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By JEREMY TWITCHELL

possibility of a lawsuit.

home to

stay open

The operators of a group home that the city mistakenly licensed earlier this year in a rural

Henderson neighborhood won approval from the City Council Oct. 6 to continue operation,

to the chagrin of neighbors and some Council

The City Council approved a use permit for

Sweet Home Belmont, located in the Serene

Country Estates rural preservation neighbor-

hood, by a 3-2 vote. Council members Steve

Kirk and Gerri Schroder cast the dissenting votes, arguing that the Council has the right

to make land use decisions and that those de-

cisions should be based on a project's effect

on the surrounding neighborhood, not the

Attorneys for the home's owners and the

city alike had pointed out in a previous hear-

ing that the city's required buffer of 1,500 feet

between group homes would likely not hold

up under legal challenge, as the courts have

struck down similar ordinances elsewhere

"I don't think it's our job to sit up here and

worry about whether we're going to get sued or

not," Kirk said. "It's our job to make land use

Kirk that deciding land use issues is the right

of the City Council, but said the Council had

to be aware of all the factors in making those

decisions.
"I also think that means being aware of the

A Southwest Airlines jet takes off at McCarran International Airport as an American Airlines jet waits to

taxi to its gate. Aviation analyst Mike Boyd expects

McCarran traffic to begin to improve next year but

Aviation expert:

a harbinger to

By RICHARD N. VELOTTA

least five years.

a year later.

end of recession

McCarran International Airport won't fully

recover from the current recession until at

based Boyd Group International, said in a re-

port on enplanement — or boarding — trends and forecasts released recently that Las Vegas

airport traffic would begin to rebound next

year but that it won't reach 2008 levels for at

be about 1.4 percent below 2008 levels, Mc-

Carran will still remain the seventh busiest airport in the nation because other airports

face similar struggles. Traffic peaked at Mc-

Carran in 2007, but the economic downturn

started taking a bite out of passenger counts

Boyd also told Aviation Forecast Summit-

Although Boyd projects traffic in 2014 to

least 2014, a leading aviation expert says. Mike Boyd, president of Evergreen, Colo.-

McCarran counts

says it won't reach 2008 levels for at least five years.

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decisions based on reasonable judgment." Councilwoman Debra March agreed with

because of the federal Fair Housing Act.

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Kats Report

# Limbaugh a good fit for pageant, says official

By JOHN KATSILOMETES

Art McMaster talks of the reasons the Miss America Organization contacted Rush Limbaugh to judge the 2010 pageant, and they all make sense - until you remember that this is Rush Limbaugh we're talking

"I want people to understand how the pageant judging happens," McMaster, chief executive and president of the Miss America Organization, said during a phone conversation



Oct. 9 after it was announced officially that Limbaugh would be one of next year's judges.

"We don't just pick out seven names. We have seven different categories, and we need people who are experts in those categories." As Mc-Master explained, the pageant always seeks a media personality to bring solid interviewing skills to the show, which is why Chris Matthews, Greta Van Susteren and Jim Moret have served as judges for past pageants.

"We're all about trying to find the person who will help us find the right contestant," McMaster said. "Rush is a person who will help us do that.'

Fine, though Limbaugh is hardly known as an adept interviewer. What he does is trumpet a specific political ideology every day to 20 million a.m. radio listeners across the country the famed "Dittoheads" - and has become one of the nation's more polarizing public figures over the past two decades.

"This is not about polarizing," McMaster said. "We've had a lot of judges who have had things that they have said or things in their background we might not like. He has a lot of opinions, but so does Chris Matthews.'

One of those opinions Limbaugh brings to the traditionsteeped pageant, with "America" in its very title, is he hopes the president of this country fails. Of that, McMaster said only,

By TIFFANY GIBSON

is not a choice.

come homeless.

Robson said.

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The underlying theme of this

Kelly Robson, director of the

Help of Southern Nevada Youth Center, said if teenagers leave

home to get away from a bad situ-

ation, it's not their choice to be-

'They're grateful for anything,

because one of the hardest things

for youths is to be thrown aside,"

A fundraiser was held at the

Henderson Pavilion Promenade

on Oct. 10 with donations and pro-

ceeds going to five local organiza-

tions that provide resources and

year's third annual H.O.P.E. for the

Holidays event was homelessness



Anthony Feery, also known as Sir Robert Bruce takes charge of his steed at the annual Age of Chivalry Renaissance Festival.

# Heavy metal fans

### Festival turns Sunset Park into Medieval kingdom

By TIFFANY GIBSON

Knights, fairies and guilds gathered in Sunset Park Oct. 9 to 11 for the 16th annual Age of Chivalry Renaissance Festival. Participant Sherrie Gibbons

said attending the festival is like walking into another world. She said she first became interested in the Renaissance period through her daughter.

"It's a chance to get away from mundane life, especially with the economy right now," Gibbons

Sandra Navarro has been bringing her son and daughter to the event for six years.

Her daughter, Melissa, said the festival gives her an excuse to dress up like a pirate. She said she is intrigued by the pirate lifestyle and has a crossbones tattoo on her shoulder.

While the festival offers a chance for locals to show off their Renaissance wardrobes. Scott Fitzpatrick said he enjoys the live steel competition, including heavy armor on Saturday and fencing on Sunday. He said this is the 11th year the festival has offered the competition.

"Anyone can participate as long as they follow our safety guidelines," Fitzpatrick said.

Las Vegas middle schools are joining in on the fun, too. Candy

Event seeks to assist homeless teens



Alan Whitty plays a medieval game at the annual Age of Chivalry Renaissance Festival at Sunset Park.

Rutledge, senior program administrator for Clark County Parks and Recreation, said the festival allows schools to bring their students in for free.

Las Vegas Day School teacher Jeff Segel said the school brought sixth-graders to the festival to experience the history they're learning in the classroom.

"Anything you study comes to life more when you do things like this," Segel said. "It's a lot of fun for them. They get to see the artifacts and it's a good way for them to learn."

Sixth-grader Romina Montti, 11, said she would rather attend the festival than read her text-

"It reinforces what they are teaching us in school," Montti

Some children were on school field trips, but others participated in the festival because of their

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Boxer looking forward to retiring.

goers that Las Vegas will be the harbinger for the end of the recession. "Wondering how to tell if the recession is

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housing for homeless teenagers. Event chair Judy Alewel said last year's event raised \$29,000. She said with today's sour economy,

she will be happy to reach that nated," Alewel said. "The teens amount again.

"Whatever we make, we will be grateful for anything that is dowant to feel normal and we want

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YOU'RE ONE CLICK AWAY. LAS VEGAS SUN

Samantha Radler, 6, has her face painted by volunteer Kirstle McCarthy, 17, at the

H.O.P.E. for Homeless Teenagers Fundraiser at the Henderson Parkway Pavilion.

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of Eastgate Road Oct. 2 3:35 p.m. 3200 block of

St Rose Parkway Oct. 3 2:21 p.m. 1900 block of North Boulder Hwy

Sept. 28 1:06 a.m. 800 block of North Major Avenue

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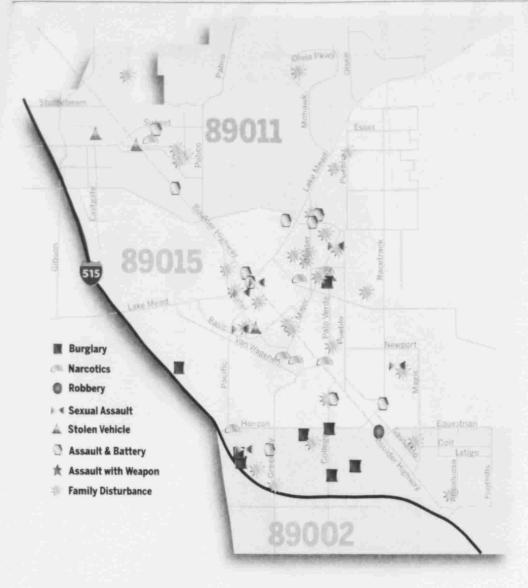
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#### POLICE BLOTTER



The Henderson Police Department took these calls for service the week of Sept. 28-Oct. 4. The listed incidents are subject to change for reasons including late reporting, reclassification of offenses and discovery that some were unfounded. Map locations are approximate.

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Oct. 3 7:20 p.m. 200 block of Ash Street

Oct. 3 10:46 p.m. 1300 block of Cedar Berry Court

Oct. 4 10:15 a.m. E Lake Mead

Pkwy and North Boulder Hwy Oct. 4 12:18 p.m. 100 block of St Albans Drive

Oct. 4 5:54 p.m. 200 block of Lead Street

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and Blackmore Drive

Oct. 3 9:19 a.m. E Lake Mead Pkwy and East Burkholder

Oct. 3 11:39 p.m. E Horizon Dr and Barron Court

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Sept. 29 4:02 p.m. 800 block of Vermillion Drive

Sept. 30 3:59 p.m. 2900 block of East Sahara Avenue

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

# Pair convicted in bombing of clothing store

By ERIN DOSTAL

Two men were found guilty Oct. 9 of detonating chemical bombs at a Burlington Coat Factory in Henderson on April 21.

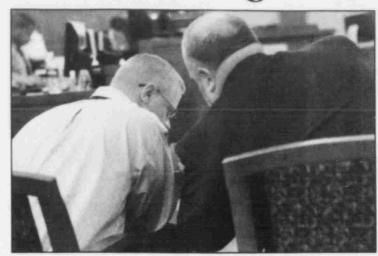
A jury found John Morgan, 28, and Roger Jenkins, 42, both of Henderson, guilty of burglary, two counts of use of an explosive device to damage property, two counts of manufacturing or possessing an explosive device, five counts of possession of credit or debit cards without the cardholder's consent, conspiracy to manufacture and posses an explosive device, possession of burglary tools and possession of a firearm by a felon.

Sentencing is set for 8:30 a.m. on Nov. 23. The maximum sentence each man faces is 70 years

Their trial began Oct. 7. The jury returned its verdicts on the first 12 counts after about four hours of deliberation.

The jury deliberated fewer than 10 minutes on the count of possession of a firearm by a

At the time of the explosions, about 30 customers and 20 em- had picked Morgan up from the



John Morgan talks to his attorney Marty Hart during jury selection Oct. 6 for the Burlington Coat Factory bombing case were Morgan and Roger Jenkins are being charged for setting a pipe bomb off inside the building.

N. Stephanie St. No one was seriously injured.

Both men denied being in the store at the time of the explosions. But prosecutors called witnesses who said they said they saw Morgan there.

A store security guard followed a black Infinity SUV after the explosion. Jenkins, who

ployees were in the store at 560 store, was driving the vehicle, which contained a firearm and several stolen credit cards, prosecutors alleged.

Robert Glennen, Jenkins' attorney, argued that "mere presence" at the scene is not a crime. Because Jenkins was a construction worker. Glennen said, what the prosecution described as burglary tools may have been used for work, not for commit-

Marty Hart was Morgan's defense attorney. He argued that just because Morgan's behavior appeared suspicious to some witnesses, it did not necessarily imply guilt.

"What is not a crime: looking suspicious or creepy, taking too long to wander around Burlington Coat Factory," Hart said.

During closing arguments, Morgan occasionally took notes. Jenkins peered over his glasses, sighed and shook his head as the prosecutors spoke.

"What this case seems to boil down to is whether these two men are partners in crime or whether they're vigorous shoppers who are out to get the perfect outfit for John Morgan,' prosecutor Richard Scow said during closing arguments.

"If (Morgan) hadn't done anything in the store, why would he say he'd never been in there?" Scow asked.

The men are being held without bond at the Clark County Detention Center.

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# Ex-convict accused in four robberies

By MARY MANNING

A 50-year-old Las Vegas man recently released from prison is in a Henderson jail cell accused of robbing four businesses at gunpoint over a twoweek period.

Bill Ray Freeman was arrested Oct. 6 on robbery with a deadly weapon and burglary charges in connection with the robberies, Henderson Police said.

Henderson Police officers and detectives had been searching for Freeman since the first robbery in Henderson on Sept. 20 at a vitamin store on Eastern Avenue, police spokesman Keith Paul said.

The next robbery occurred Sept. 26 at a health store on Horizon Ridge Parkway, followed by the robbery of a Hallmark store on Green Valley

Parkway on Sept. 27 and a Baskin Robbins ice cream store on Sunset Road on

Each time the man's description was the same.

Detectives found what they believed to be the getaway car used in the robberies at an apartment complex Oct. 6 in Las Vegas. The detectives watched the vehicle and waited for its driver to return. He matched the description from the robbery accounts and was later identified as Freeman, Paul said.

Freeman had been released on parole Aug. 3. He had been sentenced to 10 years in prison on possession of a stolen vehicle and burglary convictions.

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# Suspected drunken driver arrested in death of runner at relay race

By MARY MANNING and TIM RICHARDSON

Henderson police have arrested a suspected drunken driver in connection with the death of a relay runner he allegedly struck Oct. 10.

The Clark County Coroner's Office on Oct. 12 identified the victim as 33-year-old Jeremy Kunz of Kamas, Utah.

Kunz died of several blunt force traumatic injuries during an automobile-pedestrian collision, the coroner's office

said. The death was officially ruled an accident.

Ragnar Relay Las Vegas

officials said the runner was struck about 4:35 a.m. Oct. 10 near a relay exchange

near Stephanie Street and Horizon Ridge Park-

Henderson Police said 25-year-old Joshua Salayich of Henderson was allegedly driving a Nissan eastbound on Horizon Ridge Parkway near Stephanie Street when he lost control of the car, police spokesman Keith Paul said. The car went onto the shoulder of the road and struck Kunz, police said.

Salayich, who suffered minor injuries, is accused of running from the car after striking Kunz, police said. He was caught by officers about half a mile from the collision scene,

Salayich was booked into the Henderson jail on charges of driving under the influence with death, leaving the scene of an accident and resisting an officer, Paul said.

Speed and alcohol are suspected as factors, Paul said. The investigation is continuing.

Kunz was one of about 2,400 people taking part in the 180-mile run from Valley of Fire State Park to Red Rock Resort. His wife, Melinda, also participated in the run.

"Our deepest sympathy

goes out to the runner's family," Dan Hill, co-founder of the Ragnar Relay Series, said in a statement. "We appreciate the rapid response from Las Vegas authorities and ask that all our runners keep the family in their thoughts and prayers."

The Las Vegas Relay was Kunz's third Ragnar Relay. He had participated with his family in two Ragnar Wasatch Back relays in Utah before the Las Vegas event.

He was a member of Team Wanabees, which was made up of extended family members, the organizers said.

A family friend is setting up a fund for the family, including Kunz's three children. Until then, those interested in donating can contact the Ragnar Relay Series by e-mail at dan@ ragnarrelay.com with the word "donate" in the subject line.

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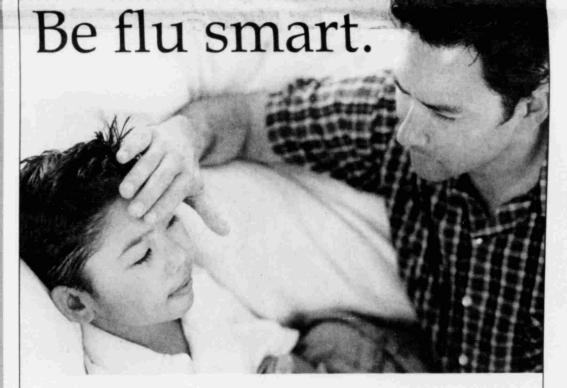
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The seasonal flu shot will not prevent infection with the 2009 H1N1 (swine flu) virus. Vaccine for the H1N1 virus is expected to be available in October. Those at highest risk for complications from H1N1 will be vaccinated first, including pregnant women, household contacts/caregivers of infants younger than 6 months, young people 6 months through 24 years of age, adults 25 through 64 years of age with certain health conditions, and health care and EMS personnel.



For up-to-date information on the H1N1 virus and vaccine availability, go to www.SouthernNevadaHealthDistrict.org or call (702) 759-1000.

# No damage caused by minor earthquake

By MARY MANNING and JEAN REID NORMAN

When the earth moved in Boulder City Oct. 9, it was an earthquake.

Yes, a real earthquake, though not a very big one.

A 3.9-magnitude earthquake, which had an epicenter 22 miles east of Boulder City, occurred about 3:15 p.m., the U.S. Geological Survey reported.

The earthquake, which could be felt in parts of Henderson and elsewhere in the Las Vegas Valley, was centered between U.S. 93 and Temple Bar Road in Arizona, said Tom Rennie, a seismologist at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Many Boulder City residents said they felt the shaking, but it did not cause any damage or disrupt their day.

