno
Cost for effluent lands local
golf course in the rough

Business Spot News Story

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Wheeling and dealing

Wheeling and dealing on 8-minute speed dates

Keith Kohn
Mar 21, 2025

ELKO — Picture yourself for a moment on speed dates with some really hot prospects. You have eight minutes to make your case, and those prospects have the same eight minutes before they have to move along to the rival at your left.



Keith Kohn
Elko Daily Free Press
Wheeling and dealing on
8-minute speed dates

Business Spot News Story

2nd & 3rd Place Awards



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Group 2 - Steve Ranson *Lahontan Valley News*



Group 1 - Hugh Jackson *Nevada Current*

Group 2 - Kurt Hildebrand *The Record-Courier*

Coverage of Underserved Communities

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Michael Lyle
Nevada Current
Homelessness in Southern Nevada

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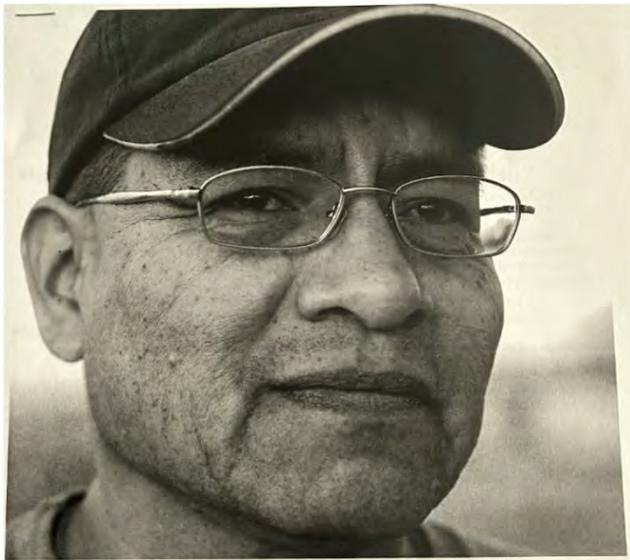
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Immigrants have a major impact on Nevada. How is the community preparing for Trump's second term? – Sierra Nevada Ally

Alex Couraud

7-8 minutes



Alex Couraud
Sierra Nevada Ally

**Nevada Immigrants and Refugees
Come Together for Support, Solidarity**

Coverage of Underserved Communities

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SACRED SPACES: NATIVE AMERICANS PROMOTE
LAND PROTECTION AT POWWOW FOR THE PLANET



Shannon Miller
Las Vegas Weekly
Native Americans promote
land protection at UNLV's
Powwow for the Planet

Coverage of Underserved Communities

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Group 3 - Amber Sampson *Las Vegas Weekly*



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LAS VEGAS REVIEW JOURNAL **VIEWPOINTS** **E** Senior Editor September 13, 2009 www.reviewjournal.com

Homesteading 2.0

By Edward Weiss and Amber Gallegher
Special to the Las Vegas Review-Journal

The Western Homestead Association met in Las Vegas last week, and had a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to solve the housing crisis. As the host, we stand in the rain.

The federal government owns 47 percent of all the land area of 10 states (Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Oregon, Wyoming, California, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Montana). The Bureau of Land Management manages, administers and federal land totaling 24 percent of all the land area of those same 10 states. It does not include town squares, national parks or other landmarks.

In its opening 10-year administration, the agency has opened up access to its holding in lower land. North Dakota, Texas, Oklahoma, Minn. The only secretary of interior designate was the 2009 trial of the Western Homestead Association. It was 2009, the door to homesteading is.

The state-wide housing shortage is currently 1.4 million homes. This has driven housing prices skyward, a problem particularly acute in the West. Century, where home prices have risen 100 percent. This has led to a shortage of 10,000 affordable homes, which is a large part driven by government programs. California is relatively affordable in comparison to Las Vegas. While the state is the effects of rising home prices, the state remains a million dollars for San Francisco, who has spent large amounts for the price of their original homes.

Sale of a minimum 1/4 acre (about 100 square feet) of BLM land would be enough for about 3 million to 4 million simple, single-family homes and amenities. Yes, since 1978 the BLM has been performing well, it is an authority to sell for the expansion of communities and economic development. Given the current state, the BLM has the right approach.

In many states, the program is available to the American Economic Institute for the Las Vegas area. In its development, BLM land within two miles of any city or town. The BLM owns and sells 1.4 million homes could be built at eight homes per acre. This compares to about 10 percent of all the land in the U.S. managed in the same way. This would help ensure the future economic stability of the Las Vegas area, which currently has a population of 2.1 million, having grown by about 1 million since 2000.



Attacking the housing shortage in Nevada, across the West

In Nevada, the housing shortage is currently 1.4 million homes. This has driven housing prices skyward, a problem particularly acute in the West. Century, where home prices have risen 100 percent. This has led to a shortage of 10,000 affordable homes, which is a large part driven by government programs. California is relatively affordable in comparison to Las Vegas. While the state is the effects of rising home prices, the state remains a million dollars for San Francisco, who has spent large amounts for the price of their original homes.

Make America's national parks great again

By Tom Wukitch
Special to the Las Vegas Review-Journal

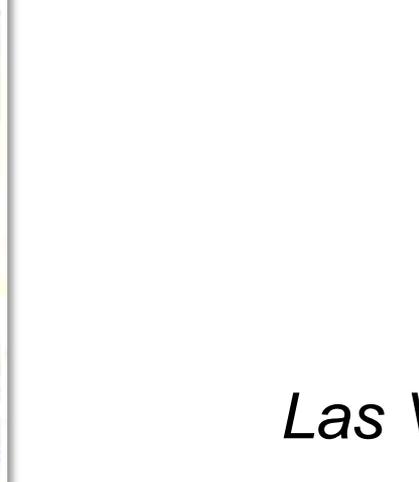
WHEN I visit the Grand Canyon, thousands of visitors and their hiking gear are always scattered. The 12-mile pipeline supplies water from the reservoir. Six to eight hours, there are about 10 percent of the park's 1.2 million acres. The line has broken down as an 800-foot-long pipeline, opening canals and even using repair units to the pipes and plastic because of lack of water to wash dishes.

But when you visit the park, the park's regularly done equipment maintenance is broken down. 500,000 a year, this is the park's final address. The problem for good with a 200-foot maintenance, just that the actual landscape is broken down to being national parks.

Other regions from sea to sea. Despite the fact that the park's repair and improvement, park maintenance, the park's maintenance is broken down to being national parks. The park's maintenance is broken down to being national parks. The park's maintenance is broken down to being national parks.

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Staff Las Vegas Review-Journal Opinion Section

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OUR TAKE

Those are our records

More than 18 months after four residents filed lawsuits to obtain public records from four Douglas County Schools Board members, it is important to look back over this timeline. Work to ensure the same experiment is underway Nevada's Public Records Law.

In Nevada, anyone may request public records of any public official for any reason. However, like a game of Go Fish, the records law relies on the integrity of the records to determine whether they are being withheld.

A requestor who has been denied has a choice: litigate against the denial or sue.

In August 2021, four plaintiffs filed a Motion to Douglas County School District, closing the letter path in anticipation of the possibility that the trustees were withholding information on their personal devices related to their covered and open public office.

"In her letter, those members claim to be trustees by title, but their rights belong to the people of Douglas County."

After a prior showing to court the following spring, the four trustees sought a settlement.

"That's where the case takes a turn, because some of them offered to voluntarily provide records from the settlement, some of them were allowed to sue on the Nevada's citizen law."

"That apparently didn't stop the trustees, who served as a majority of the board at the time, from wanting to sue everyone but the bill for more legal representation and to remove a contract clause that would have held them responsible for those costs, should they lose the lawsuit, twice they did."

We're glad that District Judge Tom Gregory's ruling that forced the school districts to provide for \$800,000 in legal fees with \$70,000 of that returned to the paid claim and records by the trustees.

"Who and how that judgment will be paid is still up in the air, and might even be appealed, though that just seems like a way to cost the taxpayers even more money."

"In some David Burns, Susan Jensen and Katherine Holmstrom case in March 2022, the trustees agree to comply with the district's ethics law, which makes them ineligible to sue or whether they will be held accountable for their past in releasing to our case records."

"There have been some calls for Nevada legislators to ease the reach of records laws, but we would suggest that is the elected officials who should be the ones to ease the reach of records laws."

"Each elected official serves an oath to uphold the laws of the state of Nevada. There has included conducting the public's business for the people. We expect nothing less of those who seek to interfere in any level of government."

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Daffodils sprouting despite the snow.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Building trust in today's culture

Editor: "How can I trust you?" is a question that should be asked in a credible source of information. When news, and what we see on social media and articles in newspapers, but how do we know if something is true or not? A high-quality news outlet should be able to provide information. This is a challenge for news outlets and business owners alike today.

When an opinion is a search, it is not one we will find attention to an opinion. Take an opportunity to search "Buller's terns was good" and see how hard it is to find as many results to "Buller's terns was bad." While every news outlet has their facts, some opinions of others, it is on a false balance. However, this is proof that if one always looks for negativity, they'll find it in the good. In the same respect, if one constantly looks for the good in something, they'll find it to acknowledge the things right.

The in news coverage as the world is filled with a 24-hour news stream of bad news. News channels show us arrests, drug busts, and our celebrities. Social media, and our news, will acknowledge a post, of course over the news more than they'll engage with a post a celebration.

The good news is that many people in Douglas County by nature. With that said, why do we have an additional goal for our readers to reach potential news generated by the news coming through our filing they can make. We'll agree our readers in need of work and the additional business news could lead to our benefit. Hopefully our own business will step up and do the right thing for the county and not think about how it will affect our next election.

Keith Newman
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Daylight Saving Time must go

Editor: I am writing to voice my frustration with Daylight Saving Time, a practice that has confused its participants and continues to cause unnecessary frustration. Over a year, we change our clocks by shifting our clocks, creating confusion, disrupting sleep patterns, and impacting health and productivity. All for what? The original rationale for DST — energy savings — is no longer relevant in our modern energy of fossil fuels.

Studies have shown that the negative effects on physical and mental health for some are not just a passing breeze. From increased rates of heart attacks and accidents to lost productivity, the cost of DST is too high. Furthermore, many nations and several U.S. states have already opted out of DST, proving that life goes on just fine without this outdated practice.

It's time for us to join the growing movement and put an end to this biannual madness. Let us adopt a standard time year-round and stop the clock somewhere to give us more daylight. It's a simple change that would benefit everyone.

Tamir Egan
owner

Need to raise gas tax

Editor: Kari, you were spot on in your editorial about how to raise money to build Douglas County by nature. With that said, why do we have an additional goal for our readers to reach potential news generated by the news coming through our filing they can make. We'll agree our readers in need of work and the additional business news could lead to our benefit. Hopefully our own business will step up and do the right thing for the county and not think about how it will affect our next election.

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Elegy for Elon

Editor: The following may be wrong to the taste of "My Old Kentucky Home."

You got Mac rocks in your hand to make us feel like a plan. Our quiet, full service, which will have people dead. None of what you're doing is OK. Take your job to the next level. Your team didn't. And your citizens' tax. All over the children. And children to tax. And give us back the USA.

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NEWS

Overlooked: Student loses out on Millennium Scholarship for lack of one math class

McQueen didn't inform senior that dropping math would make her ineligible for \$10,000 scholarship. Now it's too late.

 **Siobhan McAndrew**
Reno Gazette Journal

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When the McQueen High School counselor told Sophie Harlin she needed only three years of math instead of four to graduate, the busy junior was glad — it meant she could take more art classes her senior year.

Sophie explained to her mom, Jenna Harlin, the changes her counselor talked about. Less math also meant Sophie could be a teaching assistant for a class credit and a grade. It was something her counselor signed her up to do.

The Harlins were happy with the change. High school hadn't been as fun for Sophie as she had hoped. She started her freshman year amid tough times, bouncing back and forth between online and in-person learning at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

But Sophie succeeded, holding down a part-time job for most of her four years of high school while getting good grades. Her senior year, she had a 3.8 GPA.

And in February of her senior year, Sophie was accepted into the University of Nevada, Reno. Soon after, McQueen awarded Sophie a \$500 art scholarship to help pay for college.



Siobhan McAndrew
Reno Gazette-Journal

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Forum: COVID cast complexities behind absenteeism, outcomes



CCSD Associate Superintendent of Educational Services Tasha Fuson, Pioneer Academy Principal Jason Zona, Christy McGill, NDE deputy superintendent for educator effectiveness and family engagement, and CCSD's Ricky Medina, director of accountability and assessment, during last week's Critical Challenges Forum.

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By Jessica Garcia

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Good morning, and welcome to the Indy Education newsletter. I'm Rocio Hernandez, *The Nevada Independent's* K-12 education reporter.

This newsletter provides a recap of the latest education stories and highlights interesting educators, students, programs and other events and resources throughout the state. [Click here](#) to subscribe to the newsletter and receive it each week via email.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain's Log Full Moons, Comets, and Other Wonders of the World

By Steve Dahl

"My life is rich and full."
It's been the mantra around the shop the past few weeks. Instead of complaining or running wild-eyed into the woods, we just look at each other and, with a right lip and resolve till of the back, repeat, "Life is rich and full."

In the ever useful, "They can't cut us."
The beautiful fall supermoon will be full on Thursday when this paper hits the newsstands, and there's a comet in the waters sky that no one has seen in the over 60,000 years, they tell us. And while the cyclical beauty of nature continues to amaze, we learn from the constant ebb and flow that there is always beauty and wonder. Magnificent. It's magical for us every day.

What we've learned in the past nearly six years of small, local newspapering is that it ebbs and flows just as we. We're up, and then we're down, and then we're based on a rock, and a volcano erupts by and then a helicopter swoops in and a Navy SEAL peeks us from the bushes and chivies us in an island paradise, complete with coconut oil and pineapple drinks decorated with cute little umbrellas.

Wait, wait... my nightmare got entangled with the headlines again, and you're witnessing evidence of the reality of what it is to push an hour against the prevailing myth that "Print is Dead."

Sometimes we get a little loopy. There are so many super studios, and we refuse to accept what may or may not be the inevitable. Across this country right now, there are some heavy little souls, the modern-day pioneers of newspapering, who are focused, determined, dedicated, and quite possibly delusional. Forging ahead, bleeding their knuckles to build little news cases in what has come to be termed "News Desert" across rural America.

I've said it before on these pages: we are one alone.

Here is the hope—the thing we have found—and it has been a slow drawing. Print will live as long as it is supported by the digital oxygen hose.

We're learning that we will have to maximize the word of online news, entertainment, TikTok, and Facebook reels



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to keep this thing alive. Print is the passion, the life support, the bedrock to new technology, and yet, a luxury we cannot afford to lose.

To make this work, we have to step up and practice being magnificent, just like the universe shows us, and in our humble attempt to be the best we can be, believe we can make it happen. And if this is going to work, we have learned we have to rely on all the people who have believed in us and are counting on us. We are really, really grateful for you. Don't you give up either.

