Issues/Programs List October 01, 2021 – December 31, 2021

The most significant community issues during this period covered by Nevada Public Radio are listed here. The producers and Program Director direct the content and selection of the program *KNPR's State of Nevada* airing weekdays 9 - 10 a. m. and 7 - 8 p. m.

- Omicron variant of COVID-19
- The death of one of the United States' most powerful political figures; NV's Harry Reid
- Cost of housing in Las Vegas
- Education and school boards vs parents and politics
- Fear of bigotry in diverse communities; specifically AAPI

KNPR also broadcasts regularly scheduled programs from NPR, including *Morning Edition, All Things Considered* and more, which respond to issues of importance to the community.

## Historian compares Reid to LBJ

Dec 29, 2021

UNLV history Professor Michael Green called Sen. Harry Reid, who died Tuesday, "possibly the most important Senate leader since Lyndon Johnson."

Political world reacts to death of Harry Reid

Dec 29, 2021

From President Joe Biden on down, the political world reacted to Tuesday's death of former Sen. and Democratic Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

Nevadans remember political 'giant' Harry Reid

## Dec 29, 2021

Nevadans marked the passing of former Sen. Harry Reid, the pugnacious Democrat from Searchlight who fought with mobsters and presidents. Reid died Tuesday at 82 after years of battling pancreatic cancer.

## December 30, 2021

Dec 28, 2021

\*Our favorite Desert Companion and Fifth Street stories of the year!\* Artist and Indigenous activist Jack Malotte | The Frightful Fun of Cineloggia | I Was a Teenage Right-Wing Extremist | Native Water Protectors Pursue 'River Justice' | Ready for an Indie Film Renaissance?

Bryan said Reid was 'tough,' had strategic vision

Dec 28, 2021

Former Nevada Gov. Richard Bryan knew Harry Reid for 60 years, which included 12 years they spent together serving in the U.S. Senate. Reid died Tuesday at 82.

The best of 2021, part 1

Dec 27, 2021

State of Nevada pulled together some of the top stories from 2021, with coverage ranging from civil rights to culture, from Hunter S. Thompson to UFOs. Today hear stories from the first half of 2021. Titus, Amodei urge caution - not panic - as omicron variant spikes

Dec 26, 2021

With up to 140 million COVID cases projected in the United States over the next 10 weeks, Nevada's senior congressional members urge caution, not panic.

Microsoft joins other exhibitors in skipping CES as pandemic spikes

Dec 24, 2021

The Consumer Electronics Show — Las Vegas' biggest tradeshow — took another blow Friday as Microsoft joined other tech giants in skipping the show because of the spike in the pandemic. Chapter 5: The Overworked Dec 22, 2021

In the second part of a three-episode arc, learn how the pandemic impacted Asian-American healthcare workers.

Water officials set to wring more savings from stressed Colorado River

Dec 21, 2021

Last week water officials from Nevada and two other Colorado River states said they would reduce their draws from the ailing waterway.Now they need to make that happen.

From Feast of the Seven Fishes to tamales, Christmas brings rich food traditions

Dec 20, 2021

Nevada holiday dining traditions are as varied as the state, one of America's most diverse. With options that go far beyond turkey and ham, Nevadans can sample a global array of seasonal cuisine without leaving home.

Top Nevada chefs serve up holiday entertaining advice

Dec 20, 2021

Today State of Nevada helps add a little zing to this year's Christmas and New Year's festivities. Who's up next on the show's guest list? Direct from Las Vegas, it's old St. Nick

Dec 20, 2021

Usually, it's Santa who asks the questions, namely was a child good or not? But what makes the person in the red suit tick? State of Nevada spoke to two professional Santas and a woman who portrays Mrs. Claus about what life is like behind the beard.

UNR researcher goes for the gut

Dec 20, 2021

Editor's note: This segment originally aired on Dec. 20.A Nevada researcher wanted to study what's in our guts to improve health for people across the state.

Sisolak picks Las Vegas educator to fill empty lieutenant governor slot

Dec 20, 2021

To fill the vacant lieutenant governor slot, Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak picked an expert in the hot-button issue of education.