The temblor came about half an hour after school let out at Martha P. King and Andrew Mitchell elementary schools. "We shook from the ceilings to the wall to the floor," King Principal Tony Gelsone said. "It was very quick. I didn't know what it was."

There was no damage at the school, "just a big vibration," he said.

City Manager Vicki Mayes felt the shaker at the Boulder Creek Golf Course, where she was waiting for her golf partner to tee off on the seventh hole

"It really shook, but only for a few seconds," she said. "We all just kind of looked at each other and said, 'Earthquake?' We talked about how grateful we were that we didn't live in LA and went back to our golf game."

No city property was damaged, she said.

The Fire Department did not experience activity out of the ordinary because of the quake either, Chief Kevin Nicholson said.

Rennie said he didn't expect damage or injuries from an earthquake of this magnitude. Earthquakes generally around 5 on the Richter scale can cause property damage and injuries.

Jim O'Donnell, a former seismologist for the Nevada Test Site and Boulder City resident, said he felt the quake in his home. O'Donnell has a seismograph set up at Nevada State College.

"It felt kind of funny, it didn't feel like a normal earthquake," O'Donnell

Gelsone said he was glad the quake came late in the afternoon.

"It's a good thing students were gone," he said. "It would have led to a loss of instructional time."

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HOME NEWS

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MONA SHIELD PAYNE/SPECIAL TO THE HOME NEWS

Air Force Staff Sgt. Robert Allen cuddles his 7-day-old daughter, Coral, while his wife, Army National Guard Cpl. Saree Allen, enjoys her lunch during Nevada's largest military baby shower at Nellis Air Force Base.

# Nellis baby shower honors 51 families

By KYLE HANSEN

It was a typical baby shower in most respects - there was cake, decorations, cheesy games and lots of presents.

But it was a larger than a typical shower. Actually, it was about 50 times larger.

The largest military baby shower in Nevada was held Saturday afternoon at Nellis Air Force Base for 51 new or soon-to-be mothers who are either in the military or have military partners.

"So many times the spouses don't get thanked," said Jody Shervanick, the person who organized the event for the organization Soldiers' Angels. "They don't wear uniforms or get certificates, but they still serve."

This was the third year the



MONA SHIELD PAYNE/SPECIAL TO THE HOME NEWS

Friends and family members accompany new and expectant mothers, who have deployed partners or are active-duty servicewomen, at the group baby shower at Nellis Air Force Base.

event was put on by the nonprofit group, but last year, they only had 17 moms.

Most of the mothers this year were from Nellis, but some were from Creech Air Force Base and one drove more than three hours from

Most were are having, or just had, one baby, but one mother is expecting twins and another, triplets.

"Since we didn't have our own baby shower, this is nice," said Jamie Cothran, who attended the shower with her 7-week-old daughter, Jade, and her mother-in-law.

Her husband was able to

come home briefly from Afghanistan for the birth, but getting to know other military moms helps in his absence,

"There's a lot of support with them," she said. "It's nice. to know you're not the only one going through it."

Staff Sgt. Sarah Scott, who is expecting a baby girl in January and already has a 19-month-old, agreed.

away from family and everything, but they take care of you here," she said. "There's a lot of support here at Nellis. Everyone's so helpful."

Felicia Renee Higgins, who

is expecting a boy in January, said the gifts were going to be a big help.

"Especially with your first child, you don't really have everything, and being in the military you don't have anyone around," she said. Each mother received flow-

ers from her husband, fiancé or boyfriend, as well as a basket overflowing with gifts. "This is really nice," Higgins

said. "It is really overwhelming. I didn't expect all this."

Shervanick said the gifts were all donated, some by people as far away as Germany, and a group of 35 volunteers held a wrapping party last weekend.

It took 58 volunteers to put on Saturday's event, and nearly a year of planning, she

In the process, Shervanick said, she became part of many of the families represented at the event. In some cases, she knew about a birth before the father did, if he was overseas.

The event was a success for her because of the moms' re-"It's difficult when you're actions, she said. "It's wonderful. It definitely makes all the hard work worth it," she said

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#### COUNCIL IN BRIEF

#### Council appoints Kirk as mayor pro-tem

The City Council unanimously appointed Councilman Steve Kirk

tem at its meet-

ing Oct. 6. As mayor pro-tem, it will be Kirk's duty to lead meetings in Mayor

Andy Hafen's

as mayor pro-

absence. Kirk narrowly lost to Hafen in June's mayoral race, with 49.9 percent of the vote to Hafen's 50.1 percent.

Councilwoman Gerri Schroder had been acting as mayor

#### Student honored for charity work

The Henderson City Council honored 14-year-old Coronado High School Freshman Nicolas Paris his efforts to collect cleats for children of low-income families to use in

Paris' Cleats for Kids program collects used cleats, which Paris then cleans up and repairs for re-use. He said he got the idea after seeing a player kicked out of a little league football game because his cleats were torn.

"This right here is what America is all about -- it's volunteering in your community," Mayor Andy Hafen said. "Although, it is exceptional to see someone of your age doing something like this."

Paris said he thought Cleats for Kids would be a good way to repay the community, but that it has been hugely re-

warding for himself as well.

"When you help someone out and they look at you and say, 'Thank you,' you can't ask for a better feeling than that," Paris said.

#### **Henderson Police** receive three grants

The City Council unanimously accepted three grants issued to the Henderson Police Department.

The largest was a \$154,000 grant from the Nevada Department of Public Safety's Joining Forces Program. Joining Forces pays for the overtime for officers participating in multi-jurisdictional enforcement events, which in the past have included crackdowns to enforce speed limits and seat belt laws.

The other two grants were for \$1,000 each, and both were from Target. The first will aid victims of domestic violence; the second will bolster the Henderson Police Department's anti-crime signage program.

#### Dog park to be built

As work on the senior center and aquatic facility at the future Heritage Park nears completion, the Council authorized the park's next piece -- a dog park -- to go out to bid.

Heritage Park is a 60-acre facility being built at Burkholder Boulevard and Racetrack Road on the east side of Henderson. When completed, it will have 11 soccer fields, three adult baseball diamonds, two youth baseball diamonds, volleyball courts, bocce courts, a festival plaza, trails and acres of open

The dog park was targeted to be built separate from the rest of the park because of site constraints. City staff estimates construction on the roughly two-acre park to cost

\$1.2 million. Heritage Park carries an overall budget of nearly \$40 million, which is being funded by the federal government through the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act. The act allows local municipalities to tap into the proceeds of local federal land auctions to build parks and

The senior center and aquatic center are expected to be complete this fall; the entire park is expected to be complete in 2010.

#### Weatherization grants received

Henderson's weatherization assistance program got a \$1.1 million boost from the federal stimulus bill, which the City Council unanimously accepted Tuesday night.

The money will aid the weatherization program offered through Henderson's Neighborhood Services program, which helps low-income families make their homes safer and more energy efficient. Examples of upgrades the program funds include insulation, carbon monoxide monitors, low-energy light bulbs and low-water fixtures.

For more information about Henderson's weatherization program, contact the Department of Neighborhood Services at 267-2000.

- Compiled by Jeremy Twitchell



## B.C. teacher's license revoked after conviction for unlawful contact

By EMILY RICHMOND

A former Boulder City middle school teacher had his license revoked Oct. 9 by the State Board of Education following his conviction for unlawful contact with a child, a gross misdemeanor.

Brett Storsved, 40, opted to fight publicly for his teaching license, appearing before the Board of Education Oct. 9 with his wife and several supporters who spoke on his behalf.

Storsved had faced eight felony charges of lewdness, stemming from allegations made by seven female students, ages 11 to 13. The incidents took place during the 2006-07 academic year at Garrett Middle School, where Storsved was teaching science and broadcast journalism.

The students told authorities that Storsved had touched them inappropriately, describing pats on their backsides and pokes to their stomachs, groins and sides.

Storsved entered an Alford plea on the gross misdemeanor and the more serious charges were dropped. He was sentenced to a year's probation and ordered to have no contact with children under age 16.

An Alford plea is a plea in which a defendant does not admit guilt, but concedes there is likely enough evidence to support a convic-

Storsved told the board members he had agreed to the plea deal only because he was facing life in prison if convicted of even just one of the felony charges. The risk was too great, Storsved said.

He also disputed the charges made against him, saying he had never touched a child



with sexual intent. Storsved also mentioned that at his sentencing hearing, none of the students or their families showed up, which to him suggested they had misgiv-

"Are you saying these children lied?" asked State Board member Christopher

Storsved said he wasn't calling the students liars, but pointed to their relatively young ages and said "what they say can be distorted."

Cliff Ferry, the board's vice president, said the hearing wasn't the place for Storsved to try and refute the allegations made against him.

"We have to go by what has been done by the court already and the standards for revocation," Ferry said.

As a matter of law, "the licensee is guilty of what he pled guilty to," said Ed Irvin, the deputy attorney general assigned to advise the Nevada Education Department, which oversees teacher li-

If the comments Storsved made before the Education Board had been presented during his sentencing hearing, "it would have been very problematic," Irvin said. "The court might not have accepted his plea.'

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# Hotel's sculpture to evoke thoughts about water

By KRISTEN PETERSON

Artist Maya Lin watches as her 87-foot rendition of the Colorado River is installed behind the registration desk at CityCenter's Aria.

The sculpture, "Silver River," weighs 3,700 pounds, hangs from steel cables, slants horizontally and swells at two points of its winding journey - at Lake Powell and Lake Mead. Topographic steps provide a sense of volume to the body of water cast in reclaimed silver.

Elegant, graceful and floating before a panoramic window, it is a tricky piece.

The Colorado River is the lifeline of the Las Vegas area, and the region has water issues. Rapacious growth changed the valley's landscape and depleted its resources.

The \$8.5 billion CityCenter project is emblematic of that growth and the centerpiece of the Strip's demand for more spectacle, more over-the-top thinking, more ambitious projects and design.

And here within the lobby of a Cesar Pelli-designed hotel is a subtle, contemplative reminder of the problem we've

"Water is going to become more and more of a debate," says Lin, who sits on the board of Natural Resources Defense Council. "I'm asking people to take a look at the natural world around them. You want to get people to think of rivers as an entire ecosystem. "

When contacted to be a part of CityCenter's \$40 million private art collection, Lin, who became famous for her design of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., was well known for her contemporary land sculptures and interior art installations that encouraged environmental consciousness.

She had never been to Las Vegas but the opportunity piqued her interest. The buildings were being designed for LEEDS certification and Pelli,



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Artist Maya Lin is on hand as her silver sculpture of the Colorado River is installed over the registration desk at CityCenter's Aria.

Aria's architect, was the dean of the Yale School of Architecture while Lin was a student there.

Michele Quinn, who manages CityCenter's art project, refers to Lin as one of the most important sculptors working today, whose connection to the environment and landscape fit in with the "ultimate goals" of CityCenter. "She not only creates work that is challenging and beautiful, but it has this substructure of content. She is able to transfer her interest in the environment in such an elegant way."

The idea of the Colorado River sculpture was Lin's. Like much of her art, it combines science and environmentalism. Growing up in Athens, Ohio, during the 1970s, Lin saw the passage of the Clean Air and Clean Water acts. By then the Cuyahoga River had caught on fire and Lin was a young activist, urging a boycott against Japan for its whaling and companies that benefitted from use of steel traps. Her 4-H club was a birdwatching group. She planned to study field zoology at Yale so she could become an animal behaviorist. The plans were scrapped when she realized the college's animal program was neurologically based. Lin switched her major to architecture because it combined her love of math and creativity.

Art already was a part of her world. Her father was a ceramics teacher and dean of the College of Fine Arts at Ohio University: "I was casting bronzes by the time I was in high school," she says.

By the time Lin received her master's in architecture, she was well known for her winning submission for the Vietnam Memorial, which launched a maelstrom by critics riled by Lin's ancestry (her parents are Chinese) and the minimalist design of the me-

The Vietnam wall is now revered and Lin went on to a successful career in art and architecture. Her earth sculptures mimic waves and sand dunes. Large-scale indoor installations include a river system, created by tens of thousands of straight pins pushed into a wall and topographical sculptures of water bodies made of particle board or wires. Her "Storm King Wavefield" is an environmental reclamation project at the site of a former gravel pit in Mountainville,

"What Is Missing?" is a multisite international project that focuses on habitats and species that are extinct or disappearing and provides information for consumers on ways to help protect the environment.

The day after the "Silver River" installation at CityCenter, Lin was headed to Mexico with her husband and two daughters to document the migration of raptors.

Lin is interested to see how the Las Vegas piece will play

"Las Vegas is not a place to go for quietness and solitude. My works tend to be more contemplative."

A version of this story first appeared in the Las Vegas Sun. For more, go to LasVegasSun.com.





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son, Sebastian, Oct. 6 VALDEZ - Theresa and Jesse

Valdez, a son, Jaimon, Oct. 8



By NICOLE LUCHT

On the day of the National Solar Home Tour, Tony Ford's home in the southwest valley was generating 6,000 watts of power from the sun.

Ford has outfitted his home with two sets of solar panels on his home, but he didn't stop there. His appliances are efficient Energy Star models, his home is wrapped in an insulating stucco, his pool has a water-warming solar cover and the lights have been switched over to compact fluorescent lights.

But don't call him a green freak. He just wanted a lower power bill.

Since Ford installed his solar panels, his electric bills have been as low as \$8, although in the summer he does use more energy than he produces, costing him about \$100.

"It's expensive to start with but at the end of the day, you don't have to rely on the rate hikes coming from NV Energy," he said of his \$30,000 investment in solar panels. "Every little bit helps."

Ford's home was one of 14 houses opened to the public Oct. 3 as part of the American Solar Energy Society's 14th annual tour. Four commercial installations were also on the tour, said Deidre Bradford, the tour's supervisor via e-mail. About 200 people attended the tour, about the same as last year, she said.

Rep. Dina Titus toured a couple of the homes on the tour, beginning at the home of Debra Carter before touring Ford's home.

By JEREMY TWITCHELL

A former board member of

a homeowners association in

Henderson whose landscaping

company performed work for

the association he represent-

ed - while he sat on the board

- was disciplined recently by

the state board that regulates

At the hearing, some mem-

bers of the Commission on

Common Interest Communi-

ties and Condominium Hotels,

however, expressed disap-

pointment when they discov-

handed out over the years,

would be paid by the associa-

tion he represented and not

out of his own pocket.

homeowners associations.

Homeowner Tony Ford points out LED light fixtures to Rep. Dina Titus during a tour of solar homes recently. Ford's home was one of 14 houses open as part of the American Solar Energy Society's 14th annual tour. Titus said there are sev-"I think people are really interested in what they can do eral items in the bill that will for their own homes," Titus benefit Nevada, including the cap-and-trade element, which The Recovery Act has set would allow power companies aside \$36.7 billion for energy that use less carbon emitting projects, such as energy effipower than they are allowed ciency and renewable energy to sell their credits to higher

projects, something Titus said

"It's been ignored," she

The House passed another

energy bill June 26 that would

increase the amount of renew-

able energy power companies

have to buy, as well as put a

cap on emissions. The bill is

According to the complaint

against former board mem-

ber Abe Klein, he served on

the Board of Directors for the

Coventry Homes at Anthem

Community Association from

2002 until earlier this year. In

2005 while Klein was a board

member, the board hired his

landscaping company, Beyond

the Rocks, to maintain the

community's park and com-

The complaint alleges that

Klein violated the state stat-

ute that governs homeowners

associations by entering into

disclose his conflict of inter-

est when he ran for re-election

For the violations, Klein

to the board in 2007.

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Association to pay up for board member's mistake

being debated in the Senate.

doesn't get much attention.

carbon-emitting utilities. The cap-and-trade portion of the bill is probably the most controversial aspect of the bill, but Titus said that despite the requirement for power producers to pay a penalty for their carbon emissions, she voted for the bill because it "doesn't hurt small businesses or raise costs."

was fined \$500. Fellow board

Member Clint Wellis, who

also sat on the board when

the contract was awarded,

was fined \$250. A complaint

against a third board mem-

ber, Ken Shelton, was dropped

because Shelton moved out of

As with other fines they

handed out as part of their

quarterly meeting, some com-

missioners expressed sur-

prise and dismay when they

discovered that the communi-

ty association the men repre-

sented has indemnified them

"It's an act that they have

committed and it shouldn't be

a financial burden on the other

members of the community."

argued Commissioner Gary

Lein, who is the commission's

representative for certified

Commissioner Favil West,

who represents homeowners

associations on the commis-

sion, echoed the concern and

suggested that community

associations should have to

approve paying the fine before

the settlement is brought to

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men (Klein and Wellis), one or

"What's troublesome to me

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and will pay their fines.

The bill also includes money for research and development and assistance for buying lower-energy-use appliances.