So while we learn all we can about technology, continue to build our little island oasis in Lovelock, and push to get *The Pushing Post* in print, along with our island oasis in Paradise, we still have right here.

...Keeping you Posted.

—Dahl

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with the support of the hospital foundation for several years.
"Alan and Tracy Harrison contacted us to see if we as a group would be interested in leasing their building. They also felt the need new items for this type of service and structured a great deal for us to help our community," he said. "We could not have done it without them."

The hospital foundation and the board paid for the remodel costs to prepare the building for EMS use, and Bob Hammet Construction oversee the work.

The board, its foundation, Hammet Community Hospital, and Alan and Tracy are excited that the building is completed and that they will move in the offices of Fallon and Churchill County, Borsary said. "This could not have happened without their support," Borsary said. "The auxiliary, the board, the foundation, they're funding, this would not have gone forward without

their support." He said the Hammet Churchill Hospital Auxiliary funders and the donors through the foundation paid for the renovations and the internet technology structure at the new station.

Churchill Community Hospital board members include Mike Borsary, Stuart Richardson, Roger Schwab, Gary Inell, Mayor Ken Ledford, Lynn Peters, Bonnie CBO Bob Carnahan, and Roger Dadrachian Foundation members include Chairman Brenda Kelly, Amye Fife, Joanne Borsary, Gary Inell, Bonnie CBO Bob Carnahan, and Kimbelle Borsary. Information on the hospital board can be found at each foundation.com.

The Ribbon Cutting will be held on October 23 at 11 a.m. at 4500 Reno Highway.

"This is probably the biggest thing to happen in PACE in the community for a very long time," Borsary said.



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Our feature stories this week spotlight five Northern Nevadans as they navigate kitchens full of kids, creativity, sports schedules, and prep lists — each bringing their own perspective and personality to the table.

Then, we close with a heartfelt edible essay about a family casserole that became a symbol of love, loss, and legacy — and the comfort that food offers when words fall short.

Looking for something to do this week? We've rounded up some great local events to explore.



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Aloft over Elko, hot air balloons glide with the winds

Keith Kohn
Sep 20, 2024



Balloons float over Elko's more industrial eastside on Friday, Sept. 20, 2024.
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ABOARD AERPOGRAPHY — Along Idaho Street in downtown Elko, cars and trucks zip by with their noisy mufflers, rattling trailers and blurred motion. But that same spot from 500 feet up is calm and serene, with little noise save for the blast of superheated air shooting into a colorful canopy named Aerpography.



Welcome to the world of Karl and Maria Peterson of Sun Valley, Idaho. The Petersons are in town for the annual Ruby Mountain Balloon Fest, which kicked off on Friday with about a dozen hot air balloons taking off in spots around Elko and just blowing in the wind until their pilots — in



Keith Kohn
Elko Daily Free Press
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For about 10,000 years, beer fermentation was cloaked in mystery and, thus, left to the women. Ninkasi, the Mesopotamian goddess of beer and brewing, oversaw the unknown chemical process that created the much-loved beer and the women who made our favorite frothy drink.

Mostly, the women made and sold beer commercially in Medieval England. Female beermakers wore pointed hats, so they would be recognized on Market Day as alewives, brewesses, or brewers. They kept cats to chase mice away from the granaries and pusted brooms outside their doors to let customers know when the beer was ready and the party could begin. They were good at their craft.

Soon after Louis Pasteur discovered the fermentation process in 1857, the beer industry became a male-dominated field. Only the rare female drank or brewed beer, much less owned a brewery. Society encouraged women to drink wine or cocktails, which were considered far more ladylike than beer.

Fortunately, these days, women are an increasingly more common sight in the brewing industry. We spoke to several women in the Reno-Tahoe brewing scene about what challenges they face and the strides they're making in leveling the beer industry playing field.

INNOVATIVE THINKING

Reno's Bonda Young set out to change the dynamic between women and beer, one customer at a time. Bonda and her husband, Tom, founded Great Basin Brewing Co. in Sparks in 1993.

"When I began in the beer industry in the 1990s, I felt it was my duty to educate women and open their eyes to the possibility that they could really like beer," Bonda says. "I would tell them, 'I am positive I can find a beer you will like. Do you like chocolate or coffee? Let me show you this stout.' It was my job to help women think outside the box that was placed around them."

"The one good thing about being one of the few women was that, for once, the women's bathroom line was shorter than the men's!"
— Alicia Barr, co-founder of FiftyFifty Brewing Co.

Her persistence paid off: that kind of creative and positive thinking is exactly what has increasingly drawn women to beer.

"The cultural shift in the beer industry to becoming artisanal attracted more women," says Alicia Barr, who co-founded FiftyFifty Brewing Co. in Truckee with her husband, Andy, in 2007. "Different points of view and creative perspectives at the table broadened the audience and our reach."

These early pioneers paved the way for female brewers such as Emily Wernman, head brewer at Cold Water Brewery & Grill in South Lake Tahoe.

"People are often surprised that I am the head brewer," Wernman says. "I struggled getting into the industry. But once I made a Rocker Pop seltzer and colored it blue, both men and women loved it. When I got to CWB, I ordered all purple equipment for the brewhouse. We're breaking the stereotypes and flipping the beer industry on its head. But we're all having fun doing it."

After all, as the saying goes, if you're not having fun, then you're doing it wrong. The same goes for the beer industry.

"I love the beer industry because of the camaraderie and collaboration," Barr says, recalling her early days spent at beer festivals. "The one good thing about being one of the few women was that, for once, the women's bathroom line was shorter than the men's!"

From left: FiftyFifty Brewing Co.'s head brewer, Dana Fleming, and co-owner, Alicia Barr, in their Truckee brewery; Emily Wernman, head brewer at Cold Water Brewery & Grill in South Lake Tahoe, checks a beer in the brewhouse



Jamie Della

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Bye-Bye Beer Bro Culture: Females are flipping the male-dominated brewing industry on its head.

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Norm Clarke, longtime Las Vegas celebrity columnist, dies at 82

By John Katsilometes
Las Vegas Review-Journal

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Norm Clarke, the pioneering Review-Journal celebrity columnist recognized around town for his signature black eye patch and splashy scoops, has died. He was 82.

Clarke died at 5:30 a.m. Thursday at Nathan Adelson Hospice after a two-decade battle with cancer. He was admitted there March 12, a week after injuring his hip at his Las Vegas home.

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FEATURES

Battle Born Broncs 2024 Three Years of Tough Broncs and Tougher Cowboys

By Leanna Lehman

For the third year running, Battle Born Broncs has solidified its reputation as a gathering spot for some of America's elite bronc riders. The annual Bronc Riding competition, held at the 3C Event Complex in Fallon on June 18, is a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) sanctioned competition that was televised on the Cowboy Channel and the Cowboy Channel+ App to over 8.3 million viewers.



Battle Born Broncs Saddle Bronc Rider by Valley Via Photography

Darrie Spore, the founder of Battle Born Broncs, has been instrumental in making this event a highlight of Fallon's summer activities and one of the area's favorite 3C events. Spore cherishes the Rough Stock Rodeo Camp, which kicked off on Monday morning for children aged seven and above. The camp is an integral part of the event, where seasoned bronc riders share their knowledge with the younger generation. This summer training school allows young participants to improve themselves in the fundamentals of bareback and saddle bronc riding. Weston Timberman and Taylor Broussard participated in schools when they were younger, fortifying the importance of rodeo schools for young cowboys starting in the sport.

Brody Wells, a saddle bronc rider from Powell, Wyoming, shared the rodeo schools played in his early development as a rider, stating, "It helps a lot being able to have those guys calm you down and talk you through things to get on." Wells, who has been riding for nearly seven years and scored an impressive 85.5 at the event, is now competing against veteran riders who helped him learn the basics and hone some of the skills he now employs as a bronc rider.

The event also featured a Western Market where vendors displayed an array of cowboy goods. Among them was Jerry Fry Corras, owner of My Gypsy Stud, known for her handmade, genuine leather, western-themed handbags. Other vendors offered tack, westerns and silver jewelry and accessories, clothing, and more. In contrast, The Food Truck Roundup offered delicious local foods, beverages, and libations, adding to the event's variety.

Talking to the arena for a stunning trick riding performance was 21-year-old Mallorie Schalla, from Arapahoe, Oklahoma, much to the crowd's delight. Also in attendance was Fallon's own Mandy Binghamton, former Junior Rodeo Queen and current reigning queen for Wells Junior Rodeo, who has learned from Schalla. Mandy says she hopes to be Miss Rodeo America someday and a professional trick rider like her new mentor.

Speaking of rodeo queens, some actual rodeo royalty were also in attendance — Nevada High School Rodeo Queen Kaitlin Hill and Miss Rodeo Universe Kaiti Hill. These Bero sisters made a glamorous duo impossible to miss. Kaiti, who attended Bero High School, is close to finishing her degree in Business Administration, but for now, she is focusing on representing the sport of rodeo across the nation.

The competition was fierce,

with high-caliber stock provided by King Rodeo, West's Bucking Bull, Borch Rodeo, and Sunday Pro Rodeo & Premium Genetics. This year's event saw remarkable performances, with only a few riders failing to complete their rides.

Wyatt Casper, from Miami, Texas, and Kadee Broncs, from Chula, Idaho, have been riding for about six and ten years, respectively, and have seen their fair share of quality bucking horses. The two observed that there were not a lot of flags where the cowboys missed their mark in the chute.

Sage Newman won the Saddle Bronc Riding, earning 87.5 points on "President Roundup," also a Sunday Premium horse, and walked away with \$8,000. Newman, who hails from Milltown, Montana, has been riding for around ten years. "It's all about the horse," said Newman, who agreed President Roundup made him look pretty good. Wade Jay Stainfield was close behind, scoring an 87 for \$6,140, followed by a four-way tie between Kadee Broncs, Wyatt Casper, Mitch Pollock, and Brody Wells, all scoring 85.5 points.



Jack Blue Malheur Steeds at Battle Born Broncs 2024 Photo by Valley Via Photography



Left: Kadee Broncs with Sage Newman, winner of the Saddle Bronc Riding. Photo by Leanna Lehman



Left to right, Kaiti Hill, Jerry Fry Corras of My Gypsy Stud, and Kaitie Hill. Photo by Leanna Lehman

"There were a lot of really good riders," said Casper. With so many high-ranking riders, it appeared to be a challenging night for riders to outdo one another, so much so that the Saddle Bronc Riding yielded a four-way tie for third place. Taking the lead in the Bareback Riding was Weston Timberman, who scored an impressive 89 points on Sunday Pro Rodeo & Premium Genetics' horse, "Mustard," earning Timberman a quick \$7,840. According to Battle Born Broncs officials, Hill was the third year a rookie has won the Bareback Riding. Taylor Broussard was second behind Timberman, scoring 87.5 points for \$6,010. Following Broussard was Cole Franks with 86.5 points for \$4,442.

The total payoff this year was \$52,828, making it an event riders like to attend and one of Northern Nevada's premier rodeos.



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Promega Feed: Advancing Natural Nutrition for Livestock

By Nancy Chapman

Paul Pionier, founder of Promega Feed, along with Shiroko Shimada, has purchased Bench Creek Ranch to further their goal of raising the highest-quality natural beef on the American market. Seeking a healthier way to feed cattle without synthetic additives, Pionier and ranch manager Sarah Porter have collaborated with nutritionists Stephen E. Duren, M.S., Ph.D., an expert in equine nutrition and exercise physiology, and Jonathan Beckert, M.S., specializing in endocrinology, to develop a proprietary feed for their beef program.

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L-R Sarah Porter, Bench Creek Ranch Manager; Shiroko Shimada, Paul Pionier, Founder Promega Feed and owner Bench Creek Ranch; Shiroko Shimada, co-owner Promega Feed and Bench Creek Ranch; George and Janet Gorman. Photo by Sarah Porter.



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- Steaming and Extrusion:** The blend is steamed under high pressure to eliminate impurities and remove linseed oil, a known allergen. This step enhances digestibility for both ruminant and monogastric animals.
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- Packaging:** The final product is packed into 25-pound pails, 50-pound bags, or 250-pound bulk bags to ensure freshness and quality.

This process results in a feed rich in omega-3 fatty acids, which Bench Creek Ranch utilizes for its own operations. The ranch also markets the feed to other livestock owners for use with chickens, cows, goats, horses, dogs, rabbits, sheep, and fish.

PROVEN BENEFITS

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- **Dairy Cattle:** Feeding Flax Extra has increased fat content and production in milk.

Promega and Bench Creek Ranch has sponsored several 4-H and FFA animals for the 2025 Churchill County Junior Livestock Show in April.

EQUINE AND POULTRY BENEFITS

Promega Flax Equine Supplement provides advantages such as reduced inflammation, improved joint health, enhanced sperm quality, and improved airway function. The supplement

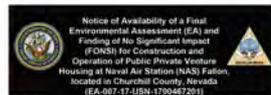
is non-GMO and gluten-free, with sugars and starches removed during processing. It is suitable for all classes of horses and promotes healthier diets for equine, similar to the benefits humans experience when reducing sugars and starches.

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LOCAL MANUFACTURING AND AVAILABILITY

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For more information, visit the Facebook group Promega Feed, PromegaFeed.com, or contact Paul Pionier, owner 918-310-4172 or Sarah Porter, ranch manager 735-217-5425.



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Interested parties may review the Final EA and FONSI at the local library (Churchill County Library, 553 S. Main St. Fallon, NV 89406) and on the Navy Region Southwest website at: <https://www.navy.mil/OperationsandManagement/EnvironmentalSupport/PublicInformation/Access-to-Navy-Projects/NAEF-Environmental-Assessment-PPV-Housing/>

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Christopher Alvarez** *Desert Companion*



Group 3 - Alex Newman *RANGE magazine*

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COLLEGE

UNR used controversial funding to fast-track business building, but at what risk?

By using "P3" private-public partnership funding, UNR was able to move faster on its new business building. But the funding is not without risks.

Jason Hidalgo and Jaedyn Young Reno Gazette Journal
March 14, 2025 Updated March 26, 2025, 9:59 a.m. PT

Key Points AI-assisted summary ⓘ

- The University of Nevada, Reno, is constructing a new business building funded through a public-private partnership (P3), the first of its kind for the university.
- While UNR touts the P3 deal as an innovative way to fund the \$153 million project, critics express concerns about potential long-term costs and risks associated with such agreements.
- Concerns remain about the project's financial viability, with UNR facing recent budget shortfalls and uncertainty surrounding future enrollment growth in the College of Business.

A little over five years ago, students walking toward the main entrance of the University of Nevada, Reno, were welcomed by the sight of historic houses and old trees that dotted the block for generations. Today, the north end of University Way, formerly Center Street, is the site of a major construction project that will literally reshape UNR's landscape — and its future.

Standing five stories tall, the John Tulloch Business Building is one of the biggest projects that UNR has undertaken. It is also the most expensive, with \$153 million in construction costs alone.

