

Issues/Programs list January 1 – March 31, 2020

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.

- Coronavirus
- Election
- Presidential Caucus
- Coronavirus - Housing
- Coronavirus - Jobs

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.

#### [Elko Braces For Coronavirus](#)

Mar 30, 2020

Rural Nevada had healthcare challenges before the coronavirus.

Guests:

**Dr. Daniel Spogen**, chair of family and community medicine, UNR Med

#### [Coronavirus Has Pushed Tax Day To July 15](#)

Mar 30, 2020

Even though tax returns for 2019 aren't due until July 15, changes in the tax law may impact how you file.

Guests:

**Nick Maldonado**, co-founder and CEO, Toro Taxes.

#### [Unemployed Because Of COVID-19? Here's How To Apply For Benefits](#)

Mar 30, 2020

Hundreds of thousands of Nevadans

Guests:

**Ruben Garcia**, co-director, William S. Boyd Law School's Workplace Program.

#### [After COVID-19, Is It Back To Square One With The Arts?](#)

Mar 27, 2020

It's widely accepted that one of the key ingredients in the recipe for a vibrant city and a strong economy is the arts.

Guests:

**Brent Holmes**, graphic designer and artist, Desert Companion; **Myron Martin**, president/CEO, Smith Center for the Performing Arts; **Joshua Shenk**, artistic and executive director, the Black Mountain

Institute; **Ryan Pardey**, entertainment director, Bunkhouse Saloon; **Sarah O'Connell**, artistic director, Asylum Theater

#### [A Loved One Is Sick at Home. How Can You Care For Them?](#)

Mar 26, 2020

The CDC and Southern Nevada Health District are telling us to stay home, even if we're sick.

Guests:

#### [Titus: Stimulus Bill Aids Entertainers, Other Jobless Contract Workers](#)

Mar 26, 2020

Rep. Dina Titus called the \$2 trillion stimulus bill "worker-up," saying the coronavirus pandemic response focuses on individuals, not corporations.

Guests:

**Dina Titus**, Congresswoman, Nevada's First District

#### [Charities, Government, Restaurants Combine Forces to Feed Las Vegas](#)

Mar 26, 2020

Since the coronavirus/COVID-19 crisis shuttered businesses throughout the state, charitable groups, government agencies, and restaurant owners have stepped up to solve an immediate problem: how to

Guests:

#### [How COVID-19 Has Changed Policing In Southern Nevada](#)

Mar 26, 2020

With the Strip shut down and the streets nearly empty because of Gov. Steve Sisolak's order aimed at stopping the spread of the coronavirus, has policing become easier or more difficult?

Guests:

Undersheriff **Kevin McMahon**, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

#### [Coronavirus Impact On Hockey In Las Vegas](#)

Mar 25, 2020

The Vegas Golden Knights were set to make a deep run in the Stanley Cup playoffs when the coronavirus outbreak caused the NHL to pause its season.

Guests:

**Jesse Granger**, Vegas Golden Knights reporter, The Athletic

#### [Nevada Tax Collections Could Fall \\$200 Million A Month In Shutdown](#)

Mar 25, 2020

Nevada will take a hit because of the coronavirus shutdown but the state could snap back quickly, according to a pair of economic observers.

Guests:

**Kim Wallin**, CPA, former Nevada controller; **Christopher Thornberg**, economist and founder, Beacon Economics

#### [How are HIV/AIDS and Other High-Risk Populations Avoiding Coronavirus?](#)

Mar 24, 2020

The novel coronavirus doesn't seem to be discriminating against who it affects.

Guests:

**Brian Labus**, assistant professor, UNLV School of Public Health; **Gary Costa**, executive director, Golden Rainbow

#### [COVID-19 Threatens Reno's Unsheltered Population And Service Providers](#)

Mar 24, 2020

The coronavirus has arrived in Nevada, triggering a mandate from Governor Steve Sisolak that all non-essential business

Guests:

**Grant Denton**, formerly homeless outreach coordinator/Operations Manager, Downtown Reno Partnership; **Marie Baxter**, CEO, Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada; **Dr. Eithne-Marie Barton**, DO, Chief Medical Officer, Community Health Alliance

#### [John L. Smith: City Of Las Vegas COVID-19 Response Whacky](#)

Mar 24, 2020

Governor Steve Sisolak dialed up the pressure last week on nonessential businesses to stay closed by enabling law enforcement to cite offenders.

Guests:

**John L. Smith**, contributor, State of Nevada

#### [Superintendent Jara On Teaching Kids In The Time Of Coronavirus](#)

Mar 24, 2020

Like most major school districts in the country right n

Guests:

**Jesus Jara**, superintendent, Clark County School District

[You Just Got Laid Off. What Do You Do Now?](#)

Mar 23, 2020

Tens — perhaps hundreds (by some estimates) — of thousands of Ne

Guests:

[Nevada Might Scrap The Caucus](#)

Mar 23, 2020

The Nevada caucus last month went better than many people had expected.