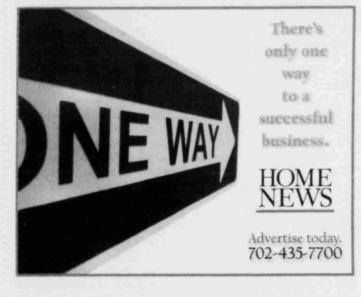
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"A lot of the pieces are out there," Titus said. "We just got to get that energy bill out of the Senate."

After touring Ford's home, with a final stop at his motorhome with a solar panel on its roof, Titus laughed and said, "I think you're a closet greenie."

"I've been called worse," he replied with a laugh.

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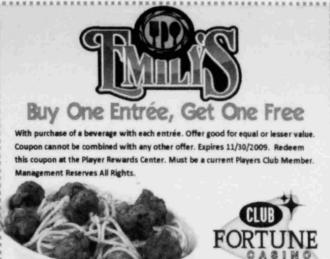
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both of them, benefited from this," he said. Despite the concerns they voiced, the commissioners unanimously voted to accept the settlements for Klein and Wellis, adding a provision that a notice in the Coventry Homes at Anthem's community newsletter be published, informing the community that the two men had been

fined and that the association paid the fines. Commissioners said they

added the condition because they wanted to stress transparency in the operations of community association boards.

Attorney Nicole Guralny, who represented Klein and Wellis at the hearing, told commissioners that community associations need to indemnify their board members, or else no one would be willing to step up and take on the risks of leading homeown-

ers associations. "That's why the community association agrees to indemnify them when they're acting in good faith," Guralny said.

A spokesman for the Community Associations Institute, a Virginia-based organization that provides education and resources for community managers and board members across the nation, said his organization doesn't have an official stance on the subject, but agreed with the argument that failing to indemnify board members could have a chilling effect on homeowners associations.

"It's important to remember that these people are volunteers," spokesman Frank Rathbun said. "They're not being paid; they're volunteering their time to improve their communities. ... To make a board member subject to a fine would suppress volunteerism in many communi-

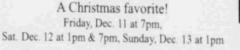
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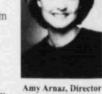
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# **UNR** gaming expert: Role of Black Book not what it used to be

By ABIGAIL GOLDMAN

The list of people banned from Nevada casinos includes 21 names added between 1990 and 2000 - all men, most with alleged mob connections, many with monikers: The Fixer, Moose, Dicky Boy, The Pope.

In the near decade that has followed, however, between 2001 and today, the Gaming Control Board added a mere seven names to the list - men who, with one exception, were all casino cheats, crooks more likely to use aliases than earn nick-

This twofold change - the decline of new names and the emphasis on cheaters instead of mobsters - is an easy indicator of how Clark County and its casinos have been transformed. Compare the list's newest inductees with the oldest, and the contrast reveals a Las Vegas that has perhaps outgrown a landmark bit of gaming regulation: the infamous Black Book

Answering his own rhetorical question, "How important is the Black Book today?" Bill Eadington, director of the Institute for the Study of Gambling and Commercial Gaming at the University of Nevada, Reno, put it like this: "I would say not very."

At least not in comparison to the first List of Excluded Persons, issued in 1960 with 11 names tightly tied to organized crime — mob bosses with hidden interests in casinos, enforcers connected to gangland murders, drug traffickers and a person, for example, linked to a Castro assassination plot.

The list was a message to mobsters: Keep out. It was also, perhaps more importantly, a message to casino management: Keep them

"It was a very powerful symbol," said Robert Faiss, a gaming attorney and former Gaming Commission secretary. Federal authorities saw Las Vegas as a town where better cheaters. mobsters colluded with casinos. The list was a public relations counter-strike intended to forestall federal regulation of gambling.

"It was a symbol of Nevada's determination to keep organized crime out of the industry," Faiss said.

Today's Black Book, by contrast, is used to combat the threat of cheats - people who damage Las Vegas' rev-

Consider the last two names to be added: William Cushing in 2008 and Michael McNeive this August. The men both pleaded guilty in District Court late last month to cheating at slots with devices that tricked the machines into thinking \$1 bills were \$100 bills. Cushing and Mc-Neive have no apparent connections to organized crime. Moreover, they're men casino managers would happily es-

cort off their premises.

"The objectives of the regulatory bodies and the casinos are much more consistent now than they would have been in the 1960s," Eading-

Perhaps that's because the objectives have changed.

It's no coincidence that the first cheaters without mob connections appeared in the Black Book in the mid-'80s, when gaming was becoming increasingly corporate. No matter which came first the corporate casinos or the legitimacy of gaming as a business - there wasn't much room for made men on Wall Street. At least not of the type who once haunted casi-

Put simply, there were just fewer mobsters to worry about, Faiss said. The threat had shifted from something political - the appearance of organized crime - to something fiscal — lost revenue. The perception problem had shifted too, from law enforcement worrying that casinos were corrupt, to tourists, and perhaps investors, getting the idea that people could cheat.

And so regulators found themselves focusing more on cheaters, said Jerry Markling, chief of enforcement at the Nevada Gaming Control

Of those 21 names added to the Black Book between 1990 and 2000, just shy of 40 percent were cheats.

In the past nine years, the board has focused almost solely on cheats, and the rate of additions to the list has considerably dwindled - a change that may also reflect larger changes on the Strip. It's no longer possible to cheat a slot machine with fishing line attached to a quarter. Anyone suspected of marking cards will have surveillance cameras zoomed into their pores. Gaming is now coinless and computerized.

This means one of two things: There are now fewer cheaters, or there are now

"It's just much more difficult to cheat the machines," Markling said, "and, logically, it's much more difficult for us to detect those types of cheating."

And if cheaters are caught, it's certain casino operators won't fight the Control Board adding them to the excluded list. With casinos keeping their own in-house records of undesirables, the board's list is - depending on whom you ask- a doubling up of noble and mutual efforts, or a redundant relic, a graveyard for cheats who lack that certain mob flavor, for better

# Deaths from child abuse, neglect on the rise

By RICHARD A. SERRANO

Twice as many children have died in Clark County this year from abuse and neglect as in all of last year, and officials worry the number could be triple that for 2008 by year's

In Reno and surrounding Washoe County, the number of children who have died from abuse and neglect has also risen sharply over last year.

In the rest of Nevada and nationwide, the numbers are climbing too, authorities say.

Yet no one agrees on a common explanation for the trend - not child-welfare officials in Las Vegas and Carson City, nor experts at the Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, nor child advocacy groups across the country.

Some experts note that states such as Nevada with dwindling resources have fewer child protection programs.

The state Division of Child and Family Services has been criticized for egregious child deaths in past years, and state officials warned this year that projected budget cuts would only hamper their efforts.

Some experts blame the failing economy. More people out of work has meant more stress, and officials say more homes are teeming with frustration and anger.

Others blame drugs, poverty and risque lifestyles, and the ignorance of parents, pointing to the eight children who accidentally drowned or were shot to death in Clark County this summer. Some call the dramatic increase a statistical fluke.

Tom Morton, director of the Clark County Department of Family Services, said he has about 100 investigators who look into all kinds of child abuse. But 18 additional positions remain frozen because of budget trims, and that leaves just two five-man teams to investigate fatalities.

Most abused and neglected children are hurt by first-time offenders - parents or a relative or a new boyfriend.

To prevent deaths, Morton said, supervisors closely review the work of investigators. When a third complaint is lodged against a family - for drugs or an unkempt home or an unattended child signed to yet another investigator for a "fresh set of eyes," he said.

But, Morton conceded, "when you go and look at the circumstances of each death, you don't see a pattern emerge." Every death is different.

"We don't have cameras in everyone's home running 24/7," he said.

So far this year 37 children - persons under the age of 18 have died in Clark County from abuse or neglect, according to state records. The deaths of another eight children remain unsolved. For all



Supervisor Chris Carrell, left, and Brad Coffey, a senior investigator for Clark County, deal with the abuse and neglect that have killed 37 children this year.

The records also show that county officials investigated complaints and made home visits before 20 of the children died this year, a percentage comparable to last year's.

Where to start in addressing the growing problem?

Chrystal Main, a state child and family advocate in Carson City, said her agency would like to teach more first-time mothers not to sleep on the sofa with their newborns and more school children not to hurt themselves at home.

But, she said, "I look at the budget and it's tough for everyone in this state right now, very, very tough. We are extremely under-resourced."

In Washington in April, federal health officials reported that 1,760 children died during a 12-month period ending Oct. 1, 2007 (their latest statistics), up from 1,530 for the same period the year before.

Michael Petit, director of Every Child Matters, a not-forprofit child advocacy group in Washington, said his organization last year ranked Nevada 43rd among the states where children are least vulnerable to harm. It also put Nevada at 44th for per capita child welfare expenditures.

Petit cited dwindling funding in Nevada and a transient lifestyle in Las Vegas.

"It's dismal. Nevada is one of the toughest states to be in if you need help," said Petit, formerly health and human services commissioner in Maine. "Every single social service exists in Nevada, but it's just not up to scale."

Anita Light, a child and fam-

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ily advocate for another Washington-based nonprofit organization, the American Public Human Services Association, was less critical, stressing that deaths are increasing elsewhere too. She mentioned Michigan, Ohio and Oregon as states with "fairly high unemployment" rates and rising child fatalities.

Among the child deaths due to abuse or neglect in Clark County this year:

· Five-year-old Harlee N. Whitmire died Feb. 15 from morphine and cocaine intoxication. The investigation turned up missing medications in the house. "The parent last saw the child that night asleep, breathing and snoring," state records say. "When the parent checked the child again several hours later, she was cold, stiff and had a substance coming out of her mouth."

County investigators had visited the house four times from 2005 to last year on complaints of neglect concerning Harlee. But allegations of neglect in the child's death were ruled "unsubstantiated."

 On March 2, Joseph D.
 Duhaylungsod "ingested grout cleaner" stored in a soda bottle that he stumbled upon at home, according to state documents. The 3-yearold died four hours later. "The bottle with the grout cleaner was an anomaly," the state said, because other poisons and cleaning supplies were kept in a locked closet. The family was referred for coun-

Michael Turnage

Gastric Band Surger

Two-month-old Asia Grace Robinson died March 17 after being born 25 weeks premature, weighing 1 pound 4 ounces and testing positive for cocaine. Her mother, a known drug user and exconvict, tested positive for cocaine and marijuana and was arrested. Her early delivery was a "direct result" of her using illicit drugs, records say.

 Adan Adrian Madrid, 3, suffocated after placing a plastic bag over his head in bed on May 26. He was found by his foster mother, who was not prosecuted. The boy had been placed in her care after numerous allegations of past abuse and neglect connected with the boy's natural mother's drug problems.

• On Aug. 22, Arayah Booker, 26 days old, suffocated on the couch. Her mother had fallen asleep on the sofa with the baby, and woke to find the infant wedged between cushions. Otherwise, "there were no signs of abuse or trauma to the child," the records state. She was not prosecuted.

Coffey, the local senior investigator, says confronting grieving parents and removing other children from the homes is "very delicate." His supervisor, Chris Carrell, has been in his shoes. She remembers those late-night calls upon the death of a child.

"It is Christmas Eve or it's nidnight and you walk into these homes," she said. "When the child is 4 or under, it is particularly devastating.'

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#### **DEATHS**

#### Keith Hadden

Keith M. Hadden, 81, died

A 28-year Henderson resident, he was born May 6, 1928, in Milford, Neb. He was a retired contractor in the plaster and stucco business and a Navy veteran.

He is survived by his son John C. Hadden of Henderson, daughter Judy A. Barnes and husband E.D. of Clay Center, Neb., four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Service will be held 11:30 a.m. Oct. 15 at Palm Mortuary, 800 S. Boulder Highway, Henderson, followed by inter-

Palm Mortuary handled the arrangements.

#### Michael Solloway

Michael D. Solloway, 66, died Oct. 6 at a Las Vegas hospital.

A Henderson resident since 1993, he was born June 26, 1943, in San Pedro, Calif., and was a retired quality inspector in the aerospace industry.

He is survived by daughter Wendy Ziegenhagen of Henderson, son Stephen Solloway of Henderson and five grandchildren.

Palm Mortuary is handling the arrangements.

#### **Fannie Strahl**

Fannie Strahl passed away She was born to Pedro and

Ambrosia Chavez on Jan. 23, 1919, in San Miguel, N.M.

She married Willis Strahl Sr. in 1936, and they had 12 children, four of whom died at childbirth.

She is sur-

vived by sons

Charles and

wife Linda of

Loma Linda,

Calif., Albert

and wife Barbara of Las

Vegas, Willis Jr. and wife



Marylynn of Henderson, Bob and wife Veva of Henderson, daughters Mary Ann Klemp of New Lisbon, Wis., Mary Frances Martinez and husband Jim of Henderson, Shirley Ann Bentajado of Henderson, Anna Hayes and husband Leon of Santa Fe, N.M., 29 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willis Sr., and five children.

Services were held at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Henderson, and she will be buried in the Masonic Cemetery in Las Vegas, N.M., next to her

Palm Mortuary handled the arrangements.



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# Cancer Action Network hosts health care reform forum

By TIFFANY GIBSON

Delia Oliveri has been battling cancer for more than 23 years. She said she is a two-time survivor who found herself \$40,000 in debt after recovering.

"I was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 1983 and had a mastectomy," Oliveri said. "I had just changed jobs and had no sick leave and no in-

Oliveri is now a volunteer for the American Cancer Society and recently traveled to Washington, D.C., to speak with legislators about health care reform.

"We're the voice for the cancer patients who may not be able to go," Oliveri said.

Stacey Escalante said she was diagnosed with breast cancer four years ago. She said she is in remission but is working at a job she doesn't like because of the medical benefits.

"I'm only four years out of a cancer diagnosis, so how many insurance companies are going to take me on?" Escalante asked. "I quit my job for a corporation and now I'm on my own. Do I have to stay in a job I really don't like forever just because I'm getting health insurance?"

To answer Escalante's question and others, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network held a public health care reform forum at the Henderson Convention Center Oct. 7.

Allison Stephens, state leader for the Cancer Action Network, said the forum was pro-



TIFFANY GIBSON/STAFF PHOTO

Jason Daughn, director of federal public policy and political affairs for Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield, answers questions at the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network health care reform forum.

posed after several town hall munity members and discuss meetings were disrupted.

"People haven't had a chance

to ask good questions," Stephens said. Stephens said the forum

was open to anyone interested in learning about health care coverage. Representatives from the

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, American Heart Association, AARP Nevada and Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield sat on a panel to answer questions from compossible solutions.

Jon Ralston, host of the television program "Face to Face with Jon Ralston," moderated the event.

Jason Daughn, director of federal public policy and political affairs for Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield, said health care has become one of the most pressing issues within Barack Obama's presidency. He said America is not going to be able to fix the economy without fixing health care.

"We're not going to be successful unless we fundamentally change the economics of health care," Daughn said. "If insurers make insurance affordable and live up to that and do it right, it will be to the benefit of all Americans."

Wendy Selig, vice president of external affairs and strategic alliances for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, said her group looks at health care reform "through the eyes of a cancer patient. Sixty percent of

cancer deaths today could be prevented based on what we already know."

Martha Drohobyczer, president of District 3 for the Nevada Nurses Association, said she agrees with Selig that people should take more responsibility and focus on be-

ing healthy. "We need more direction in our country," Drohobyczer said. "We need more health care campaigns like the stopsmoking campaigns. We need something people can rally around."

Las Vegas resident Angel Robinson asked the panel if President Obama's \$900 billion plan to fix health care will include the research of treatments for rare illnesses.

Robinson said she suffers from idiopathic intracranial hypertension, a neurological disease, and has to undergo treatments used for other dis-

Dr. Ronald Kline, presidentelect for Nevada State Medical Association, said the Oprhan Drug Act of 1983 encourages pharmaceutical companies to develop treatments for rare illnesses affecting less than 200,000 people in the United States.

"I have an illness that is rare and it came upon me, even though I was healthy," Robinson said. "I go through a lot of different treatments and surgeries, but I would just like research to be done."

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# Link to virus a 'milestone' for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

#### By MARSHALL ALLEN

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome has been stigmatized as a yuppie disease, women's disease or psychological disorder in part because its cause was unknown and its inconsistent symptoms made it difficult to diagnose.

But a discovery by the fledgling Whittemore Peterson Institute, a medical research center based at the University of Nevada, Reno, may change the world's view of the dis-

Scientists there, drawing international attention have discovered a link between a blood-borne virus and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. For the first time, scientists can point to a possible cause of the disease, which could blaze a trail for its treatment.

"It's definitely a milestone in this disease," said Giuseppe Pizzorno, president of research operations at the Nevada Cancer Institute, who said the discovery might have

applications in addressing cancer.