The funding behind the project can also be described as historic for the university.

To acquire the millions needed to fund the massive project, UNR used what's



Jason Hidalgo, Jaedyn Young
Reno Gazette-Journal
UNR business building
funding fast-tracked

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Can Nevada cyclists benefit from the Idaho Stop? – Sierra Nevada Ally

Richard Bednarski

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A new bill in the Nevada Legislature would allow cyclists to turn without stopping at stop signs, like this one near the campus of the University of Nevada, Reno. Photo Richard Bednarski / Sierra Nevada Ally

One of the first lessons taught in drivers' ed is that the intersection is one of the most **dangerous areas of the road**. It has the highest likelihood of a crash, with **about one-half of all traffic injuries in the U.S. happening** at



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OWLS: ANDY STAHL FOR RANGEMAGAZINE.COM

Oh Idiocy, Thy Name Is Government

Shooting owls will not fix the problems that federal biologists created themselves.
By Jim Petersen

"The northern spotted owl is the wildlife species of choice to act as a surrogate for old-growth forest protection. Thank goodness the spotted owl evolved in the Pacific Northwest for if it hadn't, we'd have to genetically engineer it."

—ANDY STAHL, 1987 FUNDING SOURCE GRANT LETTER DRENTH FUND, 1988, NOW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREST SERVICE EDUCATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES

I would not know Andy Stahl if he walked past me, but I suspect his spotted owl conceit from the 1980s is giving him heartburn in the wake of the federal government's decision to kill 500,000 barred owls over the next 30 years. Our story begins with a report released last November by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS). The 264-page tome explains the agency's controversial decision to shoot a half-million predatory barred owls over the next 30 years. Why? To save northern spotted owls from being hunted to extinction by barred owls.

Cue the lawyers representing 75 organizations led by two animal welfare nonprofits: Animal Welfare Action and the Center for a Humane Economy. Last April, they wrote a letter to Deb Haaland, secretary of the U.S.



ANDY STAHL FOR RANGEMAGAZINE.COM

Department of the Interior, calling the plan "reckless," alleging that it will lead to "mistaken identity kills." Given that barred and spotted owls look very similar, it is likely that hunters hired by the Interior Department will kill many threatened spotted owls in their quest to kill barred owls in western Oregon and Washington and Northern California. How many spotted owls might be killed? Nobody knows.

This tale of woe gets better: The aggrieved

groups blame climate change and deforestation for the fact that barred owls began their westward migration from the Great Lakes region in the early 1900s. This is pure fiction. Scientists aren't sure how long barred owls have been present in the Pacific Northwest. But there is no evidence that they fled the Great Lakes region because of logging or climate change. Because biologists were only looking for spotted owls in old-growth settings, it's possible barred owls have been here for hundreds of years. Maybe longer.

The Forest Service played a largely custodial role (very little logging) in western national forests until the post-World War II era. Virtually all the 60 billion board feet of timber consumed by the war came from private forestlands in the Pacific Northwest and Southeast because federal forests in the Pacific Northwest were still largely devoid of roads.

When the Northwest Forest Plan was implemented in 1994, 7.4 million acres of owl habitat were set aside in no-harvest Late Succession Reserves. The plan covered 24.5 million acres in 17 national forests. Several million ISR acres have since been incinerated in stand-replacing wildfires that may never



Jim Petersen
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Group 2 - Lydia Snow *Elko Daily Free Press*

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Christmas decorations, including a room-size ball ornament, are set up for sale at Ralph Jones Display, 2576 E. Charleston Blvd. (K.M. Cannon/Las Vegas Review-Journal)

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Xmas marks the spot

Longtime Las Vegas shop delivers holiday cheer year-round

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The Las Vegas store where it's
always Christmas Day

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Pottery school in Tuscarora helps students learn about themselves

Lydia Snow
Jan 27, 2025



Ceramics on a rack in the Tuscarora Pottery School outdoor kiln area on Jan. 21, 2025.
Lydia Snow

Lydia Snow

TUSCARORA — In the middle of the remote Elko County town of Tuscarora is a two-story, wood-paneled 1877 former rooming house, purchased by the Paris family in 1972. It is now the site of the Tuscarora Pottery School, a place for finding creative connections in an isolated space.



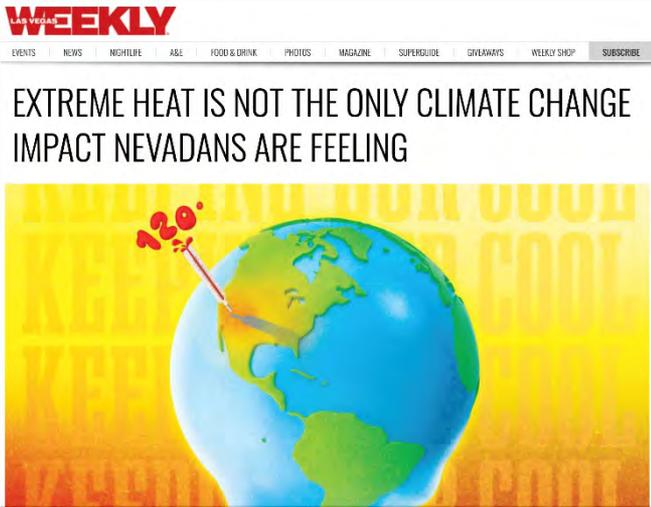
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Las Vegas Weekly

Extreme heat is not the only climate change impact Nevadans are feeling

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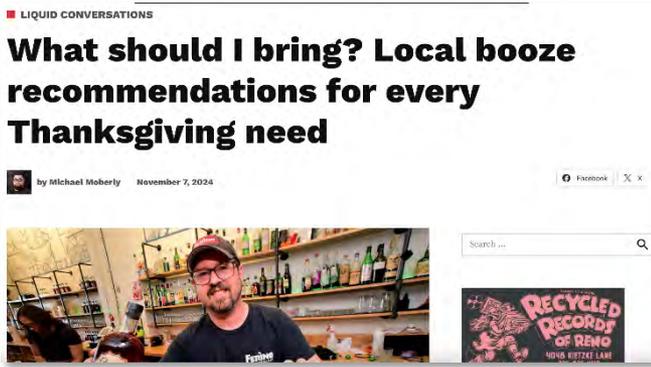
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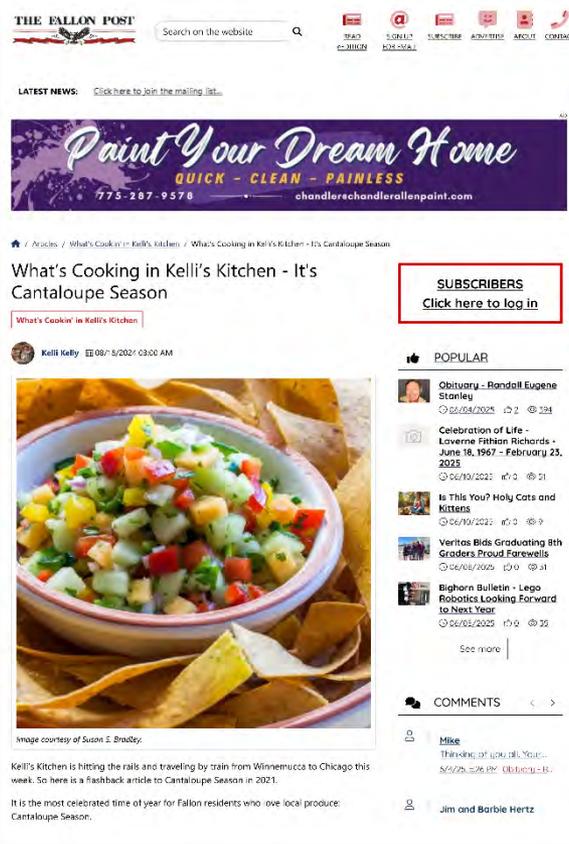
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The screenshot shows the website 'THE FALLON POST' with a search bar and navigation links. The main article is titled 'What's Cooking in Kelli's Kitchen - It's Cantaloupe Season' by Kelli Kelly, dated 09/15/2021 at 03:00 AM. The article features a photo of a cantaloupe salad in a bowl with tortilla chips. A sidebar on the right includes a 'SUBSCRIBERS' button, a 'POPULAR' section with various news items, and a 'COMMENTS' section with one comment from Jim and Barbie Hertz.



Kelli Kelley *Fallon Post*

What's Cookin' in Kelli's Kitchen –
BBQ Chicken, the Squashpocalypse,
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JUSTICE

Resorts World could face massive fines in alleged money laundering case

BY: DANA GENTRY - MAY 22, 2024 6:00 AM

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📌 The Nevada Gaming Control Board has recently initiated a related probe involving a number of casinos, including Resorts World.

Three gamblers under federal investigation for their ties to illegal sports betting rings that allegedly laundered money through Las Vegas casinos lost just under \$24 million at Resorts World alone since the casino opened less than three years ago, according to



Dana Gentry
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Gambling tests the industry's regulators

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Captain's Log Big, Dumb Rocks

By Rebel Dahl

What a magnificent week! Public words to describe the breathtaking beauty that is the part of our country we modern people call Yosemite National Park. The Drama Queen and I are here for a wedding – Tim and Kelle are getting married, which makes Sharon the best sibling to get hitched, just one more thing they've beaten her to, as the back of her hand reads gently on her forehead and a breathy, awe-struck and happy shout buzzes her left ear.

That she is the youngest by nine years is lost on her. They are super-over-achievers who have left a wake of successful footsteps for her to quote through.

But back to the wedding. Beautiful, breathtaking. What words are left to describe what it is to sit next to a river at the foot of the famous El Capitan and drossed up, with your favorite people and to be witness to this? It was unreal. And quite enjoyable.

Getting there was also amazing – tipped up on my motorcycle, running away from real life for a few days, and enjoying getting to see Yosemite, which we never had. As soon as we saw Half Dome, of course I had to pull over and take pictures. The Drama Queen was completely out but beautifully posed for selfies in front of the vista, then we got to our cabin, and everyone asked how the trip went. I said it was fine, but I could hear the pine needles in front of some "Big, Dumb Rock."

Watching the rooms and the grove get up in the dark, made her beam like and I (tipped down the valley to Tunnel View – a typically perfectly built National Park-type parking lot on the southwest side of Yosemite Valley, full of tourists who also had the same idea – to come watch the sunrise over the big dumb rocks.

It is a natural amphitheater a stage of the grandest kind, as if the receiver. As the audience in the parking lot, to our left, but what would be Stage Right to El Capitan, and then jumping to Stage Left, our right, is the Valley. Half Dome, Sentinel Rock, Cathedral Rock, and Bridal Falls. It is the view Angel Adams made famous with his iconic photography: something we've all seen a thousand times, but just until you're there in person with thousands of humanity and seeing it for the first time you've never really seen it.

It captures the majesty of nature with the absolutely primitive access to the modern world through extremely limited WiFi.



When you have to run a race, this is a major concern. There are no down days, and even though you have a spectacular home base, to make sure it all happens, you want to remain accessible to them should the wheels fall off. Or honestly, you just want to be available so you don't feel like such a dork, running off and leaving them all the work.

Our cabin instruction manual actually had a page where the WiFi password would have been that just had a picture of a cell phone with a big red circle and "This can have no WiFi messages." We all stood there staring at that page and then nervously glancing at each other with the limitations gradually dawning on us.

The next page in the manual was a map showing the location of the complimentary "WiFi Lounge," but accessible only by going back up the mountain on the switchback road. We had to let the world know – well, the newspaper knew – that we were going to be out of reach for a couple days, as up we went, in search of the Magic. Both the Drama Queen and I can still read a real map, but it took some driving around the spa before we realized what we were looking for was just a wide spot on the road where two cell phone dishes were mounted on steel poles next to the bear-protected dumpsters. We only recognized it by the arrow table.

We used the term "kitchen" loosely. So, while we appreciate the beauty of the Big Dumb Rocks and really love the effort, we'll be right here... at the dumpster...

— Rebel



Rachel Dahl Fallon Post

Blending News and Voice, Fallon Post Headlines - Gamechangers, Pinenut Capers, and Big Dumb Rocks



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WHERE I STAND

Trump's flaws fortify Speaker Johnson's folly

Brian Greenspan

The debate over whether to impeach Donald Trump is heating up, and it's clear that the stakes are high. As the House of Representatives prepares to vote on whether to impeach the former president, Speaker Mike Johnson's leadership is being tested. Johnson's decision to support Trump's re-election, despite the numerous allegations of abuse of power and obstruction of justice, has drawn widespread criticism. Many believe that Johnson's actions are a betrayal of his duty to uphold the Constitution and protect the integrity of the federal government.

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Photo by [Name]

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See Where I Stand, Page 2



Stickers and a bottle of raw milk, symbols of the raw milk movement.

HEALTH

Illegal sales of raw milk prompt Nevada officials to reiterate warnings about product's risks

By Grace Da Rocha

While long-term health benefits of raw milk are touted, the risks are significant. Raw milk is often sold illegally in Nevada, and officials are warning consumers about the potential dangers. Raw milk is not pasteurized, which means it can contain harmful bacteria that can cause serious illness. The risks are particularly high for young children, pregnant women, and the elderly. Despite the risks, some consumers continue to buy and drink raw milk, often from unregulated sources. Nevada officials are reiterating their warnings to protect public health.



A person pouring raw milk from a can into a glass.

Some health advocates argue that raw milk contains beneficial bacteria and nutrients that are lost during the pasteurization process. They claim that drinking raw milk can boost the immune system and improve overall health. However, these claims are not supported by scientific evidence. The risks of drinking raw milk far outweigh any potential benefits. Nevada officials are reiterating their warnings to protect public health.

IMMIGRATION

UCLA report highlights Latinos' surging contributions to US economy

In Nevada, Hispanics dominate hospitality, construction and transportation sectors

By Kyle Crowder

The economic impact of American Latinos is growing rapidly, according to a new report from UCLA. The report shows that Latinos are making significant contributions to the U.S. economy, particularly in the sectors of hospitality, construction, and transportation. In Nevada, Hispanics are particularly prominent in these industries. The report highlights the need for policies that support the economic growth of the Latino community.

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NEWSPAPER AWARDS

Nevada Press Foundation honors Sun for coverage of CCSD teacher negotiations

By Nick Strick

The Nevada Press Foundation has honored the Las Vegas Sun for its outstanding coverage of the Clark County School District (CCSD) teacher negotiations. The award recognizes the Sun's in-depth reporting and analysis of the negotiations, which have been a major story in the region. The Sun's coverage has provided valuable insights into the challenges facing the district and the role of teachers.

The award is a testament to the Sun's commitment to high-quality journalism. The Sun's coverage of the CCSD teacher negotiations has been widely praised for its accuracy and depth. The award is a recognition of the Sun's role in informing the public about important issues in the community.