The best of 2021, part 2

Dec 20, 2021

State of Nevada reported on all corners of our unique state in 2021, with stories coming from Native American communities to discord at school board meetings, from new thinking after the pandemic to our podcast on the Asian-American Pacific Islander experience, Exit Spring Mountain. Our Deadly Streets: How Many Will Die Before We Start To Slow Down?

Dec 17, 2021

It's dangerous driving Las Vegas streets. The state just reported more than 349 total road-fatalities in Nevada so far this year, with than 200 of them were in Clark County.

What It's Taking To Diversify The Craft Beer Industry

Dec 16, 2021

The craft beer industry is booming. What it's not is culturally diverse.

Investigations into Nevada's Boarding Schools

Dec 16, 2021

Earlier this month, Governor Steve Sisolak met with I

Winter Gardening In Nevada

Dec 14, 2021

December 21st marks the first day of Winter. And recent rain and snow across the state makes it feel like winter it's already here.

Former Teenage Extremist Turned Student of Nuance

Dec 14, 2021

Going into the race for governor, one of the candidates is a big gun supporter; her online ad has her shooting a gun; she once put out a Christmas card showing her and her guns with family.

December 16, 2021

Dec 14, 2021

This paella is fire | New Strip bus tour is a joyride for cinephiles | Reality show attorney mocks the system Infrastructure Deal and how it impacts Nevada's Water

Dec 14, 2021

Last month,

Colorado River: How much water should each state get?

Dec 13, 2021

A new report

Protests outside public officials' homes: The need for more communication

Dec 13, 2021

The Flamingo, which ushered in Las Vegas glamour and gangsters, turns 75

Dec 10, 2021

From Bugsy Siegel to Donny and Marie, the Flamingo has seen a lot in its 75 years on the Strip.

Mystère nears its 28th anniversary in Las Vegas still spinning heads

Dec 10, 2021

It's the original Cirque du Soleil Las Vegas spectacular: Mystère.

A Las Vegas musician turns the lockdown and heartache into 100 songs

Dec 09, 2021

When you get lemons make lemonade. When the COVID lockdown and a breakup give you the blues, write songs.

Homelessness could be a lingering symptom of the pandemic in Las Vegas

Dec 09, 2021

Government at all levels enacted measures during the pandemic to keep people in their homes and apartments.

December 9, 2021

Dec 08, 2021

Seasonal attractions, music, art, dance, and more | Serving up glam in the new supper club boom | A diverse gift-shopping guide to beat the big-box blues

Zoom fatigue hits working mothers

Dec 08, 2021

Tools such as instant messaging and video conferencing allowed people to work from home during the pandemic, but they add to the stress for women with children, according to a UNLV-led study. Chapter 4: The pandemic, the unemployed

Dec 08, 2021

This begins a three-part arc on how the pandemic affected Southern Nevada's Asian American and Pacific Islander communities.

Lawsuit seeks to force improvements in state education system

Dec 08, 2021

The Nevada Supreme Court heard a case Monday in which the plaintiffs argued that the state's public school system provides limited resources and funding, both of which fall, quote, "egregiously short" of what's required by the state constitution.

With supply tight, Las Vegas home prices set another record in November

Dec 07, 2021

A new report says the median price of a single-family home in Las Vegas reached \$420,000 in November, a new record high and a nearly 22 percent increase over a year ago.

Once-fired Clark County School District superintendent back on the job

Dec 06, 2021

Clark County School District Superintendent Jesus Jara was back on the job today after trustees rescinded their firing.

School boards across Nevada face unrest and upheaval

Dec 06, 2021

Clark County school board meetings have recently seen their share of acrimony and accusations. So has much of the rest of the state.

UNLV grieves after a student's death in a charity boxing match

Dec 05, 2021

The death last month of a UNLV student in a charity boxing match is teaching the campus a lesson in grieving.

Golden Nugget

Dec 04, 2021

The Golden Nugget in Las Vegas is turning 75. At look back at the early days of the property ahead on Nevada Yesterdays.

Court relies on CASA volunteers to have the back of children in foster care

Dec 03, 2021

A small group of volunteers has worked for decades to assist children in the foster care system. The adoption process is a long but binding road

Dec 03, 2021

Hundreds of children throughout Nevada are awaiting adoption, but that path can be difficult for From cupcakes to construction: Resource center to assist sex-trafficking survivors

Dec 03, 2021

A Las Vegas nonprofit that assists sex workers and survivors of trafficking has a big vision for a modest building in downtown Las Vegas.