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome is a debilitating neuroimmune disease that afflicts more than 1 million Americans, causing them to suffer symptoms including chronic pain and exhaustion, muscle and joint pain and a loss of memory or concentration.

Finding a cure for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome was a goal of casino lobbyist and real estate developer Harvey Whittemore and his wife, Annette, when they created the Whittemore Peterson Institute in 2006. Their daughter, now 31. has suffered from the disease since she was 12 and they were not satisfied with the scientific community's lack of action to combat it, said Annette Whittemore, the institute's founder and president. Doctors told the couple their daughter needed to better manage stress, she said.

"We knew there would be no answers (from the medical community) and waiting

around for someone else to do it wasn't an option," Whittemore said.

The institute, with four researchers operating on a \$1.5 million budget, opened its first lab in 2007.

The discovery came just after Christmas and with its publication in the journal Science this week, the Whittemore Peterson Institute name has resounded in the media worldwide.

On Friday, GlaxoSmith-Kline, the pharmaceutical giant, called to discuss possible

drug development. The discovery came after institute researchers found that a recently identified retrovirus - a type of virus that can be transmitted through DNA - is linked to Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. They tested 101 samples of tissue from people affected by Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and found that 67 percent of them contained the particular sequence of retrovirus, called XMRV. In contrast, XMRV was detected in about 4 percent of DNA specimens from healthy individuals.

The project was a collaboration between the Whittemore Peterson Institute, the National Cancer Institute and the Cleveland Clinic

Judy Mikovits, director of research at Whittemore Peterson Institute, said the discovery is broader than its application to Chronic Fatigue Syndrome because the scientists identified a new human retrovirus that could be causing other neurological diseases or cancers.

XMRV was originally discovered in prostate cancer tissue of certain men by a scientist at the Cleveland Clinic. Other retroviruses, such as HIV, attack the immune system. Identifying the presence of a retrovirus that causes Chronic Fatigue Symptom can give scientists new strategies to attack a variety of diseases, Mikovits said.

Mikovits said Science was interested in the discovery because 3.7 percent of the study's control sample was infected with XMRV. Translated nationwide this means there could be 10 million Americans who are infected with a virus that has unknown potential to

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cause disease, she said. Whittemore called it a

'world-changing" discovery that "could uncover the cause of a great number of diseases that today have no known

Identifying and addressing the underlying causes of diseases before they manifest generates huge benefits for patients and tremendous sav ings for the health care system, Whittemore said.

The Whittemores are close friends of Larry and Camille Ruvo, founders of the Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health in Las Vegas. The couples, along with Jim and Heather Murren, who are among the founders of Nevada Cancer Institute, are examples of grass-roots philanthropy elevating research and science in Nevada.

"Everyone jokes about the poor quality of science and research here in Nevada," Pizzorno said.

"With the right people and instruments and support, we can do world-class research."

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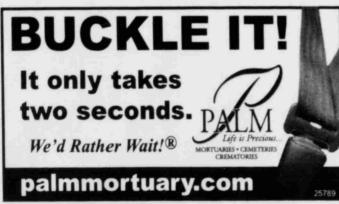
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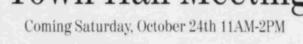
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# McCarran drill helps prepare emergency crews for disaster

By KYLE HANSEN

Practicing basic emergency skills at McCarran International Airport requires dozens of police officers, about 50 firefighters and 200 high school students covered with fake blood and gruesome wounds.

Those were just some of the hundreds of people involved in an emergency exercise at the airport Oct. 7, a practice run of a major accident as required every three years by the Federal Aviation Administration.

The simulated crash couldn't prepare the airport for everything needed to respond to a real emergency, Clark County Director of Aviation Randall Walker said, but it was enough to learn the basics.

"No matter how much you train and prepare, you're not really ever ready for what's really going to happen in an event, but you certainly don't want to be dealing with the basics in a real event," Walker said. "You've got to be able to have those things instinctively and then deal with those real-world situations as they come up, which are difficult to plan for."

The simulated accident involved a tour helicopter with six people on board crashing into an MD 80 passenger jet filled with about 60 people.

Five of the people on the helicopter "died" in the crash simulation and almost all of the jet passengers were injured.

At the beginning of the exercise, 50 students from Clark County trade schools laid scattered on the runway next to the jet and near the helicop-

### County axes jobs to save \$22.5 million

By JEFF POPE

Clark County eliminated some part-time personnel and 31.5 vacant full-time positions in an effort to reduce budget shortfalls but stopped short of cutting any occupied full-time positions.

The county also cut overtime spending, vacant part-time positions and reduced spending on supplies and services, County Manager Virginia Valentine said Oct. 6.

The cuts will reduce expenses \$22.5 million, or 2.6 percent, from the \$850 million general fund.

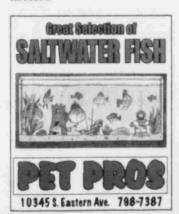
A portion of the 170 parttime positions eliminated were occupied but the exact number was not immediately available, county spokesman Erik Pappa said.

Valentine said further budget reductions likely would require employee layoffs.

The biggest cuts hit the University Medical Center and the Department of Family Services.

The hospital reduced overtime and spending on supplies, which cut \$4.8 million. Family Services cut nearly \$3.2 million by eliminating 60 part-time staff and reducing its contracted services.

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The Clark County Department of Aviation conduct an emergency preparedness exercise at McCarran International Airport. During the training, crews responded to nearly 200 fake victims from a simulated crash.

ter.

The students had arrived early to receive makeup, fake blood and realistic wounds.

Once the simulation began, emergency responders, including the Clark County Fire Department and Metro Police, had to respond as if it were a real crash.

About 150 additional students were spread out at nearly a dozen hospitals and medical centers for exercises there.

The details of the simulation were kept secret to make the exercise more authentic for those participating.

"The whole point is that you're not supposed to know in advance," Walker said. "We

want to make it as spontaneous as possible so people have to think on their feet and do what they're supposed to do."

Smoke streamed away from the plane and helicopter when firefighters arrived and set up a command center to oversee the scene.

For firefighters, an aircraft crash is usually more difficult to respond to than a house fire, Clark County Fire Department spokesman Scott Allison said.

"In an aircraft incident at the airport we're kind of going in blind," he said, "But because of the training we have and some of the cross-training our department does, we're pretty well prepared."

Allison said aircraft present a number of challenges for firefighters, including hotter fires and the danger of fuel exploding.

"Any emergency incident is going to be different. There's no two that are alike," he said.

"When you figure we're one of the busiest airports in the country now ... we really have to be on our game, we have to be ready for any incidents," he said. "We have to be prepared."

Walker said the exercise

took about a year to plan and involved about 40 organiza-

Communication among those groups is the key to proper emergency management, he said.

The simulation was based on something that could actually happen at McCarran because of the high number of tour helicopters that operate at the airport.

"We want to make it the event that would be realistic given the circumstances of this airport and we want to challenge all of the resources," Walker said.

The simulation also involved other distractions, such as security breaches, that responders had to deal with at the same time as the crash.

"You throw all of these oth-

er curve balls in that people have to respond to and you see how they do," Walker said. "As far as I can tell ... it was very good."

This was also the first exer-

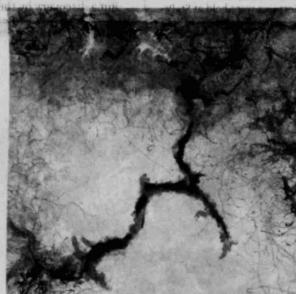
This was also the first exercise in which the airport was able to use a new command post at the airport's administration building.

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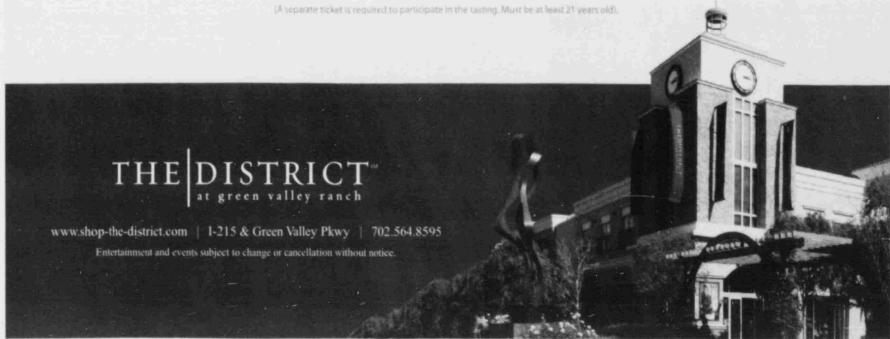
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# Helium balloon takes to the sky over Strip

By AMANDA FINNEGAN

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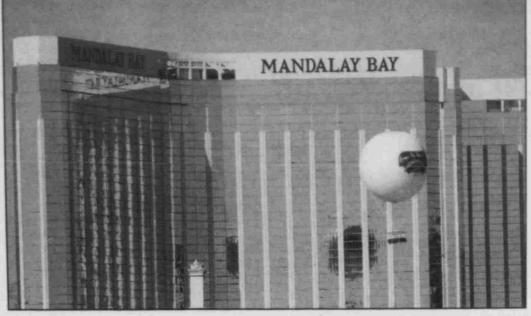
Cloud Nine is the world's largest helium-filled, landtethered balloon. Taking flight across from Mandalay Bay, the balloon can bring up to 30 guests nearly 500 feet above the Strip.

The balloon is seven stories wide and 11 stories tall and contains 210,000 cubic feet of helium. It's tethered to the ground by a pulley system.

The man behind bringing the balloon to Las Vegas is Cloud Nine Entertainment founder and CEO Kevin Michaels. After seeing a similar helium balloon at the America's Cup yacht race in Valencia, Spain, Michaels decided to launch the idea in Las Ve-

"It's the entertainment capital of the world," Michaels said. "We've got 40 million people that come here on an annual basis. I thought it was a great opportunity for the visitors and the 2 million locals, alike.'

Michaels said with development plans, getting the county's approval and building the balloon, the process to get Cloud Nine's balloon off the ground took more than two vears.



A test flight of Cloud Nine Entertainment's world's largest helium balloon the day before it opened.

Vegas.com tried a similar venture with a passenger blimp a decade ago but ended the blimp's contract a year later because of a lack of passengers. Unlike the Vegas.com blimp, the Cloud Nine balloon is stationary and less expensive for riders. (Vegas.com is owned by the Greenspun familv and is a sister company of

the Home News.) Prices run from \$22.50 to \$27.50 for adults, depending on the time of day, and flights typically last 10 to 12 minutes.

Cloud Nine also runs family packages and is planning to introduce locals, military and teacher discounts.

"We've really been mindful to make it appropriate for the economic times we live in today," Michaels said.

Hotels like Paris Las Vegas and the Stratosphere also market 360-degree views of Las Vegas.

The Eiffel Tower at Paris Las Vegas is 460 feet high and charges \$10 for admission during the day and \$15 at night. The observation deck at the Stratosphere more than doubles the height of the Cloud Nine balloon at 1,149 feet and charges \$16.

Michaels said he hopes to start a program in Clark County schools for homerooms to compete against each other for the highest GPA with the winner getting a balloon ride. Bert Rhine, Michaels' business partner and Cloud Nine's director of sales and marketing, said the company also plans to launch a fundraising effort

for schools.

"We're doing it because Cloud Nine supports, pardon the pun, higher education," Michaels said.

With its visibility on the Strip, the Cloud Nine balloon carries a branding opportunity. Rhine said the company has been in contact with Fortune 500 companies looking to advertise on the balloon.

"We've had a great deal of interest from a number of sponsors but they wanted to see it up and flying first," Rhine said.

The cost for advertising on the balloon will be about \$100,000 a month, similar to the price of building wraps in Las Vegas, Rhine said.

The area where the balloon is docked includes a ticketing building, picnic tables, a garden area with wind sculptures and plaques with information on famous aviators. Cloud Nine is also planning to start a food and beverage service for visitors.

For now, the Cloud Nine Entertainment balloon is unique to Las Vegas but Michaels said the company plans to expand to California, Hawaii, Mexico and Europe.

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## choppers bringing tourists back

Can you tell me what the line of helicopters that arrives each night at sunset over Sunrise Mountain is and where

they are going? They Mr. Sun arrive in formation and make a

turn at Newport Lofts downtown and fly south toward the Strip. We watch them and always wonder. Don Sacramento

Were Las Vegas an agricultural community, this would be our cows coming home.

The helicopters at sundown are Grand Canyon tours bringing gambling patrons back to their roosts on the Strip.

They're not flying in formation, but rather following the FAA's Calville helicopter arrival path - enter the valley from the east, travel along Charleston Boulevard to downtown and then south, parallel to Las Vegas Boulevard. The path is intended to keep tour helicopters from mixing with flights at McCarran Interna-

tional Airport. The helicopters come and go throughout the day. Their numbers are more noticeable at sunset because. well, there's no reason to linger at the Grand Canyon past dark, so the helicopters touring the canyon in the late afternoon come back around the same time.

Clark County is planning a heliport in Sloan, in part, because of complaints from some Las Vegas residents about helicopter noise.

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# Debut album helping Theory of Flight's career take off

By APRIL CORBIN

Theory of Flight has made quite a name for itself since forming in 2007. Now, the mainstream rock sextet is preparing to move from being Las Vegas music scene regulars to national spotlight seekers.

Earlier this summer, the band shot a video for their single, "Set the Night on Fire." They also teamed up with Mark Needham, the famed producer who has worked with My Chemical Romance, Fleetwood Mac and Vegas-success story The Killers. Now, with the upcoming Oct. 16 release of their debut album, Within Reach, the band hopes to obtain a nationwide distribution and subsequent touring. Given Theory's quick ascension in the local scene, success on a larger scale seems plausible, perhaps even likely.

But Theory of Flight frontman Beau Hodges will be the last person to tell you that. While some bands in their position might be daydreaming about groupies, mansions and pimped-out rides, Hodges says he and his bandmates are taking life day-by-day.

"It's very surreal," Hodges says of the band's successes so far. "Everyday feels like waking up in a dream. I think all of us are afraid to wake up and see it's all gone away."

Hodges adds that there's even some resistance to jumping headfirst into being MTVbound rockstars. "We have a lot of friends in successful



Theory of Flight (left to right): rhythm guitarist Stephen Good rum, drummer Tyler Williams, bassist Joey McMahon, lead guitarist Vince Casas, keyboardist John Colombo and singer Beau Hodges.

bands. They've all said, (fame) will cost you something."

The band has plenty of already-famous friends. Hodges says, he and his bandmates see Grammy Award-nominated The Frey as older brothers. (Before either band was formed, members from both played in a now-defunct small band.) Likewise, Theory is friends with members of Lifehouse, who first broke onto the national music scene in 2001 with "Hanging by a Moment" and have continued to release new albums and tour ever since. The successful musicians offer realistic advice and guidance, much needed for a band about to try their luck on a national stage.

Frey guitarist) told us, 'Enjoy every moment. Stop and talk to every fan. Because there will be a moment where everything starts moving quickly, where everything becomes a blur. You lose touch with what's happening in everyday life. So, remember to be a good dad. Be a good husband. Stop and take time."

As a husband and father himself, Hodges said the advice struck close to home. "That was the best advice I could have gotten, that it's not always about the success or the music or even affecting the world. Just remember to always be a good dad."

The frontman's humility is one thing he believes keeps the band's collective ego grounded as they gain each small success in the music industry. "From the beginning, this was not about being rockstars," he says. "(It's) about helping people, encouraging people.'

Theory of Flight performs at many charity events. Their upcoming CD release party will be an all-ages event at Town Square Mall on Oct. 16, featuring raffles to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network. It's a cause the band feels strongly about.

The track "Burn On," off Within Reach, is dedicated to a fan named Brandon Rayner who died of cancer in late December 2008. According to Hodges, the song was sitting on a shelf incomplete when the 10-year-old entered the

Hodges recalls, "(Joe King, band's life. "He inspired us to do listen to the debut record finish writing the song," he says. After his death, the band was asked to perform the song as his memorial.

"It's not the most radiofriendly song. It's not the catchiest, but it as a lot of meaning. (It's) the one I love the most.'

Hodges shies away from talking about expecting success on a national or international level. He says the band is simply along for the ride and only hopes that those who delve deeper than the catchy hooks.

"I want people to genuinely take a second and read through the lyrics and listen to what they say and what they mean," he says. "It'll come across a different way. Hopefully (they'll) be encouraged and inspired, and we can make someone's day a little better."

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## Muralist kicking off Preserve's art season

By MARY MANNING

When Robert Beckmann came to Nevada in the 1970s, he was wrapped as a rare creative species: an artist with a voracious intellectual appe-

In 1977 Beckmann arrived in Las Vegas as a mural painter hired by the city.