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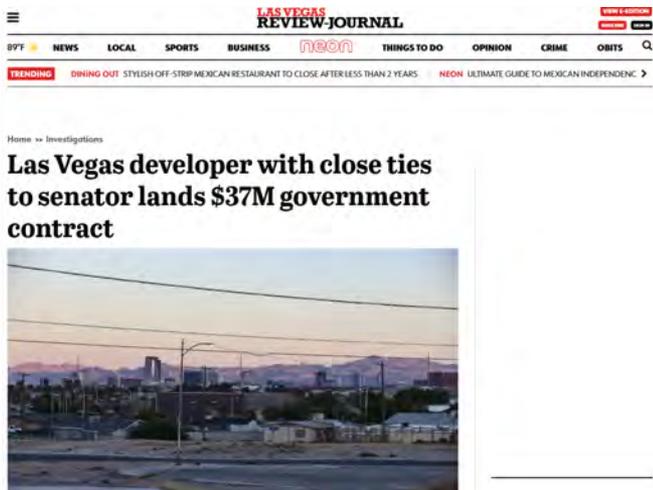
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CHURCHILL COUNTY COURTS

Finding Sara

Technology Trail Through the Nevada Desert Helps Bring Murder Victim Home

By Paul Johnson/Staff Writer

Last March, a young woman went missing. Less than a year later on March 23, Sara Filiatraut seemed to have vanished. However, as is often the case with young independent women, it would be weeks before it became clear that something was terribly wrong.

On April 18, Robert Filiatraut filed a missing person's report in Michigan, where Sara and her family are from. Filiatraut called the Lyon County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) and reported that he had not heard from his daughter since March 21 — the day she was released from the Lyon County Jail in Primm after being arrested on minor charges. Filiatraut told deputies that Sara had not been in contact with family members since her release, nor had she been active on social media, which was unlike her. The LCSO Investigation Division immediately began searching for Sara. Little did anyone know—Sara's life had already been taken.

Detectives quickly learned Sara had been in a friend's house in Fernley on March 22. He informed investigators that during his last interaction with Sara, she used his phone to call a number with a California area code and appeared to be asking for a ride.

Two days after Sara's father reported her missing, detectives applied for a search warrant for Meta Platforms Inc. to examine Sara's Facebook account and try to ascertain her whereabouts. The results of the warrant were received in May and showed that on March 22, she had planned to meet up with a Facebook user listed under the name "Bob" (aka "A"). A Facebook call was made at 8:15 p.m. from Sara's phone, the last known outgoing communication made from her Facebook account.

According to case documents, detectives examined Bob's profile and recognized the face in the image. The subject was a man 16.20 degrees had arrested five days prior for sexual assault on an unrelated victim — Robert Matthew Richards.

Video surveillance of Haley's parking lot in Fernley showed Sara getting into Bob's white vehicle on March 22 after 8 p.m., which investigators confirmed was consistent with data retrieved from Richards' phone records. The video showed the last known sighting of Sara.

Detectives continued to follow Sara's digital footprint, which prompted a warrant to search Richards' phone records. Verizon data confirmed active cell phone activity at 8:05 p.m. on March 22, but no further cellular calls or text messages until 10:36 a.m. the following day. March 23, cell phone mapping data indicated Richards traveled to Primm at 11:19 a.m., then continued west of Fallon at 11:53 and one in the Elko area until 3:30 p.m. By 4:03 p.m., Richards was traveling west back to Fernley.

Following the trail of technology before them, investigators obtained a search warrant for Ford Motor Company, which yielded further historical tracking information for Richards' work vehicle. The truck's built-in GPS navigation system and the vehicle's embedded cellular device were linked with the location data pulled from Richards' phone, offering more insight into his movements.

Data confirmed that Richards' truck was in Fernley the night of March 22 and the morning of March 23, with the truck traveling to Primm. The truck gas station that morning. Video surveillance later confirmed that Richards pulled up to the gas pumps and entered the store. However, no other person was with Richards or seen sitting in the truck. GPS records showed Richards then traveled east of Primm and returned to Primm later that evening.

An additional search warrant granted detectives physical access to Richards' phone. The phone gallery on the phone showed several pictures taken on March 23 of three abandoned military vehicles in a remote desert location. Court documents state, "There were several pictures taken in or near of the military vehicles, to include the photographer walking around, entering the vehicles, and looking into the engine compartments."

LCSO, unrelenting in their search for Sara, contacted the Churchill County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) and confirmed the location of the military vehicles in Churchill County. Detectives with LCSO and



Suppression tank, as related to the case, showing a water-filled area west of Fallon.

LCSO traveled to the area identified in the photos. A Google search warrant revealed corresponding mapping data, which helped bring investigators to what they hoped they would not find.

With the assistance of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office's Pirouette Investigation Section (PIS), the team located drag marks on the ground that showed where the truck last stopped and ultimately led to a nearby pit.

Sara's body would have potentially gone unseen and unrecovered, however, investigators and deputies refused to stop searching, and she was finally

found. Searchers located the body of a deceased, unidentified female, whom they identified as Sara Filiatraut. Discovered in a remote spot hidden by a dirt duff, "The body had been placed in a manner that would have been difficult to see from any other angles," noted court documents.

On May 23, the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office performed an autopsy and determined the cause of death was "strangulation and/or blunt force trauma." The WMEMO also concluded that Sara was deceased when she was taken to the desert by her killer.

On May 27, detectives were able to reach Robert Richards, whom they now suspected of killing Sara. In a short phone interview, he admitted he was with Sara on the night of March 22. However, Richards told investigators that she had left his trailer when he went to the bathroom that evening. Richards was the last known person to see Sara alive.

Shortly after their conversation with Richards, detectives received a call from his employer, who said he had heard from Richards. Richards told his boss that he was being investigated for murder. That he was not going to work, and that he was "having a day."

After months of investigating and searching across three western states, law enforcement officers apprehended Richards in Saragosa Springs, Utah, on July 29. Indicted to Nevada on November 6, Richards is being held in the Lyon County Jail on a no-bail hold for the murder of Sara Filiatraut and could potentially face the death penalty. Richards' next scheduled court appearance is December 31 in the Canal Justice Court in Primm.

Note: The charges against Richards are alleged. All defendants are guaranteed the constitutional right of a presumption of innocence until proven guilty.



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Bait & Switch

The BLM's plan to take the "public" out of public lands.
Words & photos by Cat Urbigkit.

It may not look like much while you're driving down a state highway in southwestern Wyoming, but inside that sagebrush sea of the Rock Springs Bureau of Land Management District are small communities, vast wildlands and wild animal populations, and working landscapes ranging from traditional grazing of migratory sheep and cattle outfits to a diverse industrial presence of iron, oil and gas, coal mining and renewable energy development that serve as the region's economic engine. It's a multiple-use landscape totaling 5.7 million acres. The BLM administers 3.6 million acres in five Wyoming counties with an additional two million acres of the land surface owned by others.

In mid-August 2023, the BLM opened a 90-day comment period on its draft resource management plan (RMP) and environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Rock Springs District.

Most producers were out spending long days of summer with their stock on their federal grazing allotments, so it took nearly a week before word began trickling out about just what the BLM had planned for the District. Private landowners and commu-

nities throughout the region knew that whatever was planned, BLM would impact their private landholdings as well and began sifting through the more than 1,350 pages for details. What they found was stunning.

BLM's First Choice

The BLM's proposal essentially calls for no-use of public lands. It prescribes "nature" as its direction and shows that it is abandon-

ing integrated management approaches to "emphasize natural processes" and ban nearly any viable change to the environment over a local landscape.

The proposal would restrict and limit most uses on millions of acres of public lands in favor of "supporting opportunities for solitude and primitive/unconfined recreation," "naturalness," "more quiet and solitude," "solitude and a pristine setting," "solitude and natural environments"—not just in wilderness areas but also across millions of acres of public lands, from the foothills of the Wind River Mountains south to the Colorado border.

"The proposal would place 1.3 million acres into 'areas of critical environmental concern'" and substantially eliminate mineral development on more than two million acres. Dozens of restrictions would be imposed on nearly any other human use of the land. The BLM also proposes to:

- Increase traditional surface disturbance setbacks of 500 feet to protect certain resources to two miles, 10 miles, and as much as 20 miles in some cases.

- Ban "disruptive activities" seasonally within a two-mile radius of



Wyoming Gov. Mark Gordon and his wife, Jennie, operate the Merkle Ranch, a Black Angus cow/calf outfit near Big Horn. Wyoming Gov. Gordon called the BLM plan a "bait and switch" that blindsided the people who live and work in southwestern Wyoming. At 11:00, some sheep and cattle ranches in this area have conducted seasonal grazing on public lands in the region for more than 125 years, moving back and forth from the desert lowlands to the adjacent high country.



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Up Front

The Band and the Bread.
By C.J. Hadley

My home was a big and filthy coal and steel town housing a couple of million occupants. During those times—and World War II, most of our fellow Brits died coughing. My dad often rode his bicycle across cobblestone streets to get to work at Imperial Chemical Industries as a clerk. His haircutting was beautiful and there were no machines for paper work. On really bad days, he rode his double-decker yellow-and-blue bus.

My dad's knee went bad from playing rough rugby in his youth and wasn't accepted in the Army during that war so he worked as a fireman at night. He and his buddies even came to our rented, gut-wrenchingly staid detached altar a German taxi-driver cradled through our roof and landed in the living room. Dad put that tooth in his little wallet and took it to work the next morning to show his mates, until his boss yelled, "Was bloody idiot, Ben, that bomb hasn't exploded! It's still live!"

My mother worked at Chance Brothers' glass factory. But I was lucky. My uncle, George Shakespeare, my "Shakespeare's Fruits & Vegetable" in Beermville, a 30-minute bus ride away from home. Long before dawn each morning Uncle George (our only relative who ever owned a vehicle) took his little truck downtown Birmingham to buy the products from New Street's produce market, (Birmingham's Covent Garden.) When he got back to Beermville, he unloaded his stuff into the street, put up his canvas covering, and dragged out boxes of fruit and veggies and arranged them in attractive lines to encourage passersby to buy his agriculture. He packed up the whole thing every night but his "repack."

On Saturdays, from about age 13, I was his

assistant. It was almost always cold and raining. No place in that land was ever warm enough and trenchitis was more common than snuff. Knowing that I was violently opposed to onions and leeks, whenever a woman approached who might buy such a dreaded veggie, Uncle George would say, "Now Caro! It's a good 'git, go to the back of the shop until Mrs. Brown has gone."

At the time at Kings Norton Grammar School for Girls in Beermville which lay next to Cadbury's chocolate factory, I was forced to study William Shakespeare's "Henry V." I didn't understand a word of it but old Shakespeare's home was only 17 miles away in Stratford-upon-Avon and I thought perhaps we were related so I rode my blue bike out there as often as I could. I often stood outside Anna Hartley's cottage (she was "The Bard's wife" or "buried" against the bricks that house the Royal Shakespeare Theatre. I imagined the actors inside, dressed in period costumes, and thought if I stood there long enough someone would invite me and I might learn something by osmosis. That never happened but a young man in white wearing a bowler, sometimes offered me a short ride on his punt because I showed up alone so often and he felt sorry for me. I still have a photo of a punier in my RANGE office.

In this issue, RANGE contributor Chris Conrad dragged me back to Shakespeare (see page 38) and shares the fact that mountainous firm bridges was a much better and brighter Shakespeare fan than I was. I did buy "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare" many decades ago and it is a treasured part of my library.

Who knew I'd be extraordinary and there seems to be a reason for everything. I started my work life in agriculture by accident—and am thrilled to have something in common with Jim Beldger—and I am ending my work life in agriculture, producing RANGE for decades to speak out for farmers and ranchers and try to help them "eat their"!

What could be better? I think my lovely Uncle George Shakespeare—who introduced me to post-nominals and ebery and protected me from women who liked onions—would be pleased. ■



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John Spytek, the Las Vegas Raiders' general manager, speaks Tuesday during a news conference of the NFL's ongoing year-end in Las Vegas. Spytek is expected to be the next head coach of the Raiders, pending approval from the NFL's owners.

SPORTS ANALYSIS

It's John Spytek's time to shine for Raiders

Raiders GM sheds light on personnel, draft philosophies at NFL Scouting Combine



THE CASE FOR SPYTEK
A former NFL player, Spytek is a proven leader and a proven winner.

John Spytek has been the general manager of the Las Vegas Raiders since 2019. He has led the team to a Super Bowl victory in 2020 and a second Super Bowl in 2023. He is expected to be the next head coach of the Raiders, pending approval from the NFL's owners.

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DIPLOMACY

Trump, Zelenskyy clash in Oval Office, minerals deal on hold

BY JESSICA A. BRUNY
AND LINDSEY LAWRENCE
FOR ENR.COM

WASHINGTON — Plans to sign a critical minerals deal between the U.S. and Ukraine were scrapped after Donald Trump's meeting Friday with Volodymyr Zelenskyy quickly devolved into a "hard exchange" over the Ukrainian leader's demand that the U.S. president order an end to a U.S. military aid program.

Zelenskyy argued the White House after the public sign, and a planned signing ceremony, "must not be canceled. U.S. officials said the minerals deal, which Trump has said is a necessary step to repair American support for the conflict in Ukraine and with Russia's 2022 invasion — was no sign of the Zelenskyy's support.

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INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

Leonard Peltier remains defiant, vows continued activism



Leonard Peltier, a Native American activist, is seen here in a traditional feathered headdress. He is a member of the Red Guard and is known for his activism.

By GERRIE LEE BROWN
FOR ENR.COM

BELOCOT, N.D. — More than a year after a decision by the First Judge Brian Justice locked Leonard Peltier in prison, Leonard Peltier remains defiant.

Peltier, who was sentenced to life in prison in 1977, remains defiant. He is a member of the Red Guard and is known for his activism.

at his new home on the Turtle Mountain Reservation, his tribal homeland in North Dakota, near the Canadian border.

There, among the rolling hills, Peltier says he will serve out the rest of his sentence on his own terms.

Since late in an era of violent hostility between the American government and Indigenous people, the Justice American Indian Movement consider the same period into similar political violence movement in the country, and an individual will be the same in the case of the deal.

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Local Sports Column

Rural

An angel in the dugout

Do you believe in angels?

Many Greenwashes wondered the same thing Saturday afternoon. Two baseball teams from different eras — 1951 and 1991 reunited at a similar place for a manager hearing, seven years after he'd changed his ways, then he returned, the entire scene and some minor changes. It all in the win column.



Steve Ranson
Editor
Emeritus

More formal a generation from the last meeting at the three-season softball field during the 2021 state championship held in Fallon.

The dominant Greenwashes bled through the Kardinia 2A regional tournament and then unsanctioned opponents to start the 2024 state season.

When Jack took care Kier had the green and white to be last state softball title in 2018, her first year of coaching the Greenwashes, she had a knowledgeable staff on her team as well as her dad, Jack, a Greenwashes Hall of Fame athlete. Jack led Fallon to state titles as a player in the 1950s and as a coach in the 1970s and '80s.

