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Helping high schools

Nevada business can have a big impact on day-by-day classroom dynamics

By Steven Miller
BusinessNevada

NEVADA EMPLOYERS — like business people around the country — frequently express dismay over the poor quality of present-day high school graduates.

And while the Silver State business community energetically attempts to help out, engaging in all sorts of activities to support public education, most often, unfortunately, it's to little apparent effect.

Nevertheless, there may be a remarkably simple and cost-effective way that Nevada employers can begin having a significantly positive impact on the day-by-day dynamics in the state's high schools.

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Time proves criticisms of McCarran PLA sound

Projects late and over budget

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WHEN CLARK COUNTY Aviation Director Randy Walker wrote his [letter](#) to the editor in February 2003, he was clearly steaming.

"I wish I could say that I was shocked

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by the factual inaccuracies" in two *Las Vegas Review-Journal* articles, complained Walker. "Unfortunately, in my 23 years of experience, I have often seen the media ignore facts in a gleeful rush to criticize local government."

What so upset the director of McCarran International Airport? A pair of *R-J* articles — one in the [business section](#), followed by an [editorial](#) a couple of days later.

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[Real estate](#)

Home-loan fraud jumps

Downturn reveals sharp rise in cases

By Brian Wargo

InBusiness Las Vegas

A SLOWDOWN in the Las Vegas Valley housing market is starting to uncover a growing number of mortgage fraud cases.

Investigators for the FBI, state Mortgage Lending Division and local law enforcement said complaints of mortgage fraud are picking up and will undoubtedly increase as the number of properties entering foreclosure continues to rise.

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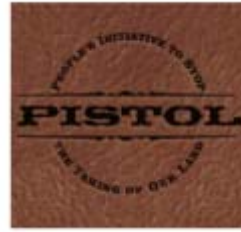
Construction defects major issue in 2007

Legislation needs to clarify groupings in class action

Construction Zone

MARK TWAIN was right – and he may have been thinking of Nevada's state legislature when he wrote: "No man's life, liberty, or property are safe while the legislature is in session."

For Nevada's construction industry, the 2007 legislative session may prove



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What?! I'm on the far right?!

By Steve Sebelius

Las Vegas City Life

IMAGINE MY surprise to learn I'm on the "far right."

Better still, imagine the surprise of those who actually are on the far right, and would no more have congress with the likes of me than they would buy a Streisand album.

How did I end up there? Simply put: I intend to vote to remove Justice Nancy Becker from the state Supreme Court. And intrepid Las Vegas Sun senior investigative reporter Jeff German sees a plot therein: The "libertarian right" and the "political fringe" conspiring to rid the court of a justice simply because we conspirators didn't like her decision in the infamous *Guinn v. Legislature*. Leading the charge is the "right-wing, libertarian Las Vegas Review-Journal," where, it must be

that sarcastic observation to be the literal truth.

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Demographics

Clark County population to double in 20 years

LV Business Press

CLARK COUNTY The Nevada State Demographer's Office released its projections Monday for the period through 2026. Clark County can expect another 1.5 million people, according to the latest numbers. Overall, Nevada is projected to grow by more than 1.8 million or 74 percent during the same period.

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Metro

Jerry Airola: Problem solver?

Much of the public has lost faith in Las Vegas Metro

By David Himmel

Liberty Watch

IF YOU TOOK a kindergarten class from any understaffed, overcrowded classroom of the Clark County School District and asked each kid what he or she wanted to be once grown up, you might get a few who shout, "Policeman!"

There has always been a fascination with being a police officer. The role is one linked to being a hero - nabbing bad guys, protecting the innocent.

But in reality, the job is mundane and hardly glamorous at all. There are mountains of paperwork, routine traffic stops and endless hours working public events.

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Bureaucracy

Water utility draws flak

noted, I used to work. (A-ha!)

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The hidden civil war

It's for the union

Denying school choice serves the union, not the students

By Joe Enge

Liberty Watch

"IT'S FOR THE children," the Nevada State Education Association (NSEA) says as they thrust in your face pictures of cute kids or their artwork.

"It's for the children," the NSEA says as they demand ever-increasing funding for their monopoly of government schools and avoid accountability. "It's for the children," the NSEA says as it resists any and all real education reforms in Nevada.

If you question increased funding for government schools, why they have a monopoly and ask for reforms and accountability, well, you must be against the children and probably kick your dog, too. You simply have to be a heartless nasty person.

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over Truckee River fund

Agency, without authority, charges users to fund environmentalists

By Jeff DeLong

Reno Gazette-Journal

A CHARGE included on water bills to raise money for Truckee River projects is the focus of increasing criticism in a dispute that appears to be headed for the Legislature.

The fund, established by the Truckee Meadows Water Authority in 2004, is a "de facto tax" that improperly draws money from ratepayers without their permission, said Assemblywoman Heidi Gansert, R-Reno.

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Excellence

What it takes to be great

Research now shows that the lack of natural talent is irrelevant to great success. The secret? Painful and demanding practice and hard work

By Geoffrey Colvin

Fortune Magazine

WHAT MAKES TIGER Woods great? What made Berkshire Hathaway (Charts) Chairman Warren Buffett the world's premier investor? We think we know: Each was a natural who came into the world with a gift for doing exactly what he ended up doing. As Buffett told Fortune not long ago, he was "wired at birth to allocate capital." It's a one-in-a-million thing. You've got it - or you don't

Well, folks, it's not so simple. For one thing, you do not possess a natural gift for a certain job, because targeted natural gifts don't exist. (Sorry, Warren.) You are not a born CEO or investor or chess grandmaster. You will achieve greatness only through an enormous amount of hard work over many years. And not just any hard work, but work of a particular type that's demanding and painful.

Fleckenstein on the Fed

Waiting game: A plunge is inevitable

More signals -- and more observers -- emphasize the disconnect between economic reality and the current euphoria.

By Bill Fleckenstein

MSN Money

LET'S BEGIN with a multitrillion-dollar question: Will this rally of the past 2 1/2 months be defined, in retrospect, as the ending blowoff to the rally of the past few years (fueled by what the housing bubble did for the economy)? Or, will it -- for reasons unknown to me -- signal the start of some new leg higher? That silence you hear is the "answer" to this question.

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Anti-capitalism

Is house flipping sleazy?

By Timothy Terrell

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ENTREPRENEURS are in a danger zone when their activities are incomprehensible to the general public. Profits that appear without obvious explanation are suspect, and the entrepreneur is likely

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