When the Springs Preserve on Valley View Boulevard approached him to focus on water, waterfalls, rivers, lakes, the Las Vegas Wash, all things water, Beckmann began to develop a series of paintings illuminating places he has lived and worked spanning the past 30 years. "Robert Beckmann: Elemental Landscape" is the

result. The exhibit features five new 15-inch by 20-inch oil paintings of the Las Vegas Wash in the aftermath of a devastating July 8, 1999, flash flood that prompted President Bill Clinton to declare the Las Vegas Valley a disaster area with \$20 million in damages to public property.Beckmann brings a beauty that most urban desert dwellers never imagine.

"Mr. Beckmann brings the emotion and majesty of nature

If you go WHAT: "Robert Beckman: Elemental Landscape WHEN: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Oct. 16 to Jan. 7 WHERE: Big Springs Gallery.

Springs Preserve ADMISSION: Included with general admission to Springs Preserve and free to members.

to life in literal and abstract representations," said Elizabeth Herridge, managing director of the Springs Preserve, formerly of the Guggenheim. "The thematic explorations of 'Elemental Landscape' is an idea fit for the Preserve and a great way to kick off the fine art programming planned for 2010 and beyond in the Preserve's galleries."

Beckmann's exhibit is the first in this series of fine art tied to the Springs Preserve mission, that of educating people about the scarce and precious resource taken for granted so often: water.

Nature came naturally to Beckmann's body of work. In 2005 he completed six murals for the U.S. Botanic Garden in Washington, D.C., representing plants most important

to the world's economy: rice, tea, citrus fruits, cotton, co coa, corn and details from each country where they are farmed.

Beckmann employed 21st century chemistry from New York and Germany to remain true to those native subjects.

Each 500-pound panel measuring 7 feet by 12 feet will last 200 years showing cotton from Egypt, cocoa from Brazil, corn from lowa, citrus from Spain, rice from Bali and tea

In "Elemental Landscape" prepare to experience our Mojave Desert home and the Pacific Northwest's abundant waters through the vision of a modern artist who steeps himself in the worlds of nature and art, much as the great Leonardo da Vinci did.

"Robert Beckmann: Elemental Landscape" will be on exhibit from Oct 16 to Jan. 7, 2010, in the Big Springs Gallery located inside the Origen (derived from two words: Original and Generator) Experience at the Springs Preserve.

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# County to stop rescuing unwanted desert tortoises

#### By JOE SCHOENMANN

The county won't be picking up your poor, your tired or your huddled masses of desert tortoises any longer.

After Dec. 31 residents who have kept the threatened species as pets but want to be done with them will be on their own.

The County Commission approved that change Oct. 6 after hearing a report on the expense - picking up about 1,000 unwanted tortoises costs \$104,000 a year, plus \$700,000 to take care of them once they're in county hands and an argument that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the Nevada Wildlife Department should be doing the picking up.

and Wildlife people will conwith abandoned pets.

County officials hope those talks are amicable because a much more important, potentially more expensive matter largely related to desert tortoises is creeping up on the county. And the county does not want to anger Fish and

QUESTION: What could be more important than picking up those cute, abandoned animals?

ANSWER: As it turns out, a community advisory group is working on a new conservation plan to expand developable acreage in the Las Vegas Valley. U.S. Fish and Wildlife must sign off on the permit.

Under the current, 30-year conservation plan, which governs 140,000 acres and expires in 2031, developers pay \$550 per acre to care for tortoises.

Recession hits

charter parents

The economy is taking different tolls on a pair of Las Vegas charter schools.

In one case, enrollment is down because financially struggling parents can no longer afford to drive their children to school from across

In the other — a distanceeducation program in which students work at their own pace via home computers some financially struggling stay-at-home parents have had to take jobs, meaning they can no longer stay home to supervise their children's learning. Innovations International Charter School, which like the rest of Clark County's eight charter schools does not provide transportation, lost about 50 students whose parents could no longer afford to drive them to the campus on East Oakey Boulevard.

"They were coming from all over the valley," Innovations Principal Connie Malin said. "We've had some parents who lost their jobs. Others had shift changes at work and can't do

Still, Innovations' enrollment is up 63 students overall, to 771, with waiting lists in all grades K-12. Malin has begun calling names off the waiting list, even though the charter school won't get funding for the additional pupils

(the state's cutoff date was Sept. 18). First priority will go

to siblings of current Innova-

At Odyssey Charter School,

where the academic program

is centered on online classes

with weekly face-to-face inter-

action with teachers, elemen-

tary and middle school enroll-

ment is at a five-year low of 525, down from 658 last year. The high school has 798 stu-

dents, up from 772 last year. Odyssey prefers its younger students have family super-

vision, and teachers make

weekly home visits in grades K-8. Some students were with-

drawn from the school be-

cause the supervising parent needed to go to work, Princi-

tions students, Malin said.

the driving anymore."

multiple ways

By EMILY RICHMOND

town.

Most of that money is spent on conserving more than a million acres of tortoise habitat outside the Las Vegas Valley.

More important, the current plan includes a permit allowing for the "incidental take," or harm to tortoises and 77 other protected species. So if, for example, a developer's construction crew happens to plow under some tortoises during the grading of land, that's acceptable. It has been that way for almost 20 years.

Fish and Wildlife wants to change that standard.

Q: What do they want to do, save every tortoise crawling the high desert?

A: As many as possible. Janet Bair, U.S. Fish and Wildlife regional supervisor, said her agency has worked out County staff and U.S. Fish multispecies habitat conservation plan agreements with tinue discussing how to deal Lincoln County and with the developers of Coyote Springs, a community to be built on 42,000 acres 60 miles north of Las Vegas. It also hopes to work with Nye County. Those agreements include new language restricting the incidental taking of tortoises.

> Q: What's wrong with that? A: Some in Clark County see it as unnecessary and expensive. The new permit

would expand the period of throughout the area "declinthe agreement to 50 years and add 215,000 acres.

Terry Murphy, who sits on the community advisory board and brokered the desert tortoise compromise between developers, the county and feds 20 years ago, said the acreage being considered contains about 1 percent of all desert tortoise habitat.

"There are hundreds of thousands of them in existence," said Murphy, who is also a well-known consultant to developers and casinos. "So to expend that much time saving urban tortoises and putting them God-knows-where, I'm not a scientist but I can't see how that's going to help them."

She added that some members of the advisory group are talking about increasing the amount of money per acre that developers must pay for desert species conservation.

Q: Does Fish and Wildlife agree that the tortoises are plentiful?

A: The entire tortoise habitat, stretching from Utah through Nevada to California, isn't under constant study, but Bair said her agency has seen various populations of the tortoises scattered

ing precipitously."

"We've also noticed ... in the last six to seven years Southern Nevada has some of the lowest densities in the range."

Q: Does the federal agency think it could compromise on the "taking" of tortoises?

Bair smiled at the question, then said the agency wants to hear "all options."

To that end, U.S. Fish and Wildlife is holding several hearings, called scoping meetings, to get the public's advice on changes in the conservation plan. The agency will consider the information as it prepares an environmentalimpact statement for the additional 215,000 acres.

The first of those meetings will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Clark County Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Road.

COUNTY QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"This is almost like treehugger frustration. Can't find no trees to protect in the desert so it's tortoises."

Commissioner Tom Collins, during discussion about discontinuing the county's role in picking up abandoned desert tortoises.

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A tortoise brought to the Desert Tortoise Conservation Center wanders a pen. This tortoise was sick when it came to the center after being improperly cared for as a pet. The county will cease to pick up unwanted desert tortoises after Dec. 31.

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pal Michele Robinson said.

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# Names of other judges not out yet

"We know he's very blunt. Look, we all know Rush Limbaugh, but when you look at what he brings and his influence, the kind of interest level he generates with a daily talk show that goes out to 20 million listeners, it's good for our show."

It might not be so good for Planet Hollywood, though. McMaster said the hotel is not part of the judging selection process (or any other production component of the show), and hotel officials, including CEO Robert Earl and President Tom McCartney. were notified that Limbaugh would be part of the P.H. entertainment culture next January. Suffice to say, hotel officials are not exactly performing cartwheels at this piece of news, but MAO and the pageant's cable partner, TLC, are quite happy (the show airs from the Theatre for Performing Arts on Jan.

"We reached out to (Rush) about two weeks ago," McMaster said. "We'd like to have announced all of (the judges) at the same time, but then he started talking about it on the show, so we had to announce him early." The rest of the field, the other six, will be known soon.

When I suggested to Mc-Master that the coverage of the judging panel would be dominated by Limbaugh, McMaster quickly said, "Oh, don't be so sure." Whatever, this promises to be one eventful sashay across the stage.

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#### **FESTIVAL from Page 1**

## History lessons snuck in at Renaissance Festival

passion for the time period.

Holly Long, 8, said she enjoys working at Age of Chivalry Renaissance Festival. She works at her family's tent, Dragon Bubbles, and said she chose to be a flower fairy this year.

"My parents got me into this," she said. "It's an amazing experience."

Besides offering bubble vials, jewels and meat pies, the festival also features various educational programs like the Pirates Parrot show, which focuses on parrots from across the world.

Rutledge said the parrot show is especially popular among children.

"He gets all the kids together and teaches them about the birds," Rutledge said. "He lets the birds fly around and land on kids' shoulders."

Birdman Joseph Krathwohl was at the festival with his companion and bateleur eagle Sheba. Krathwohl said he has had Sheba for more than 26 years and has learned bateleur eagle territorial calls from her.

"I help to teach people about the use of birds for prey - not only in the Renaissance period but for the last 7,000 years of our history," Krathwohl said. "If you could ride up and have several falcons and one big golden eagle on your arm, then everyone who saw you arrive knew you were a powerful man, not woman. Women were not allowed to touch our birds."

The festival also had comedians, sword swallowers and fire breathers.

"It's all about our history, and world history is our history," said Las Vegas resident Jim Hartung. "If we don't know it, we're doomed to repeat it."

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JUSTIN M. BOWEN/STAFF PHOTO

Used armor for sale in the parking lot at the annual Age of Chivalry Renaissance Festival.

#### MCCARRAN from Page 1

### Aviation trends a strong barometer of Las Vegas resort industry

ending?" Boyd asked. "Don't call the Fed. Don't listen to (President Barack) Obama. Just watch the enplanements at Las Vegas."

Boyd made his projection at the close of his 14th annual summit. The conference had a record turnout of more than 250 people who heard presentations and panels from airline executives, aircraft manufacturers and other industry suppliers.

Aviation trends generally predict the health of Las Vegas' resort industry since around 45 percent of the city's visitors arrive by air.

In raw numbers, Boyd projected Las Vegas would have 19.9 million enplanements in 2010, 20.7 million in 2012, 21.2 million in 2013 and 21.8 million in 2014 — a net loss of about 301,000 passengers

compared with 2008 levels. The 2008 totals are about half the number of passengers listed in McCarran statistics because the airport counts passengers getting off planes as well as getting on them as customers.

Boyd analyzed traffic at 150 airports nationwide, considering population, economic factors, airline service trends and extraordinary local factors. His projections differ with U.S. Transportation Department statistics because federal officials don't take industry-driven events into account.

Like all projections, Boyd's forecast can be affected by changing industry trends, he said. Among the circumstances driving traffic are the fluctuating cost of fuel, revenue aggregation trends by

low-cost carriers, changing fleet plans, alliance-driven route decisions and airline consolidation. Boyd also noted that the recession still has its grip on the nation, reducing discretionary spending — a trend Las Vegas resorts are quite familiar with.

But he does consider Las Vegas to be "the canary in the mine" to watch for an uptick since greater discretionary spending here should indicate that consumers have regained their confidence.

Some of the wild cards Boyd will be watching include the continued reduction of business travel, "environmental jihadism" — climate change legislation that could cost airlines millions of dollars — and the deterioration of the nation's air traffic control system that will result in flight delays.

Boyd predicts airport traffic rankings for the top 10 U.S. airports in 2014 will remain close to current rankings. The busiest airport will continue to be Atlanta's Hartsfield International Airport, Boyd said, followed by Chicago O'Hare, Dallas-Fort Worth and Los Angeles International. He expects Denver to supplant New York's John F. Kennedy International as the No. 5 airport because of growth there by Southwest Airlines and continued competition it has with market leader United Airlines and Denver-based Frontier.

He also expects San Francisco International Airport, which is seeing growth by Virgin America Airlines, to jump into 10th place, knocking Newark, N.J.'s Liberty International out of the top 10.

Boyd also warned that Reno-Tahoe International Airport would lose an estimated 486,000 passengers between 2008 and 2014 — a 21.8 percent decline — the fourth steepest in the nation by percentage behind Cincinnati's airport in northern Kentucky, which is losing flights due to the Delta-Northwest merger, Ontario International Airport in Southern California and St. Louis.

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#### **TEENS from Page 1**

### Local groups working to help homeless teens get new start

to go that extra step and help

them feel normal."

Alewel said more than 4,000 teenagers are living on the streets in Las Vegas. She said it's important for the Help of Southern Nevada Youth Center, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, Street Teens, Living Grace Home and Clark County School District Title 1 Hope to work together and provide the best services possible for each person.

Jazmyn Akins, 18, is a resident at the Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth. She said the organization helped her get into college and pursue her dreams of becoming a commercial photographer and actress.

"My father had a gambling problem and sold our house," Akins said. "I was living with my neighbors, and I didn't

even know them."

Akins said her mother works in North Carolina as a teacher and contacted the Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth after Akins was "couchsurfing" for a couple of months.

"They put me in a condo with a housemate and take us grocery shopping every two weeks," Akins said. "My roommate is in high school and the organization makes sure she leads an actual high school life."

Nancy Amaya, 19, was in a similar situation before she graduated from high school. She said the Help of Southern Nevada Youth Center took her in because her family wasn't stable enough to care for her.

"They helped me graduate high school, and I was voted class clown and promroyalty," Amaya said, smiling. According to H.O.P.E. statistics, 80 percent of homeless teenagers would like to be able to finish high school. The majority of homeless teenagers living in Las Vegas are 16 years old.

Sariah Johnson, 20, said homeless teens should utilize services offered to them. She said walking into the Help of Southern Nevada Youth Center felt like having a clean slate.

"I grew up in a drug neighborhood," Johnson said. "Life is about choices and you have the opportunity to have better if you want better."

The event also featured games, a silent auction, train rides, face painting, hair dying and live entertainment by local bands and singer and impressionist Tom Stevens.

Stevens performs impressions at the South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas and served as the moderator at the event. He said he wanted to participate because it brings awareness to the community.

"I wasn't aware this many were homeless," Stevens said. "I have been fortunate enough in my life and it touches me to know that kids out here are living on the streets."

Quin White, 23, lead singer of the band Amarionette, said he wanted to be involved because the issue of homelessness is often neglected. The band dedicated a song called "Apart From the Same" to all the homeless teenagers.

"It's a song about being different and not feeling like you're like everyone else," White said. "No one is better than anyone else, and these kids are like everyone else."

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# Permit will be reviewed in six months

federal laws that supersede our own," March said. The use permit will be re-

viewed in six months.

Sweet Home Belmont began operation earlier this year, after city employees in the business licensing division mistakenly overlooked the city ordinance that would have required the home to obtain an additional use permit from the Henderson Planning Commission because it is located within 1,500 feet of

an existing group home. Though the Henderson Planning Commission denied the request for a use permit after the error was discovered, at an appeal hearing last month before the City Council, city attorneys informed the Council that since the mistake had been the city's fault and the owners of Sweet Home Belmont had been allowed to invest in their business and operate for several months, the city was legally bound to allow them to continue to do so.

The majority of Serene Country Estates residents have staunchly opposed the group home, which prior to opening as a group home, had been found in 2008 to be housing several homeless individuals under a Clark County Social Services program.

The owners of Sweet Home Belmont said they housed the homeless temporarily, in order to pay the mortgage while waiting for their state license for the group home. Neighbors said the homeless residents were disruptive and confrontational, and said the lack of judgment the owners demonstrated in bringing the homeless into the neighborhood spoke ill of how the group home would

After a hearing before the City Council last month, the Council indicated that it would issue the permit, but voted to delay the item for a month to give city staff a chance to work with Sweet Home Belmont's owners and Serene Country Estates residents on some conditions make the home's presence more acceptable for the neighborhood.

Serene Country Estates
Action Committee Chairman Todd Croft said residents were disappointed
that the conditions forged
didn't contain any measurable standards, and returned to the Council on
Tuesday in a last-ditch effort to block the permit.

Croft said his biggest concern was that the city had apparently done nothing about the mistake that led to the business license's initial issuance.

"From our perspective, it's likely that the error could occur again, and that's really problematic," he said.