Nevada's gaming industry is on a hot streak

Dec 02, 2021

Maybe check the dice?Nevada casinos matched a record streak of eight straight months of \$1 billion or more in house winnings in October, defying pessimists who said recovery from the pandemic would take months, if not years.

December 2, 2021

Dec 01, 2021

A gourmet mushroom farm blooms in Vegas | The brain scan that ate my mind | Media Sommelier: Believe Her provokes outrage, but offers hope

Will the Supreme Court abortion case impact Nevada?

Dec 01, 2021

Thousands of protesters descended on the Supreme Court today as it heard arguments in the <u>The pandemic has taught hard lessons to Las Vegas educators</u>

Dec 01, 2021

From public and mental health monitors to IT troubleshooters, today's teachers wear many hats as students cope with a pandemic soon to enter its third year.

Giving Tuesday, a recent holiday tradition, connects causes and donors

Nov 30, 2021

After giving thanks on Thursday and enduring Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Nevadans are being asked to support good causes today.

Along with the virus, rural Nevada battles doctor shortage, vaccine misinformation

Nov 29, 2021

The pandemic provides challenges in rural Elko County that extend beyond the transmissibility and lethality of COVID-19.

In Las Vegas, pizzeria collaboration helps bring piece on Earth

Nov 29, 2021

With profit margins as thin as a New York pie, the pizza business is highly competitive. But in Las Vegas, that doesn't mean cutthroat.

What Pandemic? NFR, NYE Pack Las Vegas' Entertainment Calendar

Nov 24, 2021

Looking at the December entertainment calendar, you wouldn't know there was a pandemic happening. Chapter 3: Home Means Nevada

Nov 24, 2021

Nevada Public Radio debuts Exit Spring Mountain, a 10-episode podcast about Asian American and Pacific Islander communities in Southern Nevada.

John L Smith's Thanksgiving Round-Up

Nov 23, 2021

This week is a time known for producing plenty of tasty leftovers, but State of Nevada contributor and commentator John L.

## Nevada SPCA Moves Into A New Shelter

Nov 22, 2021

For nearly four decades, Nevada SPCA has sheltered thousands of animals. Thanks to their work, around two thousand dogs, cats, rabbits, and other pets find homes each year. What Impact Will The \$1.2 Trillion Infrastructure Deal Have on Nevada? Nov 22, 2021

Over the next five years, Nevada is set to rece

North Las Vegas One Of Many Cities Facing Teacher Shortages

Nov 22, 2021

Editor's note: This segment originally aired Nov. 22, 2021.

Will CCSD Superintendent Jesus Jara Stay After School Board Rescinded His Termination? Nov 22, 2021

The Clark County School Board voted 4-to-3 early Friday morning to rescind last month's firing of Superintendent Jesus Jara.

New Scholarship Encourages Students To Practice Medicine In Nevada

Nov 22, 2021

If you feel like it's difficult to find a physician in N

Local Film Locations Come To Life With Las Vegas Movie Tours

Nov 19, 2021

The Hangover. Mars Attacks. Diamonds Are Forever.

El Cortez Crosses 80-Year Mark By Balancing Preservation And Renovation

Nov 19, 2021

Las Vegas may be all too eager to get rid of its oldest institutions, but the El Cortez is going nowhere. <u>Hit Show "Power of Attorney" Features Las Vegas Lawyer</u>

Nov 18, 2021

Holiday Pet Questions Answered

Nov 18, 2021

Do you have a hyper chihuahua that just won't calm down? Maybe your cat has been taking a few too many naps and the pounds are really starting to add up.

November 18, 2021

Nov 17, 2021

After 21 years of doing Vegas full-tilt, Wonderhussy bids the city farewell | In which a designer takes his 11-year-old son to EDC | Media Sommelier: Go, Little Devils, go!

Nearly 200,000 Nevada women live in a 'contraceptive desert'

Nov 17, 2021

In Nevada, 180,000 women struggle to access the healthcare resources needed to provide them with birth control, putting them into a "contraceptive desert," according to the co-founder of a teleheal John L. Smith says 'Stop the Steal' echoes in race for secretary of state

Nov 17, 2021

For most of Nevada's 157 years of statehood, the secretary of state has quietly worked in Carson City regulating business incorporations and elections.