The 2018 softball team faced long odds to win the state title, but Fallon began to vacillate in opponents one game at a time during the last two weeks of the regular season.

The Wave won its outright home including a 3-1 regional championship win against the same Las Vegas Mustangs team that started the streak. Both tournaments again for the state title with Fallon alone out of a 1-2 victory.

Most an accomplished, Cheneil Goring won his first state softball title after 2018 and its eighth in the recent overall history.

"The biggest win he helped was just being at our home, (and) someone who had so much experience with working with different athletes and parents," Cheneil said after her father's death in 2021. "It's never easy being the new person. He would always have a little advice by the end of the conversation he made sure I knew that I could count on him. He would support any decision that I made. He never let me second-guess my decisions, but he always told me to stand by them."

Jack Ranson's presence was strongly felt in 2016 as it was that weekend when Fallon defeated Boulder Valley to take home the trophy. Jack, who played and coached baseball and then coached Greenwashes softball when Casey played in the early 2000s, knew the game intimately and his expertise was passed down to Casey.

Casey has also kept the Beady family tradition starting forward and serves on the Greenwashes Hall of Fame committee, which involves hours and hours of work of earning athletes and contributors are recognized. She has learned more about Greenwashes

legacies including those about her father. One she remembers as a player.

"I respected him as my coach and that's how I treated the very other girls on the team," she recalled. "There were no games were ever scheduled at home, but I never followed up because I knew he was so busy, and my coach."

The Nevada Interscholastic Athletic Association inducted Jack into the 2010 Hall of Fame, and he entered the Greenwashes Hall of Fame in 2017. The 1977-78 state championship baseball team that Jack coached were inducted into the 2021 Greenwashes Hall of Fame.

Both his son Thomas, a former Greenwashes athlete and now a sportswriter and photographer for the LVN, and I spent countless hours with Jack picking his mind on sports. Almost 30 years ago, Jack had two exciting baseball games at a Reno restaurant and at times Babe Ruth baseball games at the old field on East Richard Street — usually during tournament times. One of my favorite photos of him is one I took a month before his death, showing Jack walking a player out at home plate.

One of the biggest shocks, though, occurred in June 2018 when Jack died after a short illness. As part of the Greenwashes family, we were all devastated.

We called several other families a family. Goring were his years of knowledge but not his spirit.

Jack, though, was in the dugout and in the coaching box with Casey during Nevada's championship game against Verdigre.

Casey began to rise up after the one she's taking about her dad. After all, Casey was one of the park softball players when she competed more than 20 years ago in the same field with her father as her father.

"People started to say that I was coaching softball and that I was really special," Casey said after Saturday's game, her voice choked.

She expressed the same feeling after Fallon's final win of the 2024 season.

"It's really special. So many people came out for the week and just said, 'hey we talked about you a lot.'"

Jack's spirit was at the ballpark on Saturday, watching the Wave cap another exciting run to the state trophy.

Wendy Hill is friend, mentor, coach and father. We all know Jack was at Saturday's game.

Steve Ranson is a former member of the Lahontan Valley News and an avid sports fan. He lives in Reno, Nev. Write to Steve.

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BASEBALL



Fallon senior Baylor Sandberg bles a home run to give Fallon the lead in Thursday's state-opening win over The Meadows.

Wave exits state tournament early

Nevada News Group

Less than 24 hours after winning its opening game, the Greenwashes softball team offense was hit in an 11-0 loss to Verdigre Valley as Fallon dropped into the consolation bracket in a rematch against The Meadows.

The Meadows, strong, coasted to victory after falling to Fallon for a run on Friday to end the Greenwashes' season with an 8-3 victory to set up an all-Southwest championship Saturday at the Edward A. Stephens Athletic Complex.

With Sacramento State senior Baylor Sandberg on the hill in the first game, the Bulldogs jumped on the Fallon offense with two runs in the first inning and a 1-0 lead into the final inning when they added seven more. Sandberg struggled with his command, walking six Bulldogs while striking out six and scattering five hits. Sandberg, though, kept the game within reach for Fallon, but it managed only three hits on the afternoon.

The Meadows' Sandberg, however, was a 3-0 star in the final inning, with six strikeouts over the bottom two and a final out. Fallon advanced only one runner, also scoring position.

GOLF

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Malara Gomez finished fourth overall after finishing a 72 on Tuesday which was good for second, followed by an 81 for a two-day total of 153. Derek Hamilton improved his first-day score of 84 by two strokes to finish tied for eighth with a total of 156. Colin Shihada was the biggest improvement when he dropped his score by 10 strokes on Wednesday, with an 81 to finish his tournament at 171.

Ben Lee, the team's only senior, finished with a 182 after a six-hole score from 23 to 87, while Dustin Bold scored 20 and 82. Wyatt Stevenson finished with a two-day total of 220 (88, 92).



Fallon junior Chase Canham bles and a runner in Thursday's state-opening win over The Meadows.

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Beloved Henderson journalism teacher,
basketball coach dies

News Obituary

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is accused of taking it

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They couldn't believe she was back.

For years, employees in Nevada's Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) had worked under a manager, Ann Polakowski, who they said fostered an environment built on fear, retaliation and paranoia. In interviews with 15 current and former employees who worked under Polakowski, many shared instances where she would scream at employees over minor issues and furiously seek evidence of wrongdoing so she could retaliate against people she didn't like.

Several workers filed complaints against her and participated in an internal investigation in 2021, and Polakowski was moved to another role within the division. Records and interviews show that agency leaders have been aware of complaints about Polakowski since 2019.

But last summer, she returned to one of her earlier roles — managing some of the same employees who had voiced concerns to investigators and agency leadership — after a request from the DCFS administrator and approval from the head of the Department of Health and Human Services. Though Polakowski again changed roles in December, interviewed employees granted anonymity to speak freely about state workplace issues said they have lost faith in how the agency responds to allegations of workplace misconduct.

"Our trauma, our experiences, our tears, our sweat, none of that matters, and nobody cares," a current employee said.

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FEATURES

Fernley and TCID Settlement Reached



Fernley's TRUCKEE LIGHT AFTER INSTALLATION OF IRRIGATION SYSTEM. PHOTO BY LARRY LEVINE.

Subject Area

The City of Fernley and the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District have each satisfied a mediated settlement of the city's lawsuit opposing TCID's repayment contract with the Bureau of Reclamation for listing a portion of the Truckee Canal through Fernley.

The parties met for a mediated settlement conference on August 29, which was presided over by Senior Judge James H. Hendricky.

The Fernley City Council approved the agreement during a special meeting on Sept. 18. TCID approved it during its Oct. 1 meeting.

Under the terms of the settlement, Fernley agreed to file a stipulated request for dismissal of the lawsuit within ten days of the agreement's effective date and to drop its pursuit of an appeal of the judge's decision in the Fourth Judicial District Court in Fallon that granted TCID the authority to enter into the repayment contract with the Bureau of Reclamation.

In return, TCID will provide the city with a credit of \$1.50 per equivalent irrigated acre owned by Fernley to be deducted from the Operations and Maintenance Fees assessed by TCID on irrigated lands within the district for 60 years or until the repayment contract is completed, whichever happens sooner.

TCID agreed that the maximum Operations and Maintenance Fees TCID may assess Fernley under the repayment agreement will be \$2 per equivalent irrigated acre, less the \$1.50 credit. Also, when TCID establishes assessments related to the repayment contract, it will not establish a separate special assessment for any costs associated with the reconstruction of the Fernley Check Structure, other than any assessment imposed on all water right owners in the Nevada's Project.

"The biggest one to the city of Fernley is going to get a reduction in its assessment, and that's really what we were looking for out of this," said David Riebel, the attorney

representing the city on water matters. "We weren't able to get as much of a reduction as we were looking for, but we were able to get a resolution."

Riebel said the reduction in its assessments will affect only the city itself, not residents or property owners who pay TCID assessments.

Riebel said that while the city didn't get everything it wanted out of the negotiations, that's how negotiations work.

"I think sides don't walk away a little unhappy, then it's not a good settlement," he said. "So are we completely 100% satisfied with this? No, but we respect TCID's position, and we're glad we were able to come together."

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How a Las Vegas magician broke the internet with spray paint, trapdoors and trade secrets.

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Annika Huff turns tragedy into triumph



Ron Eland/Boulder City Review: Annika Huff, and her dog Orly, sit outside of the soon-to-be-opened Healing Center at St. Jude's Ranch for Children. Huff, the Center's program development coordinator, was herself a victim of sex trafficking.

By Ron Eland Boulder City Review

November 21, 2024 - 5:10 pm



It's been nearly a decade since 28-year-old Annika Huff found herself at just 93 pounds and clinging to life after just being sold from one sex trafficker, or pimp, to another.

But those memories, especially toward the end of her ordeal, are still fresh in her mind and may always be there as she continues to epitomize the term "survivor."

"Because of the beatings I had taken, I was dying," she said. "My trafficker wanted to sell me before I passed away. He sold me to another pimp, who was unaware of my physical condition. This man had traded me for a car."



Ron Eland

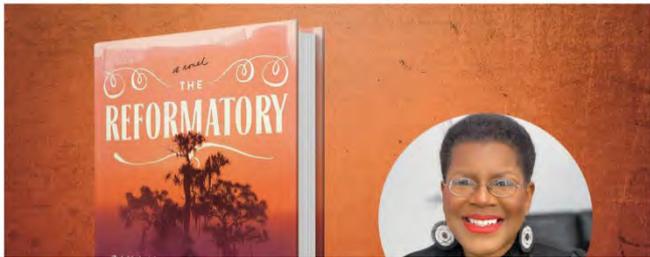
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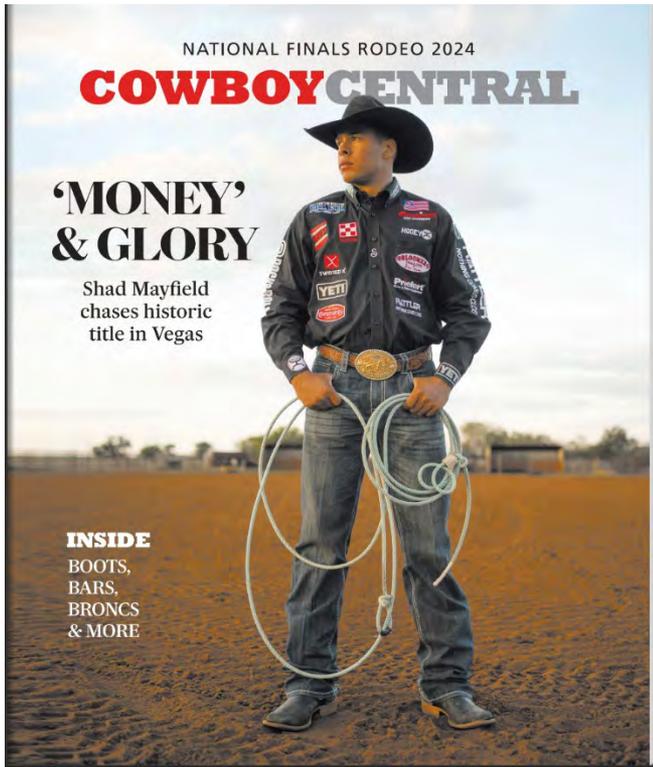
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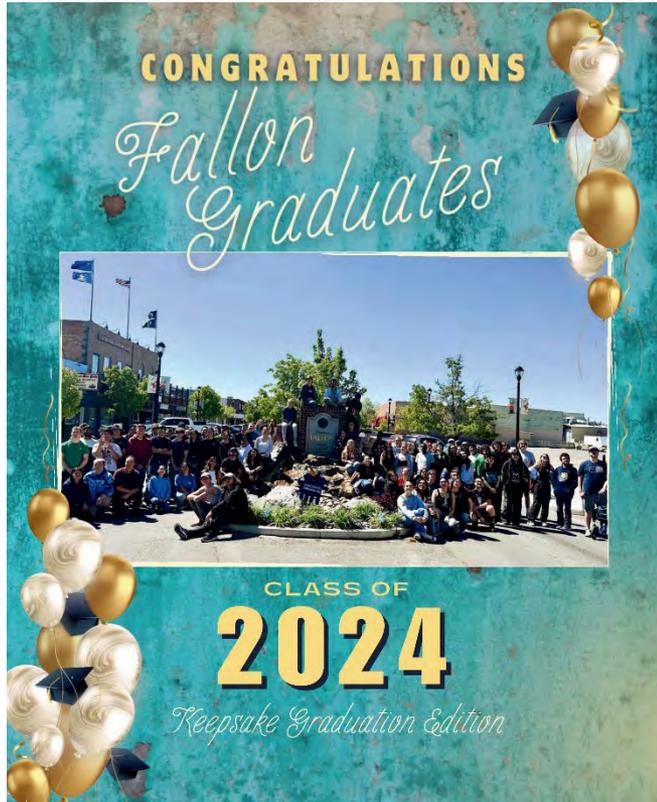


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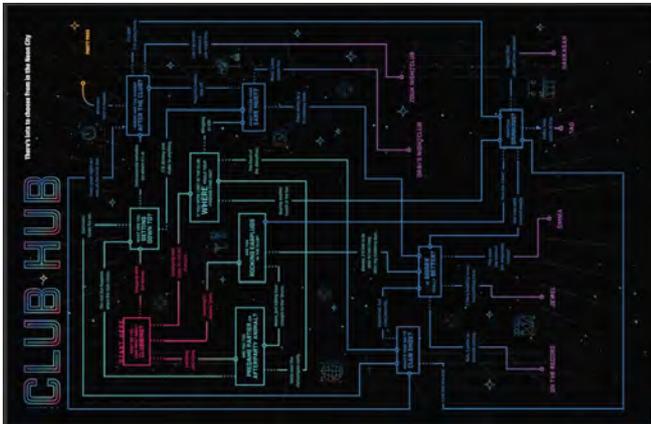
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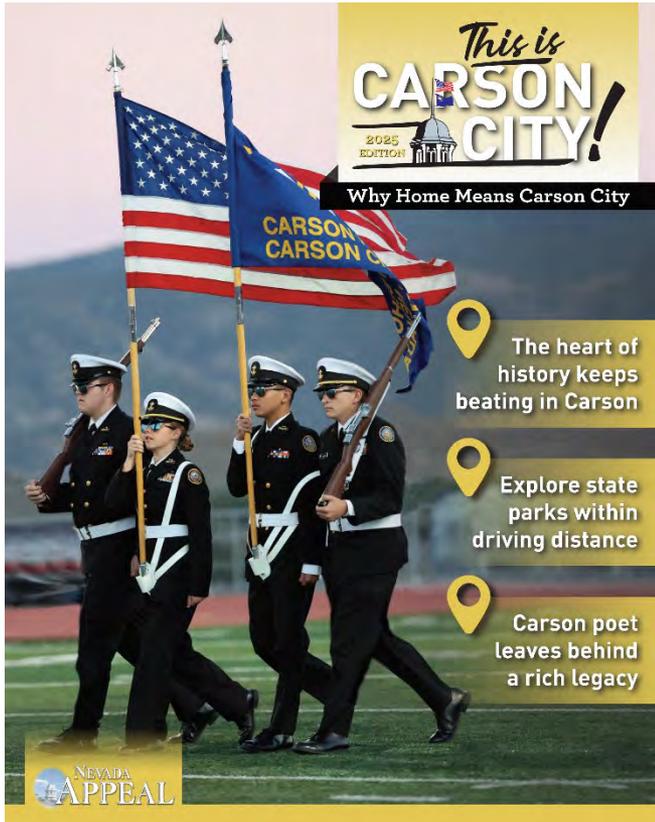
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'The sky is the limit': Raiders rookie off to record-setting pace



Raiders tight end Brock Bowers (89) motions for a first down after a catch during the second half of an NFL game against the Baltimore Ravens at M&T Bank Stadium on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024, in Baltimore. (Heidi Fang/Las Vegas Review-Journal) @HeidiFang

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'There's nothing that can compare to this race'



Photo courtesy Tyler Nash As Tyler Nash crossed the finish line, he was joined by members of his crew including, from left, Robert Mello, Pat Nash, Kyle Hammond and Andrew Kelly.