Serene Country Estates resident Earl Hodge said residents aren't opposed to the concept of group homes in their neighborhood, but they are opposed to clustering them closely together because of the impact they can have on traffic and

nearby property values.

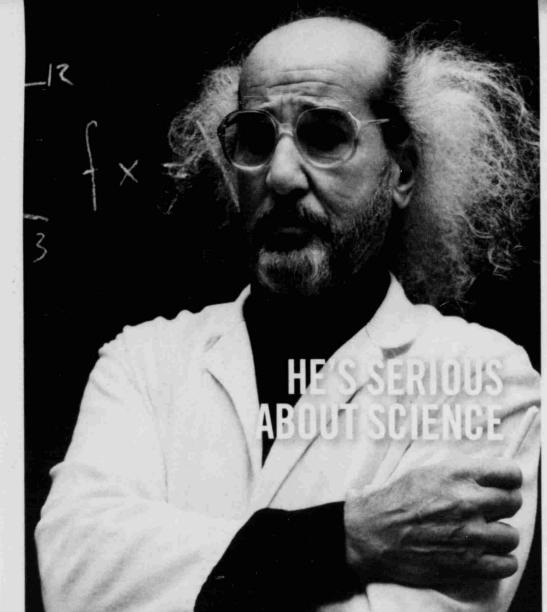
But with the permit issued, Hodge said there was little left to do but try to work with Sweet Home Belmont.

"Some conditions are better than no conditions," he said. "We're a pretty rugged lot out here; we can adjust to a lot of rugged conditions and we will adjust to this."

Among the conditions Sweet Home Belmont owners agreed to was to limit the number of residents to six and to accept only residents who are 60 or older.

The crucial condition was one added Oct. 6, which requires the owners to retain three nurses on staff, so one will be on site at all times, and the others will be on call in case of emergency.

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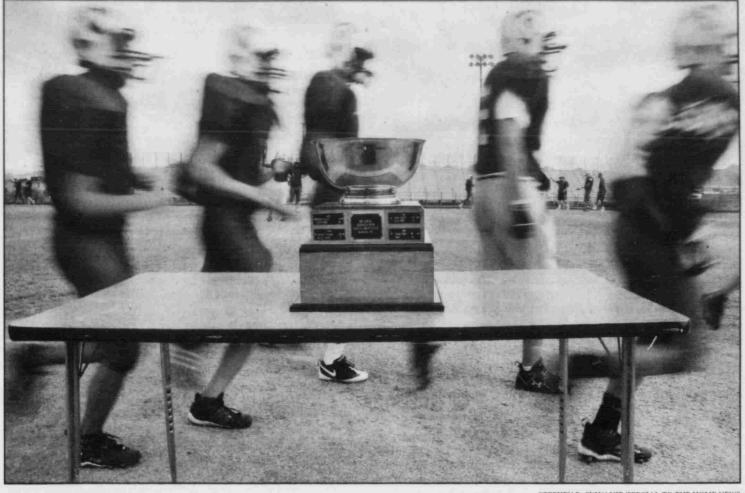
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# SPORTS



Basic varsity football players run past the Henderson Bowl trophy during practice. The trophy is the prize in the rivalry between Basic and Green Valley High.

# Wolves vs. Gators

### Henderson Bowl trophy again up for grabs in annual rivalry

By RAY BREWER

Basic High quarterback Tyler Dobbins has seemingly been waiting for this football game his entire life. His teammates, and the players at rival Green Valley High, surely have the same anticipation.

Who will win? Turn the page for Sports **Editor Ray** predictions

Dobbins, a lifelong Henderson resident, has been attending Basic games since he was in grade school. He's longed dreamed of the day when it would be his turn to lead

his beloved Wolves onto the field for a meaningful

On Oct, 15, the senior quarterback will get his chance.

Basic travels to Green Valley High for Henderson Bowl XIX, the annual rivalry game between Henderson's two oldest high schools that has arguably become the state's most signifi-



The Basic varsity football squad practices as the Henderson Bowl trophy sits at the 50-yard line.

cant rivalry.

breaks a season, especially for seniors like Dobbins who realize this is their last opportunity to have glory in the Henderson

"This is one of those games It is a game that makes or I have been waiting to play all year," Dobbins said. "You definitely don't want to lose."

Once dominated by Green Valley, which captured the bowl from 1994 to '99, the rivalry



tice with a plush gator, the mascot of rival Green Valley, leashed to his

has become virtually even in years past. While Green Valley has won four of the last five meetings, none of the victories resembled the Gators' 64-0 triumph in 1994 or other lopsided wins of the 1990s.

Basic was victorious 33-28 last year in a game that went

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#### FROM THE PRESS BOX Ray Brewer

# Leukemia takes Green Valley senior out of game



David Garcia knew something didn't feel right.

The senior defensive lineman on the Green Valley High football

team was going through conditioning drills earlier last week at practice when he noticed his heart began racing. He wasn't

keeping up his teammates and had a concerned look on his

Green Valley coach Matt Gerber also noticed his player wasn't normal and instructed him to stop practicing and see the team's trainer.

Garcia had felt fatigued for more than a month, but assumed it was from daily workouts with the football team.

Instead, it was something

much worse.

Less than one day later, the 17-year-old Garcia received the life-changing news — he was diagnosed with leukemia.

"Just hearing the word 'leukemia' is scary, especially for a kid," Gerber said. "But David is a tough kid and you have to be strong mentally to battle this."

Now, instead of preparing with teammates to play Basic Oct. 15 in Henderson Bowl

XIX, Garcia is going through chemotherapy at St. Rose Hospitals-Sienna Campus. His football season is over, but that doesn't mean Garcia isn't part of the team.

The Gators dedicated their victory Oct. 8 against Coronado to Garcia and he has been overwhelmed with the amount of support from his team-

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# Wrangler following in brother's ice skates

By STEVE SILVER

Living up to the legacy of a successful older sibling is never an easy

When that older sibling has his name on the Stanley Cup, though, stepping out of that shadow can seem impossible. But new Las Vegas

drew Orpik seems ready for the challenge. Orpik, a recent gradu-

Wranglers forward An-

ate of Boston College, has grown up watching his older brother Brooks transition from a successful career

at Boston College to his now-seventh season in the NHL with the Pittsburgh Penguins.

"I'm proud of my brother," Andrew said. "I've seenhowhardhe's worked and everything he has ever done, he has earned: from working hard on and off the ice. He is one of the most hard-working guys in the weight room. I never try to compare myself to him. I'm not him, but at the same time, it's a privilege to have him as

Brooks, a 2000 first-

To go

WHAT: Las Vegas Wrangler season opene WHEN: Oct. 17 at 7:05 p.m. WHERE: Orleans Arena, 4500 West Tropicana Ave. COST: Tickets start at \$12 INFO: lasvegaswranglers.

round draft choice of the Penguins, helped Pittsburgh win its third Stanley Cup last season. Prior to moving to the NHL, Brooks spent two seasons in the American Hockey League with the Wiles-Barre/Scranton Penguins.

Now, Andrew is starting his path toward the Stanley Cup. The Wranglers open the season at 7:05 p.m. Oct. 16 against the Utah Grizzlies.

"He will be a real good player at this level," said Wranglers head coach and general manager Ryan Mougenel. "He's got the right attitude coming down that he has to work his tail off, and that's the type of person he is. You know if the pedigree isn't too far from his brother, then I wouldn't be surprised if he moves up to the American level and has success right away."

Orpik, a 2005 seventhround draft pick of the

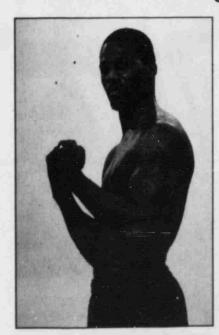
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Las Vegas Wranglers forward Andrew Orpik is hoping to follow in the footsteps of his brother, Brooks Orpik.

# Boxer looking forward to his last match, seeing more of his family



STEVE MARCUS/LAS VEGAS SUN Light heavyweight boxer Chad Dawson

is silhouetted after a workout at the International MMA Fight Club.

#### BY JEFF HANEY

Chad Dawson has spent so much time in Las Vegas preparing for prizefights that he has come to think of the desert city as his home away from home.

Even so, a piece of his heart lies in Connecticut, where his wife and three young sons await his return.

"I've got three little boys who look up to me," Dawson said. "I'm not just saying that to say it. They really do look up to me. It's a great motivation. When I'm home they want to be around me all the time. "After a fighter fights, he

wants to go party and do things like that. But I can't do that. When I go home, I spend as much time as I can with



Tarver twice in Las Vegas in his two most recent bouts, Dawson, the undefeated light heavyweight world champion, will fight Glen Johnson on Dawson's home turf Nov. 7. HBO will televise the scheduled 12-rounder, a rematch of Dawson's 2008 victory, from the XL Center in Hartford, Conn.

Dawson, well aware that Connecticut is often associ-After beating Antonio ated with country clubs and and their sons: 6-year-old

manicured lawns, stresses that he came from a very different part of the state — the "hood," as he puts it.

"I knew boxing was my way out of the ghetto," Dawson (28-0, 17 knockouts) said. Although he appreciates

the opportunities boxing has given him, Dawson, 27, doesn't plan to stick around the sport for much longer.

If he can land a few more big fights — he says he wants to take on Bernard Hopkins and lure Joe Calzaghe out of retirement - Dawson envisions stepping down as an active boxer with an unblemished record before he turns

The early retirement would allow him to pursue other business ventures and spend time with his wife, Crystal, Prince Chadwick, 2-year-old Sir Chancellor, and infant Royal Tiger. "I spend so much time

away from home that I miss a lot of things with my kids," Dawson said this week at the International MMA Fight Club on West Spring Mountain Road, where he is training under Eddie Mustafa Muhammad for the fifth consecutive fight.

"My 2-year-old son, he just now started going to the bathroom by himself. I missed all that. I have to hear all those things on the phone and I regret that. I have (nearly) 30 fights under my belt, and hopefully I can be done with the game in about three more fights."

Mustafa Muhammad, himself a former light heavyweight world champ, said the game plan against Johnson (49-12-2, 33 KOs) entails staying on the outside, establishing the jab and throwing punches from angles.

"Glen Johnson, he's not going to change," Mustafa Muhammad said. "He comes one way, straight at you, trying to put all the pressure on you. Unless he grows another arm, we've got nothing to worry about.

"I'm not worried about Glen Johnson because I know what I've got. I've got a young 27-year-old who can box and who can punch."

Dawson is listed as a minus 400 betting favorite against Johnson.

Recently at the International MMA Fight Club, Dawson sparred four hard rounds

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**BOWL from Page 13** 

## Both teams lay it all on the line for annual rivalry

back and forth, also winning the Southeast Division championship with the victory.

It was the first time Green Valley coach Matt Gerber was on the losing end of the bowl two years as an assistant in the mid-90s and the last three years as the Gators' head coach.

To go WHAT: Henderson **Bowl XIX** WHEN: Oct. 15 at 8 p.m. WHERE: Green Valley High, 460 North Arroyo

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been preaching to his players all week the importance of bringing the bowl back to Grande Blvd. Green Val-COST: \$5 for adults, \$3 for "The bowl students INFO: lasvegas-

is something we certainly plan on getting back," Gerber said. "We

have to come out and be ready for a physical contest. It's going to be a hard fought game. They have an extremely good program over there."

Basic (5-1) has the better record than Green Valley this fall, but both sides know that when the ball is kicked off, those records will take a back seat to the emotions of the ri-

"I'm going to play my heart out and leave everything on the field," Basic senior wide receiver Kelly Armistead said. "My class has never lost to



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The Henderson Bowl is taken out onto the field by Basic football players Oct. 12 before practice..

Green Valley and this won't be the first time."

Green Valley (3-3) beat Coronado 27-13 last week in a rebound game after losing 58-0 at Bishiop Gorman on Oct. 2. Now, they hope to continue the momentum against Basic.

"We had to have some self reflection after the Gorman debacle and asked the kids to dig deep," Gerber said. "We challenged them. We've had some changes in philosophy and the kids have responded well. We knew this game (the

Henderson Bowl) was loom-

Green Valley, which leads the all-time series 12-6, has only lost in consecutive years once - in 2002 and '03 before winning four straight entering last year's game.

"This is our biggest game of the year," Green Valley senior quarterback Jordan Corbett said. "We are looking to get the bowl back."

Basic coach Jeff Cahill remembers the Wolves' 18-12 victory in 2002 with fondness.

He calls the double overtime win one of his favorites memories of the rivalry.

But, in a rivalry with such history and emotion, the coach knows a new memory will likely be created this year.

"We weren't very good that year and they had a huge line," Cahill said of the 2002 contest. "But our kids had a lot of heart and never gave up."

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BREWER'S PICK: Basic will win the Henderson Bowl because it is more physical than Green Valley - talk about a role reversal. Basic 27, Green Valley 9.

#### Silverado at Liberty

BREWER'S PICK: Silverado still has a chip on its shoulder from last year. Silverado 30,

#### Liberty 21 Foothill at Coronado

BREWER'S PICK: Foothill is still alive for a playoff spot in the Southeast. Foothill 32, Coronado 29

#### Rancho at Valley BREWER'S PICK: Valley's Wharton will be the best player on

the field. Valley 19, Rancho

#### Las Vegas at Canyon Springs BREWER'S PICK: Las Vegas

shows it is still the top team in the Northeast. Las Vegas 33, Canyon Springs 28.

#### Chaparral at Eldorado

BREWER'S PICK: A win in the Cleat Game would make the season a success for both struggling teams. Chaparral 22, Eldorado 16

#### **Desert Oasis at** Pahrump Valley

BREWER'S PICK: Desert Oasis continues to shine in its first year of league play. Desert Oasis 38, Pahrump 12.

#### Spring Valley at Bonanza

BREWER'S PICK: Spring Valley still fighting for a playoff spot Spring Valley 23, Bonanza

Mojave at Cimarron BREWER'S PICK: Cimarron



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could rest Nixon and Poole and still win by four touchdowns. Cimarron 52, Mojave 0.

#### Sierra Vista at Durango

BREWER'S PICK: Durango caps its homecoming week with a win against the Mountain Lions. Durango 29, Sierra Vista 6.

#### Western at Gorman

BREWER'S PICK: It's a shame the Gorman-Western rivalry has died. Gorman 52, Western 0.

#### Shadow Ridge at Faith Lutheran

BREWER'S PICK: Faith Lutheran finally gets first win in the 4A. Faith Lutheran 13, Shadow Ridge 12.

#### Legacy at Cheyenne BREWER'S PICK: Legacy has a

hangover from its big win last week, but rallies to remain undefeated. Legacy 29, Cheyenne 27.

#### **Arbor View at** Palo Verde

BREWER'S PICK: Palo Verde gets back on track with lonsided win. Palo Verde 41, Arbor View 0.

#### Centennial at Del Sol

BREWER'S PICK: Del Sol remains undefeated with a non-league win. Del Sol 32, Centennial 12.

#### Moapa Valley at **Boulder City**

BREWER'S PICK: Boulder City shows defending state champion Moapa Valley that there is new king of the 3A. Boulder City 16, Moapa Valley 14.

#### **BREWER from Page 13**

### Player hoping to be out of hospital in time to be at game

"It just felt like the end of the world, I can't lie about that," Garcia said. "But I'm actually doing great. I have my whole team behind me and my hopes are up."

Garcia, who is affectionately called 'Huggie Bear' for his 6-foot-3, 255-pound frame, has been part of the football program the last three years and has a reputation of being a hard worker.

He had Gerber as his science teacher as a freshman and the two made an instant connection. Despite not playing much sports, Garcia gave

football a try with Gerber's encouragement.

"He's just a really neat kid who everyone likes," Gerber said. "He never missed a day of weight training (in the offseason) and is always working hard."

Garica, who is also an honors student, made the varsity team as a junior and saw action with the second string on the defensive line this fall. The same determination he used to climb the ranks with the football team will be an

asset in fighting cancer. "If I wasn't doing football I wouldn't know how to fight this as hard," Garcia said.

Gerber, whose wife is a leukemia survivor, is confident Garcia will also be a survivor. The cancer was caught in its early stages and Garcia responded so well to his first chemotherapy treatment, that he might be released from the hospital in time for

the big game with Basic. "My son loves that football team," said Hernanado Rodriguez, Garcia's stepfather. "If he has practice at 5 in the morning, he is up at 3 getting ready. It's humbling to see how the school, teachers and everyone have stepped up to

support my son."

Garcia is hoping to show his teammates support during the Henderson Bowl. He plans on finding the strength to be on the sidelines.

"There is no way I'm going to miss that game," he said. "That's our Super Bowl."

Ray Brewer can be reached at ray.brewer@lasvegassun.com or 990-2662

#### **ORPIK from Page 13**

## Maturity helping Orpik fine tune his game

Buffalo Sabres, participated in the San Antonio Rampage's training camp this season.