For many, the holidays can bring something other than cheer

Nov 17, 2021

For most of us, the holiday season can be the most wonderful time of the year. But others find it the most difficult time of the year to cope, with about 20 percent of Americans struggling during the fall and winter months.

Las Vegas Inferno firing up esports crowd

Nov 16, 2021

Along with the Golden Knights, Raiders, and Aces, add the Las Vegas Inferno to the pantheon of Las Vegas pro sports teams.

Political parties map out future during redistricting debate in Carson City

Nov 15, 2021

Every 10 years the Legislature redraws congressional, state Senate and Assembly district lines to accommodate changes in Nevada's population.

A new company uses remote drivers to deliver rental cars in Las Vegas

Nov 15, 2021

New Las Vegas car service company Halo uses technology — not physical drivers — to get vehicles to its customers.

Jim Bilbray

Nov 13, 2021

A look back on the life and times of former Nevada Congressman and Regent, Jim Bilbray.

Adoption in Nevada: Addressing the need for support and conversation Nov 12, 2021 Adoption is a complex topic. November 11, 2021 Nov 10, 2021 These plant-based patties will turn you into a burgertarian | Keystone Thrust Trail: A poem by DeAnna Beachley | Finding history and mystery in colorful downtown Los Angeles Adelson Money Back In Republican Politics Nov 10, 2021 Republican Party mega-donor and multibillionaire Dr. Miriam Adelson has remained largely outside the political spotlight since the death of her husband, Sheldon Adelson, in January. Is Politics Ruining The Clark County School Board? Nov 10, 2021 The Clark County school board fired Jesus Jara; now they are going to consider hiring him again. Chapter 2: The "PI" in AAPI Nov 09, 2021 Nevada Public Radio debuts Exit Spring Mountain, a 10-episode podcast about Asian American and Pacific Islander communities in Southern Nevada. Meet Ely's Mayor: Nathan Robertson Nov 09, 2021 Nathan Robertson Before She Was Elvira, Cassandra Peterson Flourished As A Las Vegas Showgirl Nov 08, 2021 Everyone knows Elvira. UNLV's Art Walk A Culmination Of Creative Pandemic Peak Nov 05, 2021 Since reopening in August 2020, UNLV's Barrick Museum has been going full-tilt with exhibitions, often showing several a CCSD Trustees Debate Next Superintendent Move In Contentious Meeting Nov 05, 2021 The latest meeting of the Clark County School Board lost any sense of decorum Thursday night, as board members repeatedly took verbal shots at one another. Vegan Community Expands In Las Vegas Nov 05, 2021 Just how vegan is Vegas? Travel Industry, Air Crews Brace For Busy Holiday Season Nov 04, 2021 If you've spent any time on social media or watching the news... you've seen the stressful travel stories. Massive flight delays... angry passengers... November 4, 2021 Nov 03, 2021 Confessions of a teenage right-wing extremist | Remembering Wendell Broussard, 'the dean of Red Rock' | See Hear Do: A feast of fun fall events for all Las Vegas seeks to turn big ideas into transportation realities Nov 03, 2021 If you look at the drawing board, the future might be here for transportation in Southern Nevada. Consider: Supply chain woes burden Southern Nevada businesses Nov 02, 2021 It's known as "The Great Supply Chain Disruption" and it has rattled businesses and consumers in recent months, including in Southern Nevada. The Boulevard Mall evolves with Las Vegas and changing shopping habits Nov 02, 2021 The Boulevard Mall has catered to an evolving Las Vegas since the shopping center opened in the 1960s. Nevada issues struggle for attention in the Trump-infused state Republican Party

Nov 01, 2021

Next year's race for governor has gotten off to one of the earliest starts ever, with a half-dozen or more Republicans trying to unseat incumbent Democrat Steve Sisolak.

John L. Smith wonders if Virginia's election results will mean much in Nevada

Nov 01, 2021

Nevada political mavens who gaze east to Virginia for clues about next year's elections in the Silver State might be wasting their time.

Las Vegans can expect a warmer, drier winter thanks to La Niña weather patterns

Nov 01, 2021

Southern Nevadans can expect a drier than normal winter thanks to Pacific Ocean weather patterns, a UNR climate expert predidts.