By Ron Eland Boulder City Review

August 8, 2024 - 5:02 pm



In the ultra-marathon world, it's looked upon as the World Series, Super Bowl and throw in a climb up Mount Everest all rolled into one.

The Badwater 135, which was held July 22-24, in Death Valley, has the distance and almost temperature right in its name. Competitors have 48 hours to finish the race in one of the hottest areas of the world and Boulder City's Tyler Nash did just that. But he admits, it wasn't pretty. The 2005 BCHS graduate had set a



Ron Eland

Boulder City Review

There's nothing that compares to this race

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Case Keefer
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Family alleges fired high school baseball coach bullied, smeared son



Basic High School head coach Scott Baker argues an out with the umpire versus Desert Oasis during the fourth inning of an NCAA baseball game on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, in Las Vegas. (L.R. Baskow/Las Vegas Review-Journal) @Left. Eje. Images

By **Alex Wright**
Las Vegas Review-Journal
March 7, 2025 - 7:00 am



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Former Basic Academy baseball coach Scott Baker is accused of bullying a player and spreading lies about the player and his family after he was fired, according to the player's parents, with multiple claims substantiated by documents given to the parents by the Clark County School



Alex Wright
Las Vegas Review-Journal
Family alleges fired high school baseball
coach bullied, smeared son

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GOLF

Fallon boys golf finishes 2nd at state

Nevada News Group

Debuting going into the second and final day of the Class 2A state tournament, Fenley edged Fallon by three strokes on Wednesday, winning the Vacaville final boys golf state championship.

Fenley and Fallon tied at 173 strokes after the first round at the picturesque Mountain Falls Golf Club in Delano. But the Vacaville placed low in the top three, including the low medalist, to finish with a two-day team score of 342. Elko, which was two strokes behind after the first day, finished third at 345 after only one of its six golfers' scores improved.

Fallon's Patrick



Oasis Academy senior Tyler Siebecker finished 17th in the Class 2A state tournament last week at the Ruby View Golf Course in Elko.

The Fallon boys golf team finished second in last week's state tournament in Pahrump.

GOLF, A13

SOFTBALL

Wave defeats rival for 3A state championship

Fallon outscored opposition 22-3 to win first title since 2018

By Thomas Ranson

Nevada News Group

Putting together since they were 6 years old, Renee Hutchings and Abby Walker have been through a lot. Their friendship was tested when Hutchings was shot in the back last year. In similar fashion, the softball team lost last year when Hutchings was away from practice and she was away from the division title.

Hutchings and Walker — the only seniors on the softball team — soaked in every moment of the waiting. Their friendship kept them afloat during a trying time. Hutchings and Walker are the only seniors on the softball team — soaked in every moment of the waiting. Their friendship kept them afloat during a trying time.

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Fallon senior Renee Hutchings fires a throw from third.



Fallon junior Veranita Filmore pitches against Fenley in Saturday's 3A state championship win.

are her at third. "I'm so proud of her and I'm so proud of you, it represents this will be."

Fallon is because the state champion. I would be the champion.

As soon as the Wave defeated Fallon Valley in last week's regional tournament, the players and coaches knew that the state championship was theirs for the taking.

Fallon junior Veranita Filmore continued her win streak from the pitcher's circle, shutting out Pahrump Valley in the state opener. The Wave outscored cross-valley rival Fenley 22-3 in the final two games, including an 11-0 victory on Saturday to capture the Class 3A state championship at the Farrow Athletic Center Complex.

Fallon finished the year with a 20-2 record after winning 11 straight since late April.

With a double-digit lead in the

8th inning, Filmore relieved the first two Vegas-area batters, Yaela Velasquez and Jodi. Two pitches later, Sara Moffet missed the ball to right field where a running Taylor Doran tracked down the ball for the final out.

The team swarmed Filmore on the infield dirt.

"The feeling is indescribable. These girls became my family over the season," said Walker, who plays

in center field. "There's no better feeling than to take it all on our home field. All the hard work, long practices, everything that was put into this, it means a lot."

Filmore struck out two, walked one and gave up her first and only earned run of the postseason, a solo homer in the fourth inning.

"That's a huge part of her success is she hit her spot," she said. "We had a plan with those big hitters

stepping up and she stuck to the plan. Her changeup was working, especially late in the game. It was just key for her to hit her spot and be exact where she was throwing it."

A big change to the team's approach on defense came before the regional tournament.

The rivalry between Filmore and sophomore Jensen Bertramson

SOFTBALL, A14



Thomas Ranson

Lahontan Valley News

Wave defeats rival for 3A state championship

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L.E. Baskow
Las Vegas Review-Journal
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Pahrump Valley Times
Rising rodeo stars compete at
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Group 1 - Steve Marcus *Las Vegas Sun*

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PHOTOS & ENTERTAINMENT
Photos: Schellraiser Fest showcases dozens of indie bands in small Nevada town

By Bob Conrad Date: June 5, 2024



Bob Conrad, Mary Claire Boucher

This Is Reno

Schellraiser Fest showcases dozens of indie bands in tiny Nevada town

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A Look Back on the Inaugural Capital City Rodeo – Sierra Nevada Ally

Alejandra Rubio - Yavapai-Apache Nation

5-7 minutes



Rounding up a cow. Image: Alejandra Rubio

Earlier this month, rodeo enthusiasts got a taste of traditional rodeo activities alongside extreme sports, like dirt biking and skateboarding. In between standard bull and bronco competitions, the inaugural [Capital City Rodeo](#) in Carson City, Nev. hosted a custom motorcycle show, tattoo artists, riders getting big air on motorbikes and even DJs spinning



Alejandra Rubio
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Theater appraised at \$3.2 million
by Kurt Hildebrand
hildebrand@recordcourier.com

An appraisal of Carson Valley Cinema came in at \$3.06 million higher than the asking price, clearing the way for the county's \$2.5 million purchase for a performing Arts Center.

Renee Perkins of the firm of Johnson, Perkins and Griffin found that the property was worth \$3.2 million as of Jan. 23. Under state law, the county isn't allowed to pay less than the appraised value of the building. The appraisal confirms that owner Kelly Blais is offering the property to the county at a discount.

According to the appraisal, the net operating income for the cinema is \$230,541 a year. Built in 1938, the cinema consists of 20,000 square feet in the eight theaters and a 3,680 square foot nonzine.

THEATER, 4

60 bird species reported in county's back yards
by Kurt Hildebrand
hildebrand@recordcourier.com

Monday was the last day to participate in Cornell's Lab's Great Backyard Bird Count, where participants reported the number of birds they saw over a 15-minute period Feb. 14-15.

Acc'd Tuesday morning, the website at www.birdcount.org indicated 62 different species of bird observed in Douglas County.

On Saturday, a few bird enthusiasts gathered at the River Fork Ranch, where there were plenty of birds fluttering about, though mostly Canada geese and magpies.

Birder Doug Stinson, who was there on Saturday, reported seeing two bald eagles on Saturday at the ranch. He also estimated seeing 35 magpies, the second most popular sighting there after 200 Canada geese. He also reported 23 house finches and 17 mallards.

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Bishop Gorman ready to defend national title thanks to offensive line



Bishop Gorman offensive linemen, from left, Alai Kalaniuvahu, Seuseu 'SJ' Alofaituli, and Douglas Utu pose for a portrait on Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024, in Las Vegas. (Chase Stevens/Las Vegas Review-Journal) @csstevensphoto

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2024 primary election results official
by Kurt Hildebrand
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The 2024 primary election is officially over after Douglas County commissioners canvassed the vote on Thursday. Only 92.16 percent of Douglas County's voters turned out for the election, according to Clerk-Treasurer Amy Bergman.

That, according to 16,275 of the county's 16,293 voters and was the lowest turnout for a primary election in the county in the 21st Century.

Bergman said that Douglas wasn't an outlier in the state.

She said she plans to suggest to the 2025 Nevada Legislature that early in-person voting be reduced to a single week.

ELECTION, 7

Bently named engineering landmark
Bently Nevada Employee No. 3 Roger Harker holds up invention No. 1 at the dedication ceremony for Nevada's first historic mechanical engineering landmark.

by Kurt Hildebrand
kvhilde@recordcourier.com

Not long after the invention of the transistor, in the mid-1950s Don Bently put together a little device that would spark a multi-national company, the Friday engineering firm of Bently Nevada, its most employees and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers dedicated the first mechanical engineering landmark in Nevada.

for non-welding eddy current sensors.

The devices are used to continuously monitor rotating machine shafts. Like those on generators or pumps, to determine potential issues with bearings before they fail catastrophically.

Employee No. 3 Roger Harker described how Bently took the first steps.

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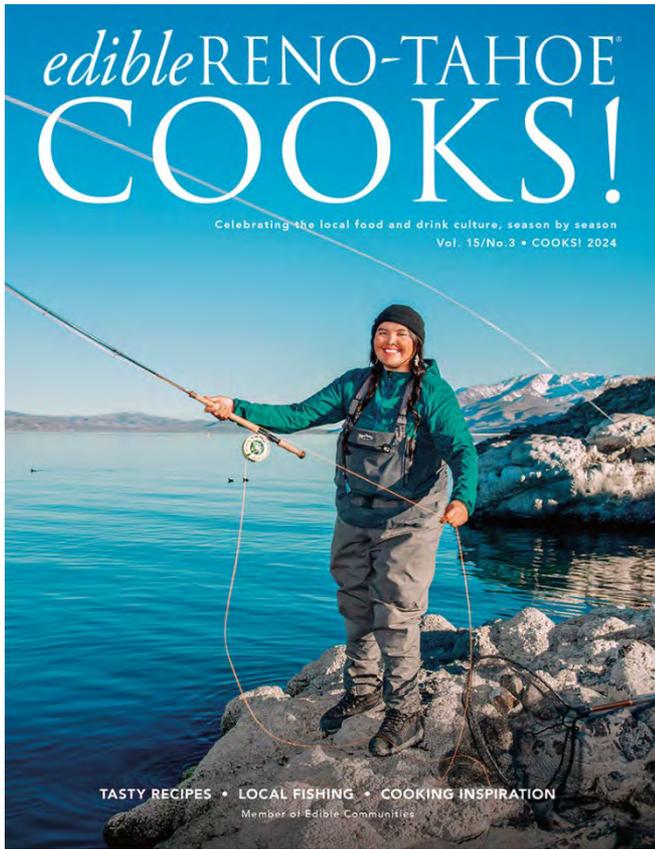
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Reel in Dinner: Native and introduced fish abound in Reno-Tahoe area water.

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Wade Vandervort
Las Vegas Sun
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Sports Photo

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Dakota Eldridge

Anthony Mori
Jul 15, 2024



Elko's Dakota Eldridge slides his steer during the Silver State Stampede on Friday, July 12, 2024 at the Elko County Fairgrounds. Eldridge won the event with a 5.7-second run and also claimed the Top-Gun Award as the highest-earning competitor from Nevada.

Anthony Mori

By Anthony Mori



Anthony Mori
Elko Daily Free Press
Elko's Dakota Eldridge

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President Donald Trump delivers his inaugural address Monday at his inauguration at the U.S. Capitol in the Rotunda at the Capitol in Washington, D.C. in his second inaugural address. The crowd erupted with cheers as he first said he did not on reproductive policy agenda.

Trump cites his own victories as sign he will lift a country in 'decline'

BY MICHAEL SUTELIN
The New York Times Columnist

WASHINGTON — It has been 20 years since a president, Donald Trump, made his own case for his own political agenda. He has now done so again, in a way that is both more personal and more specific. He has now done so in a way that is both more personal and more specific. He has now done so in a way that is both more personal and more specific.

Fact-checking the president

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In his first address after being sworn in Monday, President Donald Trump repeated several facts and figures that he repeated in his inaugural address. He repeated several facts and figures that he repeated in his inaugural address.

Nevadans split on outlook for next four years as work begins unraveling Biden's legacy

BY HEATHER GRANE
A Nevada State Journal Columnist

WASHINGTON — It's the first time in 20 years that a president has been sworn in on a day that is not the 20th of January. It's the first time in 20 years that a president has been sworn in on a day that is not the 20th of January.

Immigration plans stoke fear for Dreamers

BY KYLE CHAMBERS
A Nevada State Journal Columnist

Las Vegas — Republican President Donald Trump has set the stage for a new era of immigration policy. He has set the stage for a new era of immigration policy. He has set the stage for a new era of immigration policy.



...of a radical and corrupt establishment... with the pillars of society 'broken and overgrown' in complete disregard. 'America is not a country that is in decline,' he said. 'I cannot imagine even a single person in this country who is not proud of our country and its people.' 'It was a defining and momentous moment of a country that has given its people a voice, with full inclusion and respect for all people, on a second-by-second basis. The level of respect and inclusion is not just a reality, it is a reality that has been...



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Carson City fire chief to retire May 31

By Scott Neuffer
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Carson City Fire Chief Sean Slamon will be retiring effective May 31, according to a Dec. 9 letter he sent to city officials.

"It has been one of my greatest

honors to serve the citizens of Carson City, our firefighters, and staff as their fire chief," Slamon wrote. "For the past 37 years, I have had the great fortune to work with some of the best firefighters around."

According to the city's website, Slamon became the sixth fire chief in the

city's history in March 2017.

"Chief Slamon has been a career firefighter for over 30 years; he started his fire service career in 1988 with the Foster City Fire Department," according to the city. "Slamon continued his career with the city of Modesto for 28 years, where he served at the ranks

of firefighter, fire engineer, captain, battalion chief, division chief and as fire chief from 2014 until becoming the Carson City fire chief in 2017."

The city manager's office released a statement expressing appreciation for



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Carson City fifth-graders sing in the holiday season during the annual Silver & Snowflakes Festival of Lights on Friday. For more photos, see page A8.