The Rampage moved him to Las Vegas prior to the start of Wranglers training camp last week — a demotion that the 23-year-old appears to be handling well.

"Obviously you want to play at the highest level," Orpik said. "It's tough to get sent down, but it's my first year, so its going to be a journey for me wherever I do end up. The goal is to end up in the NHL, but I know Vegas is the premiere team in the ECHL. I'm happy to be here and I think we have a great group of guys. I'm excited to be here and excited to get the season going."

At 6-foot-3, 200 pounds, Orpik certainly has the size and speed to be a successful professional hockey player.

To move up to the AHL, though, he still must hone his exact role on the ice.

"Orpik's the type of player that has to identify what type of player he is," Mougenel said. "Sometimes when you are a young guy you don't fully understand how you have to play every night. The good news is that he knows he has to be the guy to take the puck wide, get inside the paint and get in those tough areas to score."

That willingness to play aggressive and score the difficult goals will make Orpik an asset for the Wranglers while he is still here. His eagerness to listen to and learn from his coach might even prove a more valuable trait.

Just two days into training camp, Orpik seems to have already absorbed Mougenel's instructions on what it will take to join his brother in the

"The older you get, the more you realize that a player like me has to take the puck hard to the net, finish checks and play hard all the time," Orpik said. "You don't always get called up for having the most points. It's nice to get points, but I understand my role. It's not to go out and stick handle through everybody. It's to play a hard-nosed game and be a guy that is not fun to play against."

Steve Silver can be reached at 948-7822 or steve.silver@lasvegas-

#### **DAWSON from Page 13**

## Boxer pursuing early retirement to be with family

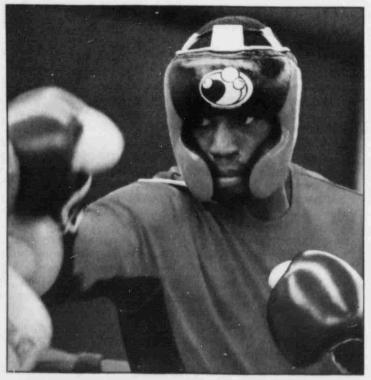
with Chris "Hard Hittin' " Henry (24-2 as a pro) and four more with A.K. Laleye (12-3). Dawson showed power in both hands, excellent foot movement, an ability to block his opponents' shots, and even a modified bolo punch or

Using colorful phraseology, Mustafa Muhammad implored Dawson to work the body of his opponent.

"Don't worry about the head," Mustafa Muhammad said. "Barbecue those ribs. Put some barbecue sauce on those ribs." Dawson complied, drill-

ing Laleye with a straight left to the chest, and his trainer approved.

A version of this story first appeared in the Las Vegas Sun. For more, go to LasVegasSun.



Light heavyweight boxer Chad Dawson, right, punches at sparring partner Chris Henry during a workout at the International MMA Fight Club.



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#### The following Legal Notices are being published in the Home News, Green Valley News and South Valley News

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is suing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Federal Clean Water Act. The Administrator has received a complete applicaion to renew National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit NV0000060 from the following applicant:

> Titanium Metals Corporation 181 North Water Street, Gate 3 Black Mountain Industrial Park Henderson, NV 89015

The Permittee has applied to renew an existing discharge permit and to allow an increase of discharge from 6.408 to 8.305 million gallons per day. The discharge will be from currently permitted Outfall 001: non-contact cooling water, storm water and other non-process waste streams; and from the Outfall 002: high-quality reverse osmosis treated process wastewater. The process waste stream will account for approximately 5.6% of the total permitted flow, and will be monitored and limited separately due to dilution. Both streams will be discharged to the Las Vegas Wash. Permit limitations are designed to protect the water quality of the Las Vegas Wash and Lake Mead

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to modify and renew the permit to discharge for a period of five (5) years, subject to certain effluent limitations and special conditions

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand-delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on **November 14, 2009**, either in person or by mail to:

> Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Division of Environmental Protection **Bureau of Water Pollution Control** 901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001 Carson City, Nevada 89701

comments and/or hearing requests received via facsimile or e-mail before 5:00 P.M. November 14, 2009 will also be accepted. All requests for hearings must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reason(s) why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day comment period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If ritten comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed ermit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. The public notice of such pearings will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing date. If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Janine Hartley, Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9458, or at hartley@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. This notice and the Fact Sheet for this facility are also available on the NDEP website at ww.ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm.

ease bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know rould be interested in this matter.

H - October 15, 2009

BIDS WANTED FOR HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Director of the Nevada Department of Transportation at the Las Vegas Headquarters, 123 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89101, until and opened at 1:30 p.m., local time, on October 22, 2009 for Contract No. 3390, Project Nos. DE-0564(004) and STP-0564(005), construction of a portion of the Urban Highway System on SR 564, Lake Mead Parkway, from Boulder Highway (SR 582) to the Lake Mead National Recreation Area and on SR 564, Lake Mead Parkway from Boulder Highway (SR 582) to Ash Street, Clerk County, a length of 4.30 miles.

SPECIFIC DESCRIPTION OF WORK COVERED BY THIS CONTRACT

CONSISTS OF: WIDENING EXISTING ROADWAY FROM 4 LANES TO 6 LANES AND CONSTRUCT A SHARED USE PATH WITH LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPING.

Plans and specifications may be examined and purchased at the office of the undersigned. Non-bidding documents may be examined and purchased at the office of the undersigned. Non-bidding documents may also be examined or purchased at the Department of Transportation District Offices in Sparks and Las Vegas, Nevada. Plans, form of proposal, contract and specifications may be secured by prequalified bidders through the office of the undersigned. A fee of Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) ulred for the purchase of each copy of the plans with proposal form. Plans, osal form and specifications obtained on this basis are non-returnable and no refund will be made. Bids must be on the proposal form of the Department of Transportation and must be accompanied by a bid bond, a certified check, a cashier's check, or cash in the amount of five percent (5%) of bid.

Right is reserved to reject any or all bids, or to accept the bid deemed best for the interest of the State of Nevada

Contractors desiring to bid on this work, if not already qualified under the State Law, shall file with the Department of Transportation at Carson City, Nevada, not later than five (5) days prior to the date for opening of bids, a complete application for qualification on form furnished by the Department.

The minimum wage to be paid on this contract shall be as determined by Secretary of Labor or the State Labor Commissioner and are set forth in the contract documents.

The attention of bidders is directed to the State Contractors' License Law requirement (NRS 624 as amended to date), that a contractor hold a valid license of a class corresponding to the work to be done. Requests for license may be directed to the Secretary of the State Contractor's Board, 2310 Corporate Circle #200,

Henderson, Nevada 89074. This is a Federal-aid project and as such, any contractor otherwise qualified by the State of Nevada to perform such work, is not required to be licensed nor to submit application for license in advance of submitting a bid or having such bid considered; provided, however, that such exemption does not constitute a waiver of

the State's right under its license laws to require a contractor, determined to be a successful bidder, to be licensed to do business in the State of Nevada in connection with the award of a contract to him.

The State of Nevada Department of Transportation will on its own initiative, take affirmative action, including the imposition of contract sanctions and the initiation of appropriate legal proceedings under any applicable State or Federal law to achieve equal employment opportunity on Federal-aid Highway Projects and will actively cooperate with the Federal Highway Administration in all investigations and enforcement actions undertaken by the Federal Highway Administration. In conjunction with the above statement, the Department of Transportation will not issue plans to an irresponsible bidder. Subsection (B) of the section II2 of Title 23 United States Code has been amended by adding at the end thereof, the following: \*Contracts for the construction of each project shall be awarded only on the basis of the lowest responsive bid submitted by a bidder meeting established criteria of responsibility'

SUSAN MARTINOVICH, P.E., DIRECTOR Nevada Department of Transportation Carson City, Nevada 89712

H - October 1, 8 & 15, 2009

PUBLIC AUCTION Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the Nevada Revised Statutes 108.473-108.4783, the contents of the following storage units will be sold on Saturday the 24th of October 2009 at 8:30 am at A AAA Storage 1601 Athol Ave. Henderson, NV to satisfy delinquent rent and fees.

William Lwanga Jose Figueroa Suzy Ivy/ Sammy Pollard #103 Tery Hatch #212/213 Tina & Daniel Gerling #109 June Holiday #151 Gary Ross #220 Ray Paler Monica Rickard #156 Michael Yeoman #222 #157 Michael Hall #240 Michael Etchbarren

Register at office by 8:15 am. Payments to be made in cash on date of sale. H - October 8 & 15, 2009 Units to be vacated by 8:00 pm.

#### LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

The following BOATS will be sold at Public Auction on November 3, 2009 at 9:00 am at Las Vegas Boat Harbor, at Hemen Way Harbor on Lake Mead, in the Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Boulder City, Nevada.

1995 Crownline 26'8" NV5393KW Hull # JTC20193L495 L/O Gemb Lending Inc. R/O Matthew S. Naert, With Traile

1995 Eagle Boat Trailer LIC # 06661U VIN # 4JEBC2425S1206634 L/O Gemb ending Inc.R/O Matthew S. Naert

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#### NOTICE OF SALE TO SATISFY STORAGE LIENS

Notice is hereby given that Marker Plaza/Boat & Mini Storage, 807 Cadiz Avenue fenderson, Nevada 89015 will sell at auction the contents of below named units. This sale is to satisfy storage liens and is subject to prior cancellation in event al nonies due are paid to date and goods removed. We reserve the right to bid. Auction to be held at 10 a.m., Friday, October 23, 2009. Cash only,

Raymond & Vanessa Gonzales - Unit 2005 - Household goods & personal effects

All Units, Vehicles, Trailers and/or Boats are to be sold "as is" & "where is" and

without any representations or warranties. Goods must be removed day of sale. H - October 15 & 22, 2009



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Public Meeting Notice
Amendment of the Clark County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan
and Issuance of an Amended Incidental Take Permit

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office, invites you to participate in a public information meeting regarding proposed amendments to the Clark County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) and the issuance of an amended incidental Take Permit (ITP).

The Service is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will evaluate the environmental impacts associated with the proposed amendment. Four public scoping meetings on the proposed amendment will be held:

October 19, 2009 6:00pm to 8:00pm Clark County Library – Jewel Box Theater 1401 East Flamingo Road Las Vegas, NV 89119

October 21, 2009 6:00pm to 8:00pm Searchlight Community Center 200 Michael Wendell Way Searchlight, NV 89046

October 22, 2009 6:00pm to 8:00pm 2270 Corporate Circle Henderson, NV 89074

October 26, 2009 6:00pm to 8:00pm Moapa Valley Community Center 320 North Moapa Valley Boulevard Overton, NV 89040

Members of the public are invited to attend the open house public scoping meetings to discuss the project. Representatives from the Service and participating agencies will be on hand to answer questions and discuss project issues and alternatives.

For more information: al information about the project may be obtained from: Jeri Krueger
Habitat Conservation Planning Coordinator

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office Telephone: 702.515.5230 email: Jeri\_Krueger@fws.gov

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NOTICE OF PROCEEDING AND SERVICE OF PROCESS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF WAKE In the General Court of Justice District Court Division, Special Proceedings

File No.: 09 J 820 In the Matter of: A. E. Smith, A Minor Child TO: Christopher Lee Andrews, the biological father of Autumn Elizabeth Smith, a female child born on the 24th day of April, 2005 in Wake County, City of Raleigh,

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: A Petition has been filed to terminate your parental rights for the above-named child.

You are required to make defense or answer the petition within 30 days after a date stated in the notice or the 16th day of November, 2009 which is 30 days after the first day of publication. Upon your failure to do so, Petitioner, Candace Elizabeth Clark, will apply to the Court for the relief herein sought, the termination of your parental rights. A copy of the answer must also be served on the petitioner or

You have a right to be present and represented by a lawyer in this case. If you want a lawyer and cannot afford one, the Court will appoint a lawyer for you. You nay contact the Clerk of Superior Court immediately to ask for a court-appointed lawyer. This is a new case, and any lawyer appointed to represent you in another case will not represent you in this case unless the court appoints that person again. At the first hearing, the Court will determine whether you qualify for a court-appointed lawyer. (NOTE: If a lawyer is appointed for you and if the Court terminates your parental rights, you may become liable for repayment of the lawyer's fees, and a udgment for the amount of the fees may be entered against you.)

You are entitled to attend any hearing affecting your parental rights. As described above, the Clerk will mail you notice of the date, time, and location of the hearing.

This the 15th day of October, 2009. Andrea Nyren Doyle, Attorney for the Petitioner Alexander & Doyle, PA, 523 Keisler Drive, Suite 102 Cary, North Carolina 27518, Telephone: (919)380 1001 H - October 15, 22 & 29, 2009

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CARE AND PROTECTION TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS DOCKET NUMBER: CP 09S0021 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Juvenile Court Department, Salem Division, 45 Congress Street, Salem, MA 01970

TO: James Ronald Noble
A petition has been presented to this court by The Department of Children and families, seeking, as to the subject child(ren), Cory James Noble, that said child(ren) be found in need of care and protection and committed to the Department of Children and Families. The court may dispense the rights of the person named herein to receive notice of or to consent to any legal proceeding affecting the adoption, custody, or guardianship or any other disposition of the child(ren) named herein, if it inds that the child(ren) is/are in need of care and protection and that the best

nterests of the child(ren) would be served by said disposition.

You are hereby ORDERED to appear in this court, at the court address set forth

above, on 11/09/09, at 9:00a.m., for a PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE. You may bring an attorney with you. If you have a right to an attorney and if the court determines that you are indigent, the court will appoint an attorney to represent

If you fail to appear, the court may proceed on that date and any date thereafter with a trial on the merits of the petition and an adjudication of this matter For further information call the Office of the Clerk-Magistrate at 978-745-9660.

Judith M. Brennan WITNESS: Clerk-Magistrate Sally F. Padden Date Issued: 9/14/09

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FIRST JUSTICE

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#### NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is herby given that pursuant to the provision to Nevada Revised Statutes, Section 108.473, that Desert Mini Storage, having given notice to the parties of the lockers herein stated, at their last known address, that the storage charges, plus other fees are now due, and unless said charges are paid in full, shall be sold at public auction. Said auction will be held at Desert Mini Storage, 2960 Bicentennial Parkway, Henderson, NV 89044 on October 27, 2009 at 12 noon or after. In each case, some combination of clothing, furnishing, tools, boxes, personal and/or nousehold goods, appliances and auto parts are being sold, except as may be supplemented below from casual observation. Lockers to be sold are:

Sean Schrader 2556 Sturrock Dr, Henderson, NV, 89044, Space # 5116 Item Name Description Quantity Other/Misc gym equipment Other/Misc hand truck

Case D-09-419375-N DEPT. NO. K In the matter of the Application of: Catharina Jo earnan For change of Name NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has filed a Petition, addressed to the above-entitled Court, praying that said Court enter its Order to change the present legal name of Petitioner, Catharina Jo Seaman, to the name of Catharina Jo Poche' which is the name Petitioner desires to have in the future. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV EN that any person having objection to the changing of Petitioner's name as aforesa shall file written objection with above-entitled Court within ten (10) days after date of

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CITY OF HENDERSON
OFFICIAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
Notice is hereby given that on October 29, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers,
City of Henderson, 240 Water Street, Henderson, Nevada, the Planning Commission will consider the following application requests.

Application: CUP-07-540143-A3
Applicant: Clearwire U.S., LLC
Planner: Laura Bratcher
Amend a conditional use permit to allow collocation and increase the height of an existing Wireless Communication Tower (monopole) to 81 feet where 73 feet is allowed, located at 2599 Wigwam Parkway, in the Green Valley South Planning Area.



Applicant: Crossroads Community Church Planner: Greg Toth

Religious Assembly (church); and
 Review of a one-story Religious Facility, on 5.7 acres generally located at the southwest corner of Richmar Drive and Goldhill Road, in the Westgate Planning



Application: ZOA-09-680002 Applicant: City of Henderson Planner: Edward Dichter

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Henderson, Nevada, to amend Title 19 of the Henderson Municipal Code by updating all chapters and definitions to make corrections, revisions, and updates as necessary. Updates include but are not limited to new residential districts, commercial districts, sustainability standards, re-organized use tables and use standards

Application: VAA-09-650009

Application: Vax-us-oscolor
Applicant: Carnesale Residence
Planner: Laura Bratcher
Reduce the required 25-foot front-yard setback to 17 feet for a storage structure located at 1695 Tanglers Drive, in the MacDonald Ranch Planning Area.