Flu season arrives as the pandemic wanes and people are starting to venture outside

Nov 01, 2021

This year's flu season arrives just as everything is reopening after the pandemic, causing concern among public heath officials.

CCSD looks to move on after a split school board ends the bumpy Jara era

Nov 01, 2021

The move to fire Clark County School District Superintendent Jesus Jara leaves students, parents, teachers, and administrators wondering what comes next.

Spirited tours lure soles to downtown Las Vegas

Oct 28, 2021

Walking tours of downtown Las Vegas frequently include historic locations like the Mob Museum, the El Cortez, and Las Vegas Academy. Most visitors take in the architecture or imagine days gone by, but one group looks for the spirits of the dead.

Las Vegas businesses use ghost stories to scare up customers

Oct 28, 2021

Restaurants and taverns are frequently known as haunts. Some in Southern Nevada take it literally. October 28, 2021

Oct 27, 2021

Life Lessons From a Coffin-Maker | How to Paint Yourself a Sugar Skull | A Road Trip for the Paranormal Curious | Why I Love Ghost Adventures

Chapter 1: The languages we speak

Oct 27, 2021

Nevada Public Radio debuts Exit Spring Mountain, a 10-episode podcast about Asian American and Pacific Islander communities in Southern Nevada.

Child Haven workers say they face dangerous conditions at home for neglected children Oct 27, 2021

Some staff at Child Haven — the Clark County-funded shelter for abused and neglected children — say it's a dangerous place for employees and the young people they care for.

John L. Smith says Fiore brings flash, 'Brooklyn-girl tough talk' to governor's race

Oct 27, 2021

Firebrand Michele Fiore's entry into the governor's race is good news for fans of political theater, says State of Nevada commentator John L. Smith.

<u>'Let's do this again:' KNPR to air sequel to popular original space alien radio drama</u> Oct 26, 2021

The rascally aliens that tried to conquer the Earth last year in "Live From Area 51" are at it again. North Las Vegas Mayor John Lee follows his own political path, maybe to Carson City

Oct 26, 2021

North Las Vegas Mayor John Lee is finishing his second term in a different political party than when he took office eight years ago.

Southern Nevada's Boys and Girls Clubs offers mental health outreach along with after-school activities Oct 25, 2021

Think Boys and Girls Clubs and images of after-school activities like crafts, foosball, and other games might come to mind.

QAnon supporters gather in Las Vegas and politely embrace conspiracy theories Oct 25, 2021 The Patriot Double Down convention brought supporters of the shadowy QAnon group to Las Vegas this weekend, but people looking for a rowdy MAGA rally were disappointed.

The Las Vegas Book Festival throws itself a 20th birthday party

Oct 22, 2021

The Las Vegas Book Festival celebrates its 20th year on Saturday, and it is celebrating by hearing from literary giants like Fran Lebowitz and Sandra

Quirky Las Vegas entertainment producer pushes through the pandemic

Oct 22, 2021

Not even a pandemic can slow the growth of Spiegelworld.

A Las Vegas restaurant has a tip to keep workers: Share the wealth

Oct 21, 2021

With service businesses struggling to find workers amid the pandemic, one Las Vegas restaurant is offering to share the wealth.

October 21, 2021

Oct 20, 2021

Witch way to the latest escape room | A love letter to Mount Charleston Lodge | Vegas Unstripped takes the crown as reigning local food fest

Henderson Mayor Debra March talks Oakland A's and other issues facing the city

Oct 20, 2021

Southern Nevada's embrace of professional sports doesn't end with Las Vegas.

John L. Smith on Adam Laxalt's cameo in a New York campaign finance case

Oct 19, 2021

Senate candidate Adam Laxalt wants to take the oath of office, but first, he had to raise his hand and be sworn in as a witness in a high-profile federal campaign finance trial.

Chapter 8: The Missing

Oct 19, 2021

Native women experience personal violence at rates exponentially higher than other groups. Why? In this episode, we explore MMIP, a movement to call attention to the causes of this problem, and demand change and accountability. WARNING: Explicit descriptions of violence against Indigenous People are included throughout this episode.