SCOTT NEUFFER/NEVADA APPEAL

Artist Karen Yank with her new sculpture 'Sense of Place' in the South Carson and South Stewart roundabout Dec. 6.

New gateway: Artist Karen Yank discusses roundabout sculpture

By Scott Neuffer | sneuffer@nevadapress.com

A 20-foot-tall, nearly 6,000-pound public sculpture by New Mexican artist Karen Yank was installed by crane and craftsmanship in the South Carson and South Stewart roundabout Dec. 6.

"Sense of Place" is made of stainless and Corten steel. Public art for the roundabout was first envisioned in 2017 as a gateway entrance after the downtown corridor project was complete, according to city officials. That vision slowly transformed into concrete reality

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TRUMP GUILTY 'THIS IS LONG FROM OVER'

34 felony crimes tied to falsifying business records | Jury needed just nine-plus hours to return with verdict | Sentencing set for July 11, but appeal most likely

"This was a rigged, one-sided trial. The real world is going to be how the people they have what happened, and everyone knows what happened here." **Former President Donald Trump**

"While this defendant may be unlike any other in American history, we are not at a trial and verdict today. It is the verdict in the same manner as every other case that comes through the courts. It is a jury following the facts and the law and doing so without fear or favor." **Mushkin Law District Attorney Steve Bragg**

"In New York today, we saw that no one is subject to law. But today's verdict does not change the fact that the American people face a simple reality. There's only one way to kick Donald Trump out of the Oval Office: At the ballot box." **President Joe Biden campaign statement**

"Democrats choose as they criticize the lack of the opposing party to ridiculous charges, predicated on the testimony of a witness convicted from. This is a purely political exercise, not a legal one." **House Speaker Nancy Pelosi**

"I respect the work of the jury. I believe that it is not a partisan sideshow in a hostile courtroom. The rule of law should always be applied fairly and without fear. Donald Trump will have an opportunity to present and I expect an unbiased process will vindicate President Trump." **House Speaker Nancy Pelosi**

"I am proud to stand the side of the law. It is a conviction. All are an affirmation of the rule of law. All Trump's attorneys to office." **Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif.**



First former president to be convicted of felony crimes proclaims innocence

By Michael R. Saut, Jennifer Fisher, Eric Tucker, Bill Calton and Michelle L. Price
 The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Donald Trump, because he first former American president who convicted of felony crimes Thursday, a New York jury found him guilty of all 34 charges in a verdict that likely refers to the 2016 election through a hush money payment to a porn actress who said she had sex with the president. The verdict was read at a hearing from the street below the courtroom's 14th floor where the decision was revealed after more than nine hours of deliberations. Judge Juan Merchan was sentenced...

ing for July 11, just days before the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, where GOP leaders, who remained loyal to their support to the administration of the president, are expected to formally make Trump their nominee. The verdict exposes Trump to potential prison time in the city, where the emboldened press helped catapult him from a real estate tycoon to media television star and ultimately president. Trump is expected to appeal the verdict as he returns to the campaign trail against rival Democratic candidates. There are no campaign rallies on the calendar for now, though he is expected to appear Friday at Trump Tower and to hold fundraising next week. See WYB0ET 31A.

More coverage Sunday. On the verdict with our 10:30 a.m. show on 10.30. Page 4B. Local reaction to the verdict on 10.30. Page 2B. Reaction to the verdict on 10.30. Page 2A. Former President Donald Trump proclaims innocence in address to the media Monday after a jury convicted him of all 34 felony counts of falsifying business records in a scheme to illegally influence the 2016 election. See WYB0ET 31A.



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WNC graduates record number of students

By Jessica Garcia
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Western Nevada College's Class of 2024 produced a record number of graduates who applied to receive degrees and certificates of achievement between the Carson City and Fallon ceremonies this month.

WNC celebrating its Carson City graduation at the Mary Terese Pavilion



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Early voting starts Saturday for primary election

By Scott Neuffer
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Early voting for the 2024 Primary Election starts Saturday morning, and the Carson City Clerk-Recorder's Office is expecting a big turnout for voters tasked with whittling down Republican, Democrat and nonpartisan candidates.

"About 65 percent of active registered voters cast their ballots at the last primary election, and I expect we will receive over 18,000 mail-in ballots out of the nearly 40,000 ballots that are being mailed," said Clerk-Recorder Scott Hoen.

Sample ballots were mailed the second week of May, and mail ballots should be arriving in mailboxes this week.

The Primary Election should not be confused with the Presidential Preference Primary held in February or the presidential caucuses. The June 11 primary includes several offices: federal, state and local.

"We have trained 120 election workers and observers for this upcoming election," said Hoen. "An election worker plays a vital role in the democratic process by assisting during elections. They help ensure that elections run smoothly and that voters have a positive experience. I can't thank them enough with everything that they do for Carson City."

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Your guide to the 2024 primary election, inside today's Appeal.

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Supervisors to review budget, employee raises

By Scott Neuffer
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Before reviewing and adopting the fiscal year 2025 final budget Friday, the Carson City Board of Supervisors

will consider proposed pay increases for classified and unclassified city employees. The increases, however, were already built into the tentative budget approved in April, the City Managers

Office told the Appeal. The final budget includes \$2.4 million in supplemental requests also approved by supervisors in April, a \$5.3 million capital improvement plan and about a \$128.5

million general fund budget. The budget meeting starts at 8 a.m. Friday in the community center, 851 E. William St.

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In-person voting on election day will take place at the Carson City Community Center, 851 E. William St., from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on June 11.

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'We're looking for a lifeline;' Nevada's only Native youth shelter at risk of closing

Following a "surprising policy change," leaders of the Fallon Shoshone-Paiute Tribe said a federal agency cut off the shelter's main funding source.

 Tabitha Mueller August 18th, 2024 at 2:00 AM Government Tribal Nations



Stepping Stones Emergency Youth Shelter on Aug. 5, 2024, in Fallon on the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Reservation. (David Calvert/The Nevada Independent)

When a child at Nevada's only shelter for Native American youth found out that she would have to leave because the facility would soon close, the young girl's reaction broke Yvonne Mori's heart.

The 13-year-old came to Mori, the director of the Stepping Stones Emergency Youth Shelter but "Mama Bear" to its residents, and asked if she could give the money her tribe had set aside to support her to keep the shelter open.

"I'll give you all of that money so you can save our home," Mori recounted. "She goes, 'This is the only place that I feel safe.'" It was the girl's fifth time staying at the shelter.

But Mori said she didn't have a choice, she didn't have the staff to safely keep the facility open.

"I had to have four children removed, and now we're just waiting," Mori told *The Nevada Independent* during an early August tour of the facility. "I've had phone calls in the last month from tribes trying to place children here, and I have to tell them, unfortunately, I can't take any kids until we get funding."

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Motorists were able to put work on Highway 395 in their rearview mirrors for nine days over the Fourth of July, but the cones will be back starting Sunday night.

Work on Highway 395 resumes in Gardnerville Sunday night

By Kurt Hildebrand
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Plans over an construction on Highway 395 through Gardnerville resumes Sunday night after a nine-day hiatus for the Fourth of July.

Night paving resumes 7 p.m. Sunday, but at some point soon work on the northbound lanes of the town's Main Street will begin.

In response, Jack & Doug Link, Farmers Market operator Treasa Dennis is shifting operations from Heritage Park to the parking lot of her shop in the Stratton Center starting Wednesday. "Since they are flipping the traffic, I don't want to interfere with the road being closed, so I am moving it for 3-4 weeks until it is open on that side," she said on Thursday.

Unlike the north side of Main Street, there isn't really a good alternate route along the north side. While Main

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Street is paralleled by Douglas Avenue with several streets connecting with the businesses. There isn't a similar street on the other side.

That was one of the reasons contractor Steve Nevada could not be situated in the southbound lanes.

While workers can pave at night, construction noise and potential considerations mean the company will be digging up the highway during the day.

"Drivers should anticipate construction-related lane restrictions and intersection closures through September," Transportation Solutions team blog. Response said on Monday. "At least one lane in each direction and one

access to each business will remain available during construction. Access to the project by texting 320095 (2025) to 866-547-8466, or by calling (775) 759-8777.

Response advised that unless you've got a destination in the work zone, it would be best to avoid Main Street.

It has been 23 years since the last time the stretch of the highway was repaved, but there are sections of the road that haven't seen a bulldozer blade in a century.

The more it takes up all the asphalt down to dirt through old Gardnerville. Uncovered in the work on the northbound lanes was a 100-year-old storm drain encased in concrete that will be removed and covered with the new surface.

There also may involve daily updates on which roads are closed along Main Street by texting.

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140 Years ago
Genoa Weekly Courier

July 4, 1884
Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for teething children - cure dysentery and diarrhea, regulates the stomach and bowels, cures wind colic, softens the gums, reduces inflammation and gives tone and energy to the whole system, while having a pleasant taste.

120 Years Ago

The Courier
July 1, 1904
I may be of interest to fisher folk to hear the invention of a new fish hook. The improvements consist in having the barb of the hook on the outside instead of where it is now placed.

100 Years Ago

July 4, 1924
War tax on tobacco admission of 50 cents and less was abolished July 1. The Rec theme, since tax was cut to five, has absorbed the tax and the new ruling will result a considerable saving to the manager of the local pharmacy.

80 Years Ago

July 7, 1944
A lot of vacationists were kept away from Lake Tahoe during the Fourth of July weekend due to the power shortage.

60 Years Ago

July 2, 1964
The Vista Grande-trailer subdivision at the northwest edge of Douglas County on Highway 295 and Jacks Valley Road was approved by Douglas County commissioners. Located on "Indian Hill Road" a 200-acre area will include a commercial area on the highway frontage, with trailer overlays to the rear.

40 Years Ago

July 5, 1984
Two new writing styles will be evident in the pages of the Nevada section of The Record-Courier with the return of Lois Desmond for the Brandon Knapp and Donna Hutto Archer as the new writer for the Sweetwater Notes.

20 Years Ago

July 7, 2004
A bomb saved from the Gardnerville fire at 1461 Highway 395 in April 2003, that shows no signs of starting has the name Peter Krone with the date July 9, 1968 scrawled on it.
Remember When is compiled by Staff Writer Sarah DeWitt.



Kurt Hildebrand

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HELP ON THE WAY

Nevada needs home health workers. They say they need better pay and working conditions

By Christopher Alvarez

A citrus smell permeates the air as local homecare worker Irma Luz Lopez—Mahu Lopez for short—makes the weekly supply of homemade orange juice for her client, Diane Wohlman. “Diane, should I make all of them today?” Lopez asks. Her client replies, “Pretty much, maybe leave a couple.”

Wohlman, 61, lives in a cozy condo complex in southeast Las Vegas. The living room décor is fancier than your average home. A large silver flower vase sits on the coffee table, a vine of silk leaves snakes around a silver-framed mirror, and a white fur blanket lays on the sofa.

Wohlman’s cats, Baby and Coco, were too scared to come out—for which my allergies made me grateful. But besides them, Wohlman lives alone. Dressed in a green and purple, flower-patterned sundress, she waits patiently in her wheelchair for her orange juice.

From trips to the mall when, to get out for ice cream, to squeezing fresh orange juice, Lopez does things for Wohlman that far exceed caregiving. She makes life easier—and even provides emotional support. Wohlman finds Lopez’s services invaluable. But homecare workers might describe themselves as under valued—not by their clients, but by the state.

WOHLMAN HAS BEEN Lopez’s client for more than six months and sees her 12 hours a week. Lopez was hired following a stroke



that affected the left side of Wohlman’s body. She says it has affected her ability to do everyday things.

“Well, I use a walker,” she says. “I can walk, but I’m just doing it right now just to be safe, because a couple of weeks ago, I fell.”

It affected my left side of my body, my left hand, my left shoulder, and my left leg. So, it’s like I’m just learning how to peel potatoes again, and chop vegetables—and that. So, I needed help, with meal prep and stuff.”

Wohlman used to work in the convention industry. But since the stroke, she is considered disabled and can’t work. The hospital that admitted her got her to apply for Medicaid, and through a review process, it was suggested she receive a homecare worker to assist her.

“The big thing was me taking a shower,” she says. “Everybody was scared that they didn’t want me doing that alone without somebody here. So, that’s very helpful. (Lopez) does help with my hair, putting lotion

on me. It’s whatever I need. I just mentally make a list of what do I want to get done today? And so, I just know, okay, don’t worry about it, Mahu is coming today. So, she’ll take care of it.”

Lopez is 58, and she says she’s been a home healthcare giver with local agency Absolute Home Health Care for more than five years. In black scrubs, contrasting her straight blond hair, she smiles and says home care is something that came naturally. “I came from Mexico 28 years ago. I decided to become a home healthcare giver because I’ve been doing this my whole life. I can’t even remember when I started taking care of others. But once I was blessed with my residence and Social Security, I decided to do it fully.”

Lopez has a bubbly way of talking and a warm smile that she has every opportunity she gets. It’s hard for others not to feel happy when they’re around her. But why does caregiving make her happy?

She explains, “This is not a real job.



Christopher Alvarez Desert Companion Help on the way



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Highway 395 work begins in Pine Nuts
by Kurt Ribbebrand
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Only a few orange cones adorned Main Street on Monday as much of the preliminary work on Highway 395 north of Washoe Lane took a break for the Memorial Day weekend.

"Road work zones will again be in place beginning the week of May 27 with single lane closures and lane shifts for preliminary construction, similar to what motorists have seen over recent months," Transportation Spokesman Greg Rogness said on Monday.

Work is expected on the major reopening of the highway on June 10.

Motorists who miss the reconstruction through zones will still have plenty of opportunities to stop and wait as they travel south. Work began Monday on Highway 395.

Hot Air for Hope celebrates second year
by Sarah Denkwine
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Thirty balloons filled Lampe Park for the weekend for Hot Air for Hope's second year supporting the Douglas County Center of Hope and Healing, a support center for grieving families.

"Hot Air for Hope Festival was the brainchild of the center's Executive Director Amanda Johnson.

"Hot Air for Hope is not only a beautiful festival in Carson Valley, according to Hot Air for Hope social media, "we also host a competition for the balloon pilots during the weekend."

A balloon competition is actually a navigation contest, an exhibition by pilot teams James in the Wanderer during Friday's first response, museum and media flight.

"It's mostly about navigation than an actual race," he said. "It's a test to have the pilots navigate the wind speeds, directions, and accuracy to reach the targets."