The information above is considered to be accurate; however, there may be minor variations involved. This file may be viewed at the Community Development Department or on the City's website. All persons interested will be heard at the above time and place, or prior to the hearing may file written approvals or objections to the Community Development Department. Approval or objections are forwarded to the Planning Commissioners. Please refer to the application number on all correspondence. For more information contact Community Development at (702) 267-1500 or visit the City's website at www.cityofhenderson.com. H - October 15, 2009



SURROGATE'S COURT- RENSSELAER COUNTY

CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
BY THE GRACE OF GOD FREE AND INDEPENDENT File No. 2005-504/D

To: The issue of Joseph Perrone and JOHN DOE and MARY ROE, said names being fictitious and intending to designate all the distributees of decedent, Orlando L. Cioffi, the names and domiciles and/or places of residence of all of said distributees being unknown and which cannot, after due diligence, be ascertained, and if any of such distributees be dead then all of the distributees, executors, administrators, devisees and legatees of such deceased distributees and all persons who by purchase, inheritance or otherwise, have or claim to have an interest in this matter, derived through any of such unknown distributees, executors, administrators, devisees and legatees and all other persons, if any there be, their names and domiciles and/or places of residence being unknown and which cannot, after due iligence, be ascertained.

A petition having been duly filed by Marie Patterson, Administrator d.b.n., who is domiciled at 100 Chadwycke Court, Valatie, New York 12184. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of Rensselaer County, at the County Court House in the City of Troy, County of Rensselaer, State of New York on November 12, 2009 at 10:00 A.M., why a decree should not be made in the estate of Orlando L. Cioffi, lately domiciled at 1017 Fifth Avenue, in the City of Troy, said County of Rensselaer and State of New York,

additional attorney fees should not be approved in the amount of \$10,327.45. Dated, Attested and Sealed September 22, 2009. (L.S.) Surrogate Paul V. Morgan, Jr. Chief Clerk

elating to real and personal property, of Orlando L. Cioffi, Deceased and why

ATTORNEY Name of Attorney: Matthew J. Turner, P.C. Tel. No. (518) 274-7252
Address of Attorney: 54 Second Street, Troy, New York 12180
This citation is served upon you as required bylaw. You are not obligated to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have the right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. October 1, 8, 15 &22, 2009

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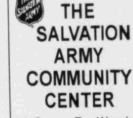


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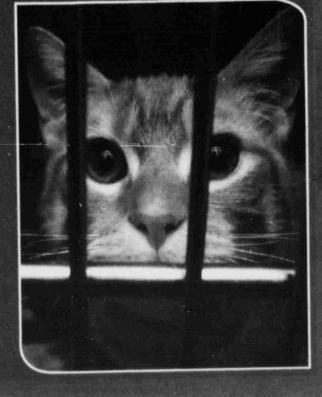
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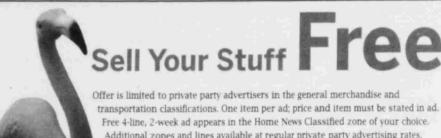
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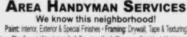
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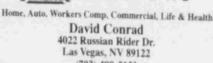
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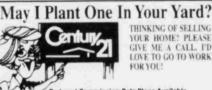
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# Nicknames can offer clues to past culture



names complicate our searches. We come to know nicknames based upon shortened

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Kent for Kenneth. But we often encounter nicknames that originate outside our everyday experience. We can't always know the cultural derivation of monikers based upon physical, national, or occupational characteristics, or sobriquets that derive from work culture. But if we use nicknames as clues to further research we can gain knowledge about the time and place in which the person lived. Several examples of nicknames in different cultures over time follow.

In the late 17th century my ancestor Pieter Villeroy (aka DeGarmeaux) lived in the Dutch colony of Albany, New York. I find him in Albany records under his original name, Villeroy, and under his adopted name DeGarmeaux. I also find him under F for Frenchman, as in "Pieter the Frenchman," a derogatory term that reflected his supposed "Papist" sympathies. His nickname suggests that I learn more about the Reformation in Europe and its influence

on Dutch colonies. In 1937 an unknown writer at the Tonopah (Nev.) Daily Times and Bonanza tried to untangle several fellows that claimed "Death Valley" as part of their names ("'Death Valley' Nicknames are Cause of Much Consternation," Tonopah Daily Times and Bonanza, 17 July 1937, page 1). The writer identified Death Valley Scotty, Death Valley Curley, Death Valley Red, and Death Valley Shorty. To the Tonopah writer's mind, Death Valley Shorty was an alleged bum, but Death Valley Curley was a hero. In separating the identities of Shorty and Curley the writer did not characterize Scotty or Red,

except to illustrate how

the plethora of similar names caused general confusion. The writer identified a nascent Death Valley culture when he identified four men with that nickname.

The military is rife with nicknames. My father was a Marine Corps fighter pilot. He flew in Korea with 1st Lt. Richard Bell -Bell's nickname was Ding. I can guess why Bell's friends gave him that nickname, and I might be right. But what happens when we have only the nickname? Ding provides no clue to Bell's first name, Likewise, "Snuffy" O'Connor's nickname gives no indication of his given name. He too was a Marine pilot, but his nickname cloaks his real name. "Zoom" Adlon's real name was Leo Charles. His moniker implies that his pilot comrades bestowed it based upon his flying ability, but he also could have been a wiry sprinter or a

slow, lumbering fellow.

Hispanic cultures sometimes assign nicknames based upon occupation or physical traits that may or may not characterize the individual. These nicknames often have nothing to do with the given, legal, or sacramental names bestowed by parents or the church. For example, neighbors refer to a former Mexican American teacher's aide in Santa Ana, Calif., as "Maestra" rather than using her name, even though she retired many years ago. One Colombian American friend in Las Vegas calls his wife "Gorda" or "Gordita." Although her husband appears to call her Fat or Fatty, his term of endearment roughly translates to "cute, chubby

Nicknames are a fascinating study in themselves. We err when we dismiss nicknames that do not lead us to given names or surnames. If we pay attention, we can discover important clues that nicknames reveal about the culture and environment in which the person

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#### HOROSCOPE

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 7) - Don't make the mistake of thinking that you're in it alone. There are many who can share your hopes, fears and dreams. (Oct. 8-Oct. 22) — You're likely to come under fire for a decision that seemed to discount another's valid opinion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 7) - You may have to choose between two equally attractive paths. A surprise event late in the week pushes you in a particular direction. (Nov. 8-Nov. 21) - You may find that it is more difficult to fight prevailing opinion than you had expected.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 7) — Questions left unanswered are likely to plague you as you attempt to pick up the pace. Leave little undone. (Dec. 8-Dec. 21) - You must be clear and honest about your expectations of others. Don't be inconsistent.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 6) - You don't have to be in the lead as the race begins in order to cross the finish line first. Pace yourself, (Jan. 7-Jan. 19) - You may find the emotional landscape more hazardous than usual. Falsehood breeds mistrust among friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 3) - You'll be wait ing first for one thing, then another, all week long. It's important that you have all the tools you need at one time. (Feb. 4-Feb. 18) — One or two cryptic messages come to you through

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 5) - You'll have a great deal on the line - not least of which will be your carefully built reputation. Don't let this be harmed. (March 6-March 20) - You must remain true to your desires. Don't let envy of another pull you off course.

ARIES (March 21-April 4) - You may get

some news that you first misinterpret as bad, but developments will prove otherwise. (April 5-April 19) - Open and honest talk about what has been bothering you for some time can yield quick progress.

TAURUS (April 20-May 5) — Your bid for greater personal power may take a turn toward midweek, resulting in a new direction for a pet project. (May 6-May 20) — You and your allies may be grappling with issues that seem to have sprung up from past conflicts.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 6) — One of your greatest tools is the loyalty of those around you those both in authority and the common folk. (June 7-June 20) — You may be called upon to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. This is an important mission.

CANCER (June 21-July 7) - Routine work can yield some unexpected gains, especially if you are careful to watch the clock and respect all deadlines. (July 8-July 22) - The victory you seek is not within reach yet, and you can expect to dedicate yourself to further negotiations.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 7) — The more others demand of you, the more likely you will be to seek your own company - at work and at home. It's just a phase. (Aug. 8-Aug. 22) Lessons taught to you by someone you respect highly are likely to bring you great

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 7) — A little research can yield exactly the information you most need to progress according to plan. A thirst for more only improves your chances. (Sept. 8-Sept. 22) — You're facing a challenge that is both daunting and exciting. Your best skills may well be put to the test.

DESERT GARDENER Angela O'Callaghan

# Composting can be less difficult than many think



Several years ago, I sent out a quick survey to gardeners around the valley, asking them a number of questions concerning compost. I wanted to know if they composted, if so, how they did it; and if not, why not?

The answers were very enlightening to me. My assumption had been that anyone who gardened would also compost, which is one of the best ways to improve soil health, fertility and tilth. This was far from the truth. I found that people who have good gardening skills were not necessarily in agreement about composting. In fact, several seemed to have some real misunderstanding about the whole thing.

For instance, some avid desert gardeners told me that they did not compost since they had removed the turf from their yard. They believed that only grass clippings from lawns were compost mate rials. Other people told me that they did not compost because things just did not break down, no matter what they tried. This was similar to the thinking of other people who said the Mojave was so hot and dry that composting could not occur.

These were not the only reasons in people's replies - some people assumed that it was too time-intensive and also took too much space. Still others stated they did not want to deal with the foul odors they were certain would occur. As if those were not enough reasons

not to compost, quite a few people stated

bade composting. Well, short of a massive public relations campaign, I do not see how to

that their homeowners' association for-

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change HOA covenants, codes and restrictions. All the other concerns are easier to address; I hope that if you have any of these, you will change your mind.

First - any kind of plant material can be composted, not just grass. As long as they are not infested with insects or infected with disease, most plant materials will break down just fine. Keeping the system moist is the key here. Once I saw a bumper sticker that said "Compost happens". That is the truth; it is only a matter of breakdown rate.

Even the most enthusiastic composters I know work on it no more than 30 minutes per week, so it need not be a major time consumer. If it is kept well aerated, it should not smell foul; if fact, it should have a woodsy aroma.

Composting can take a lot of space or very little, depending on the gardener's preference. A three-bin system can require 81 cubic feet, while a worm bin might need only two.

To learn more about composting, you can attend my class, which will be offered on Nov. 14 at the Cooperative Extension Lifelong Learning Center, registration is required, so call the master gardener helpline for information.

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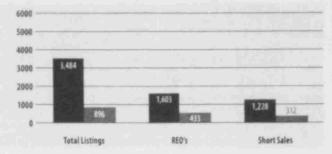
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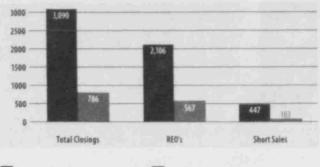
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#### SEPTEMBER 2009 NEW LISTINGS



#### SEPTEMBER 2009 CLOSINGS



Single-Family Homes

Condo/townhomes

Source: Windermere Real Estate: All figures as of September 30th

#### KEEPING YOUR HOME OR NOT!

There are a number of solutions for homeowners who are facing financial difficulties. Solutions are dependent on individual circumstances.

#### Options To Keep Your Home (Depends entirely on the investor)

The following solutions are options to allow the homeowner to keep their home. All of the following solutions require a thorough analysis of the homeowner's financials.

- Refinance A new mortgage on the loan with no change in ownership. The ability to refinance a loan requires that the borrower not be delinquent and that there be equity in the home.
- Repayment Plan Plan where delinquent payments are distributed over a period of time, usually no more than 12 months. The monthly amount is added to usual mortgage payment resulting in a higher payment until the delinquent amount has been repaid. This repayment plan brings the account up-to-date within a specified time frame.
- Loan Modification Past-due interest and escrow to the unpaid principal balance, which is then re-amortized over a new term. Rate adjustments, term extensions, and principal forgiveness may be considered. Loan modification results in permanent, contractual changes in one or more mortgage terms. Additional loan fees may be involved. A loan modification immediately brings the account up-to-date.
- Partial Claim HUD advances a loan to repay the past-due interest and escrow amounts. The loan is due and payable when the borrower pays off the first mortgage or no longer owns the property. The loan is interest-free and the account is brought up-to-date immediately. FHA loans only.
- Forbearance A temporary reduction or suspension of a borrower's payment. The repayment plan is based upon the customer's financial situation. Because of long-term implications, this option is used only in severe hardship cases.

#### Options To Not Keep Your Home—How To Exit Gracefully

The following options are ways to avoid foreclosure but not keep the home. Even though you may not be able to keep your home, it is important to work with your servicer during this process. Walking away from your home without consulting with your servicer may result in a foreclosure reported in your credit file, tax consequences, and/or a deficiency balance for loan proceeds not recovered in a foreclosure sale. If keeping your home is not a viable option, your loan servicer may have alternatives available to absolve the mortgage and home.

- Sell the property This is the best option if you cannot afford the mortgage payment and if there is equity in the home (the value is more than the amount owed). Other considerations when deciding to sell the home include the condition of the home and how much time you have.
- Assumption If allowed by the loan documents and if you find another borrower willing and qualified to take over your mortgage, they may assume your mortgage. The new borrower must meet the lender's criteria.

Short Sale If the market value is less than total amount owed, a short sale
allows the borrower to self their home and use the proceeds to pay the
mortgage even though the proceeds will not be sufficient to pay off the
outstanding balance. The investor and mortgage insurer must agree to
this entire.

The homeowner must prove they have a hardship and are unable to pay the difference between the sales prices and mortgage balance.

Deed-In-Lieu of Foreclosure The borrower transfers the property to the servicer if the home cannot be sold at market value. This option requires that the property be listed for a specified period of time, generally 90 days. There may be tax consequences.

Sometimes foreclosure is the only option for a borrower. If so, you will want to work closely with a certified housing counselor who can devise a plan of action on how to appropriately transition into alternative housing, liquidate unsecured debts, budget and save for future moving costs, and obtain tips on how to reestablish your credit rating

Source: http://foreclasurehelp.nv.gov/Brochures/ForeclasureWorkbook.pdf

#### PREMIER PROPERTIES SNAPSHOT

In September 2009, the SFR Premier Properties (\$1 million or more) showed 83 new listings; 4 were short sales and 8 were bank-owned. There were 17 closings for September; 2 were short sales and 4 were bank-owned. The highest closing for September listed at \$5,995,000 and sold for \$4,000,000.

#### LAS VEGAS INVENTORY SHRINKING

Inventory levels are shrinking in Las Vegas, due to widespread banked-owned homes and short sales. As of September 30th, available Inventory for the Las Vegas area totaled at 10,987 units. Single family resident homes represent 8,513 units, which 2,098 of them are bank-owned homes and 3,719 are listed as short sales. Bank-owned homes and short sales make up 68% of the inventory. On the condo and townhome segment, there are 2,474 units available, which includes 602 bank-owned units and 1,046 listed as short sales. Bank-owned homes and short sales represent 67% of the condo/townhome market.

Pending and contingent sales reached highs of 14,770! These units surpass the available inventory. Single family resident pending homes are 11,866, which make up of 4,813 bank-owned homes and 6,549 short sales, representing 96%. There are 2,904 condo and townhomes pending or contingent, of which 1,129 are bank-owned and 1,746 are short sales making 99% of all pending condos and townhomes. Which means over 96% of all pending and contingent properties are distressed. Very few homeowners who do not have to sell are putting their home on the market. Sellers with equity who are willing to sell at current market values are getting multiple offers.

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From East's point of view, a fivecard suit headed by the ace was a possibility, but it was rather more likely that West held four small cards. On the other hand, from declarer's point of view, it was more likely that West held one of the spade honors and therefore that he held a five-card suit.

Accordingly, when East played the spade jack at trick one, declarer ducked. And he ducked again when East continued with the queen. But now East switched to a heart and declarer was sunk. If he won, the defenders would have two heart tricks to cash when West got in with the club king. If declarer ducked, West could win the queen and switch back to spades (knowing East had four spades from South's Stayman response). That set up the defenders' fifth trick to cash when West won the club king.

Notice that if West leads a fourthhighest spade two, declarer should win his ace at trick one. Now with the club king well placed, three notrump should always make.

NORTH

- ¥1865
- ♦AQ952
- - ♠ K Q J 10 ♥ K 10 2 1083

EAST

- SOUTH
- - ♦ KJ64 ♣ A 10 3

VULNERABLE: Both **DEALER:** South

The bidding: SOUTH WEST NORTH 2 🌲 Pass Pass

Pass 3 NT All pass OPENING LEAD: Spade two

#### BID WITH THE ACES

- South holds: **♦**96
  - **♥** J 8 6 5
  - ♦A Q 9 5 2

WEST NORTH

ANSWER: This is more a question of partnership agreement than of right or wrong. But I believe that the best way to play when the opponents intervene over one no-trump is to use a double by opener or responder for takeout. So I would double here, sug-

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