Groups address domestic violence risks facing young people

Oct 19, 2021

Two Southern Nevada nonprofits are teaming up with bars and restaurants to raise money for a domestic violence prevention guide aimed at Nevada high school students.

The Raiders win as the team begins to move on from Jon Gruden

Oct 18, 2021

The Las Vegas Raiders started the post-Jon Gruden era with a win, but what about the team's standing in the community?

A new book by George Knapp says the Pentagon takes UFOs (and more) very seriously Oct 15, 2021

The government investigation of UFOs that was acknowledged this

A spike in deaths has Nevada traffic safety officials looking for answers

Oct 14, 2021

Clark County is trying to reverse a spike in roadway fatalities and the related financial toll.

A former Las Vegas city attorney works to bring affordable housing downtown

Oct 14, 2021

Retired Las Vegas City Attorney Brad Jerbic is seeking to develop quality, affordable housing in the Las Vegas Valley.

October 14, 2021

Oct 13, 2021

A local writer delights in Southern Nevada's surprising bird diversity | How cowboy preacher Bo Lowe found his voice | Public lands agencies need to get up to speed on Spirit Mountain. Indigenous People are ready to help

On the football field, hardwood, and ice, Las Vegas shows what a sports town it's become Oct 13, 2021

Las Vegas' rapid rise as a sports town has been on full display in recent days, with the Aces, Golden Knights, and, of course, the Raiders all making headlines.

Gruden resigns after the Raider coach's vulgar emails leak

Oct 12, 2021

A former NFL player and Las Vegas sports analyst said he "would never have guessed" that Jon Gruden was capable of the vulgar emails that

<u>Climate-change deniers will bring hot air to Las Vegas, John L. Smith forecasts</u> Oct 12, 2021

A group that claims mainstream climate science is bogus will be holding its convention

The Clark County School District starts the year with challenges, TikTok and otherwise

Oct 11, 2021

Besides coping with the pandemic, the start of the 2021 school year has had some bumps in Southern Nevada as administrators deal with everything from crazy TiikTok challenges to buses running hours For documentary filmmaker, it's lights, camera, Maryland Parkway

Oct 08, 2021

Imagine a robust arts scene along Maryland Parkway, leveraging the energy of UNLV, with artists and small-business operators flocking to the venerable eastside thoroughfare.

Clark County commissioners seek more diversity in the cannabis industry

Oct 07, 2021

Nevada's cannabis dispensaries offer a diversity of marijuana products: indica, sativa, loose-leaf, prerolls, and edibles.

The pandemic has defined Carolyn Goodman's final term as Las Vegas mayor

Oct 07, 2021

The pandemic has dominated the first half of Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman's final term in office. She told State of Nevada that Las Vegans have been "awesome" in rising to the occasion but "there's been a lot of aggravation" in navigating the government's response.

October 7, 2021

Oct 06, 2021

Scary good times: Seasonal family fun and cultural events | Bohemian eulogy: When Maryland Parkway ruled the '90s | Street Foodie is 'stew crazy' over these bomb wet burritos | This guy sounds just like Tim McGraw and now he's on national TV

New UNLV research shows a tighter link between Alzheimer's and diabetes

Oct 06, 2021

Researchers at UNLV say they've strengthened the link between Type II diabetes and Alzheimer's disease, which saps brain function and has no cure.

Big casino industry trade show returns in person to Las Vegas

Oct 06, 2021

The casino industry gathers in Las Vegas this week for the

Nevada's bear hunt continuing after Caldor wildfire

Oct 05, 2021

Nevada is continuing with its annual black bear hunt despite fire burning tens of thousands of acres of the animal's habitat near Lake Tahoe this

Booster shots and a falling infection rate aid Southern Nevada's pandemic fight

Oct 05, 2021

With the availability of COVID-19 booster shots and a falling coronavirus infection rate in Southern Nevada, has a corner been turned in the pandemic?

Clark County sheriff's star on the rise despite a jump in homicides

Oct 04, 2021

Clark County Sheriff Joe Lombardo has started strong in his campaign for governor, but a spike in Las Vegas homicides could give ammunition to his opponents, according to longtime Nevada political With much to discuss, immigrant rights groups gather in Las Vegas

Oct 04, 2021

Las Vegas becomes a meeting place this week for 41 of the largest regional immigration and refugee rights organizations in the country..