James tested his red and yellow streamers over the edge of the

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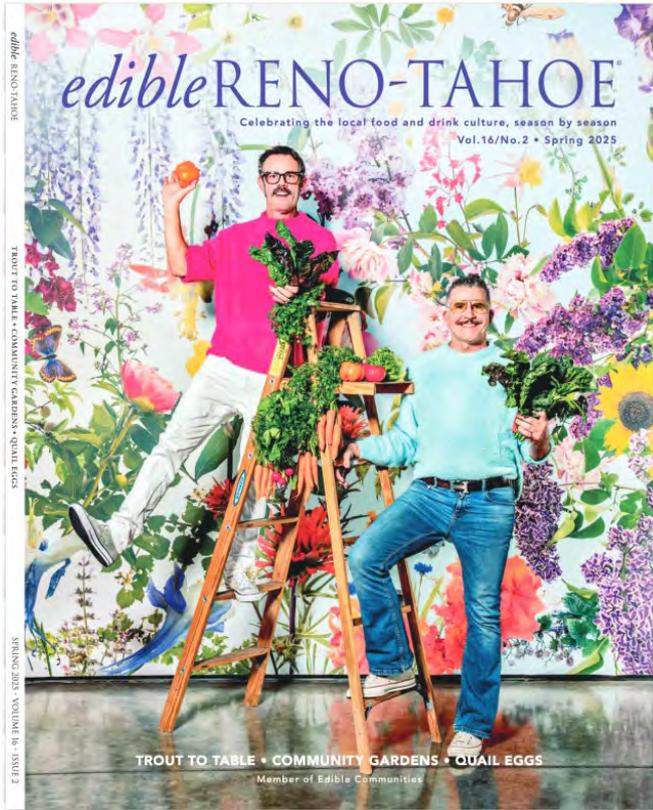


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Special guest **Mark Wahlberg**

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SEVEN plus years of our adventure into nonprofit news, and we are pleased to announce our FIFTH annual conference to include discussions on education, housing, 2024 election and much more!

We have partnered with **Station Casinos** and they will be hosting this years event at the **Durango Casino and Resort** on Thursday, October 17 and Friday, October 18.

We are also pleased to announce that actor, entrepreneur and Las Vegas resident **Mark Wahlberg** will be our headliner on the evening of **October 17**. Join Wahlberg as he talks with *Indy* CEO/Editor Jon Ralston about his efforts to make Vegas a film industry hub and persuade state lawmakers about film tax credits.



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Journalist of Merit

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Judges,

It's our pleasure to nominate reporter Eric Neugeboren for the Journalist of Merit award.

Eric joined our staff as an intern in June 2023 with high regard — one former employer referred to him as the "best intern we ever had." After working with Eric for the last two years, that undersold it — Eric is one of the best young journalists we have ever had, period.

After working with us for a year, Eric was promoted to the position of politics and data reporter — an expansive role that has seen him take on a broad diversity of assignments — from shadowing Alexandria Ocasio Cortez on her political trips to Las Vegas to covering the big behind-the-scenes fights over changes to Nevada's boards and commissions in Carson City during the legislative session. Eric tackles each story with a doggedness, unafraid of ruffling feathers to get at a story and report on what those in power don't want to see in the headlines.

If there's one throughline between what Eric brings to the table, it's that his use of data journalism uplifts, enriches and sometimes challenges conventional narratives. Here's an example: As someone who's lived and worked in Nevada for a decade, I've seen many stories about the importance of the Latino vote that usually rely on interviews with community members and some light demographic data. But it wasn't until Eric published a story on this topic that the real scope of change was revealed. Using Census data to create a neighborhood-by-neighborhood view of Latino population growth and voting trends in Las Vegas, Eric created one of the best demographic profiles of a crucial voting bloc for both parties in Nevada.

Eric's impressive data journalism works follows his stories — including one on chronic absenteeism that included searchable charts of every school in the state and a striking visualization of how the rate of students skipping school has changed year over year. It also includes his work on campaign finance — his investigation into a secretive Democratic dark money donor is a highlight — and elections, where his data skills helped us explain to readers how Nevada's Democrats in Congress kept their seats despite Trump winning the state and how voting preferences of nonpartisans doomed Kamala Harris's chances in the state.

Eric came to us with an impressive pedigree, graduating from the University of Maryland in 2023 after interning with notable news organizations including The Texas Tribune and The Fort Worth Star-Telegram, while also working as a staff writer, news editor and assistant managing editor at his university's student newspaper.

It's been a pleasure working with Eric and seeing him grow and flourish in his role with *The Indy*. Honoring him as this year's Nevada Journalist of Merit would be a great recognition of the talent and hard work of this extraordinary young journalist.

Thank you,

Editors

The Nevada Independent

[Workers in NV child mental health program say manager bullied them 'with nobody to help'](#)

[Who's behind one of Nevada's biggest Democratic donors? It's a secret.](#)

[Chronic absenteeism decreases at Nevada schools, proficiency rates improve](#)

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Eric Neugeboren
The Nevada Independent

Outstanding Graphic Designer

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A PIVOTAL DAY FOR THE ALLIES

Thousands of soldiers liberate France in crucial assault against Germans

Nevada News Group

On a cloudy, windy early morning 80 years ago, the largest amphibious invasion in military history began to open a new chapter in the European continent from 11,000 vessels in what has been called "The Largest Die."

The June 6, 1944, Operation Overlord stretched along five Normandy beaches, a massive drive to push the German back as Allied invasion forces landed across France and eventually into Germany. The operation, informally referred to as Operation Liberation by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, was launched with 6,213 U.S. Soldiers and Commanders, 1,200 airplanes landing vessels, and 2,300 aircraft and 697 gliders. The invasion's success became a turning point for the war.

Operation Overlord began with paratroopers dropping behind enemy lines in the predawn hours, and warplanes and Navy ships outgunning artillery positions. One such ship was a Pearl Harbor survivor, the battleship USS Nevada, which fired on the Germans by trying to take out as many fortifications as it could.

Witnesses also said a long line of U.S. Landing Craft Infantry and LSTs (Landing Ship Tanks), or amphibious assault tanks that landed on the beaches to unload tanks, extended for miles along the horizon toward the British Isles.

When the first waves of landing ships moved, scores of soldiers entered the water and onto the beaches with a barrage of rifles, spraying at them. Scores of young soldiers, many of them barely out of high school, died miserably after German machine guns fire rained down from the first wave of landings.

Of the survivors from the D-Day assault, fewer than 1,000 would live out of the 2 million Allied soldiers, sailors and airmen who participated in Operation Overlord. Approximately 142,000 U.S. servicemen were sent out to 66 million who fought during World War II remain alive.

BATTLE BORN, BATTLE READY

The battleship USS Nevada carried 282 allied ships that provided naval gunfire, troop and equipment transport and other support of the D-Day landings on Okinawa, Utah, Oahu, Hawaii and several beaches 80 years ago.

Launched at the Boston Navy Yard on July 31, 1916, the 282-foot Nevada had been partially sunk during the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor that left 50 Nevada crew members missing and 200 wounded.

The battleship, however, was refitted, served by the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard for repairs.

During the D-Day invasion, Nevada's 16-inch guns battered German land fortifications and emplacements as enemy shells



In this photo provided by the U.S. Coast Guard, a U.S. Coast Guard landing barge, tightly packed with helmeted soldiers, approaches the shore at Normandy, France, during initial Allied landing operations, June 6, 1944.



Charles Sche served on the USS Nevada.



The USS Nevada opens fire in the Utah Beach area on June 6, 1944.

SAILORS ABOARD THE NEVADA

"Rattle" Dick Ramsey began on the job training on board of the

USS Nevada around her and main battle gun, some of them making their target. The Nevada expended 878 rounds from her main batteries and 3,000 from her forward guns. Most U.S. Navy warships had 11 large landing craft were sunk during the invasion.

More than 70,000 Germans were killed or wounded and 15,000 taken prisoner.

Following D-Day, the Nevada's guns supported allied landing operations in the Mediterranean before the battleship returned to the Pacific where it led the last WWII battles against the Japanese.

More than 2,000 sailors — both officers and enlisted — made it a crowded ship, and Ramsey said there was "less elbow room" in the cramped 5-inch gun turret when sailors would man their stations

either during training or in combat. Ramsey, who recently celebrated his 100th birthday, visited Northern Nevada in early November 2023 and placed a wreath at the USS Nevada memorial behind the Capitol.

Minneapolis native Charles Sche, another sailor on the battleship, served with his shipmates when the Nevada earned her third battle star on June 6, 1944, by destroying Nazi bunkers in the Fourth Infantry

Division at Utah Beach on the Beachhead east of France.

The 107-year-old Sche served on the USS Nevada for the entire war. The response at Normandy further distinguished the battleship which was nicknamed the "Invincible Nevada." After the D-Day invasion, the USS Nevada was reassigned to southern France and the three oldest battleships in the Navy — the Texas, Arkansas and Nevada



Lauren Solinger
Lahontan Valley News



Outstanding Visual Journalist

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The final days of the Tropicana — PHOTOS



Now shut down the table games staff and others gather for a champagne toast during the final night of gaming at the Tropicana on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, in Las Vegas. (L.E. Baskow/Las Vegas Review-Journal) @Left_Eye_Images

Las Vegas Review-Journal

June 13, 2025 - 11:49 am



L.E. Baskow
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Outstanding Journalist

Urban

The Las Vegas Sun is not just a local daily for the Vegas metro. As education reporter Hillary Davis demonstrated over the past several months, the Sun has the capacity and duty to cover issues of importance in rural Nevada, where news resources may be limited and where needs can be overlooked by the political leadership concentrated in the state's urban cores.

After hearing for years about the **poor physical condition of rural schools**^{1, 2} due to limitations in Nevada's tax structure³, Davis and a photographer saw first-hand the realities of small-town schools, which ran a spectrum from stable but with an uncertain funding future⁴ to plainly inequitable and objectively dangerous.

The resulting series pulled back the veil on conditions that the state's major cities would find unacceptable for their own children and detailed how years of pleas to correct the problems had gone barely answered by lawmakers. Because Nevada has a part-time legislature that only meets for four months every other year, the Sun timed this series to run just before the legislature opened to maximize impact.

We can only speculate on how much our stories greased the wheels⁵. But we like coincidences. In a nailbiter, the legislature approved a bill^{6, 7} creating a funding mechanism to help communities that can't help themselves.

Closer to home, Davis detailed:

- The magnitude^{8, 9} of storm **damages to a small local school**, the initial¹⁰ resistance to repairing the building, and the ultimate decision to reopen^{11, 12} the school, because infrastructure challenges hit everywhere.
- The **hard rightward shift**^{13, 14} of the Clark County school board, because the 2024 red wave came at every level.
- A new era in the city of Las Vegas' **peafowl** population¹⁵, because it was summer and we needed something fun and cute.

For her work in Las Vegas and around Nevada, please consider Hillary Davis for Outstanding Journalist.



Hillary Davis
Las Vegas Sun

Outstanding Journalist

Urban

May 20, 2025

To the Nevada Press Foundation Awards of Excellence judges:

I am writing to nominate Las Vegas Review-Journal investigative reporter Mary Hynes for the Nevada Press Foundation's Outstanding Journalist award in 2025.

Mary has worked at the newspaper for decades in a number of roles, from city editor to medical reporter during the pandemic. In the past year she has excelled in government accountability work as a member of the RJ's investigative team.

Mary spent the past two years digging into Clark County School District spending after the Nevada Legislature dumped big bucks on the district in an attempt to improve test scores. Instead of the money going to teach children, Mary found some of it went to increase benefits and perks for top administrators, including a change by outgoing Superintendent Jesus Jara that allowed the highest paid staff to cash out \$3 million in sick leave. She was able to persuade usually reluctant School Board trustees, who knew nothing of the perk, to comment on the record for the story.

Another outgoing bureaucrat who got himself big money was North Las Vegas City Manager Ryann Juden. Mary learned the City Council for one of the area's poorest municipalities quietly handed Juden a \$630,000 contract on his way out the door. Juden is now facing state ethics charges.

Mary also exposed how Medicaid failed to crack down on health insurers who were denying drug treatment to patients. After the story ran, United Healthcare, which was one of the companies that was the focus of the investigation, wasn't provided Medicaid contracts.

And she showed how Clark County, which had been facing criticism for failing to intervene in an affair between a supervisor and a subordinate, didn't have proper sexual harassment policies that many other governments implemented.

For all those reasons, I am proud to nominate Mary Hynes for Outstanding Journalist for 2025.

Sincerely,

Arthur Kane

Investigations Editor

Las Vegas Review-Journal



Mary Hynes
Las Vegas Review-Journal
Mary Hynes exposed waste, ethics violations, and Medicaid failures, driving accountability

Photo of the Year

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Jason Bean
Reno Gazette-Journal
Firefighters

Editorial Cartoon of the Year

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LAS VEGAS SUN THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

President has puerile agenda

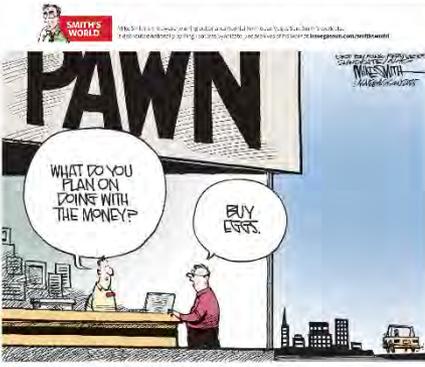
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Nation ravaged from within

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Focus on Carson: Lawmakers try, try again on gun control



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GOVERNMENT

Editorial: The season of spin

By: **ThisIsReno** February 23, 2025



Washoe County School District public meeting sign, Eric Marks / THIS IS RENO.

We can almost predict when and who will dole out spin with respect to government information—or misinformation, as the case often is.

It starts with the assumption that local media are “partners” with local governments. Officials, usually of the PR variety, frequently refer to us as their partners. We’re not sure what orbit this assumption fell from, but partnerships usually assume two-party consent.

That has never happened. At least with us. Maybe other media wear a partnership badge with pride. We do not.

We’ve never been asked to partner with governments. We are, nevertheless, subjected to involuntary, public displays of one-sided partnership claims with people and entities who, behind the scenes, are clear mutually beneficial relationships are not really what they have in mind.



Kristen Hackbarth, Bob Conrad
This Is Reno
The season of spin

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POLITICS

Nevada bill would pay parents to care for disabled children, fill nursing shortage



Mark Robison

Reno Gazette Journal

March 26, 2025, 4:45 a.m. PT

Families with severely disabled children face extra burdens in Nevada because of the lack of nurses to provide round-the-clock care.

A bipartisan bill at the Legislature hopes to fix one of the main problems — it would allow parents to be paid caregivers, something barred under Nevada law but allowed in other states.

“In two-parent households, one parent is often forced to leave their employment to provide for their child’s needs full-time,” said Rebecka Acosta, a Las Vegas board-certified patient advocate, in a letter to the Legislature.

One-parent households face an even tougher choice: whether to put their child into institutional care.

These choices increase society’s costs. They can take a parent out of the workforce, they can take up beds in emergency rooms and hospitals when children have escalating medical crises with nowhere else to go, and they can lead to the state taking full responsibility of a child if a family becomes too overwhelmed.

In January, the Reno Gazette Journal profiled Letty Garcia’s family in Sparks. They were in the midst of filing for bankruptcy over care for their profoundly



Mark Robison

Reno Gazette-Journal

Lack of disability services threatens
to sink Sparks family

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!



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