Guests:

**Fred Lokken**, Chair, Truckee Meadows Community College Political Science Department. **Ben Kieckhefer**, State Senator, Carson City. **Brad Bynum**, Editor, Reno News & Review.

[Metro, SafeNest Expand Collaboration To Reduce Domestic Violence Homicides](#)

Mar 23, 2020

A project that pairs police in Las Vegas with domestic violence support is expanding.

Guests:

**Liz Ortenburger**, CEO, SafeNest; **Lt. Tim Hatchett**, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

[Census Underway Amidst Coronavirus Pandemic](#)

Mar 23, 2020

Once every 10 years,

Guests:

**Kerry Dumick**, state outreach coordinator, Nevada Census 2020

[Clark County Adopts Emergency Ordinance](#)

Mar 20, 2020

In a unanimous vote, the Clark County Commission voted to adopt an emergency ordinance in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Guests:

[Coronavirus, Layoffs Adding To Homeless Challenges In Las Vegas](#)

Mar 20, 2020

Last November the city of Las Vegas tightened restrictions on sleeping on the streets.

Guests:

**Brian Knudsen**, Ward 1 Councilman, City of Las Vegas; **Tick Segerblom**, Clark County Commissioner, District E; **Arnold Stalk**, founder, Veterans Village

### [A Multitude Of Websites Helps Keep Parents Informed, Kids Busy](#)

Mar 20, 2020

And you thought summer vacation was bad... At least then you could take your kids to the pool or play dates!

Guests:

### [KNPR's Pledge Drive Will Be Different This Time Around](#)

Mar 20, 2020

There really are situations in life beyond our control. Seven months ago, Nevada Public Radio was on the brink of closure, due to some \$2 million in undisclosed debt.

Guests:

**Jerry Nadal**, interim CEO, Nevada Public Radio

### [John L. Smith: It's Very, Very Different Out There](#)

Mar 20, 2020

From long lines at local supermarkets to a McCarran airport and Las Vegas Strip that are eerily quiet, you don't have to drive far to find a changed Las Vegas.

Guests:

**John L. Smith**, contributor, State of Nevada

### [Hardest Hit Again? What Nevada Needs From Congress](#)

Mar 20, 2020

Nevada was one of the state's hardest hit by the Great Recession. Tens of thousands lost or walked away from their homes.

Guests:

U.S. Sen. **Catherine Cortez Masto**, D-Nev.

### [United Way Sets Up Emergency Fund For Non-Profits](#)

Mar 19, 2020

You might think that because of the hoarding stories at

Guests:

**Kyle B. Rahn**, president and CEO, United Way of Southern Nevada

#### [Stay Home For Nevada - And Garden](#)

Mar 19, 2020

If you're worried about food in light of the pandemic, you're probably getting ready to seed your garden. But what to plant? And how about those overgrown trees?

Guests:

**Norm Schilling**, co-host of KNPR's "Desert Bloom", Schilling Horticulture; **Angela O'Callaghan**, University of Nevada, Reno Extension horticulturist

#### [Government, NGO Programs Promise COVID-19 Hardship Relief](#)

Mar 18, 2020

The day after Governor Steve Sisolak's order to close non-essential businesses, March 18, brought the promise of several programs to help families that might be affected by those closures and their

Guests:

#### [How Will Las Vegas Real Estate Survive COVID-19](#)

Mar 18, 2020

Sports leagues have suspended their seasons. Casinos have closed their doors, and organizers have canceled conferences in Las Vegas.

Guests:

**Crystal Rose Schulz**, loan officer, Pinnacle Lending Group.

#### [Governor Sisolak Warns Worst Is Yet To Come](#)

Mar 18, 2020

As of noon today, Las Vegas should look pretty much like a modern-day ghost town.

Guests:

**Mary Beth Sewald**, president/CEO, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce; **James Trees**, exec. chef/owner, Esther's Kitchen; **Brenden Powers**, managing partner, Evel Pie and Golden Tiki; **Derek Stonebarger**, owner, ReBar; **Howard Stutz**, executive editor, CDC Gaming Reports

#### [Utilities Suspend Shut-Offs During Coronavirus Crisis](#)

Mar 17, 2020

Customers facing hardship due to the new coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis will be spared the additional worry of whether they'll have electricity, gas, and water — at least for now.

Guests:

### [Feeding Your Family \(and Yourself\) During the Coronavirus Crisis](#)

Mar 16, 2020

Among the concerns of those finding themselves without work, one of the most basic and immediate is, “How will I feed my family?”

Guests:

### [Casinos Close Over Coronavirus Concerns](#)

Mar 16, 2020

Casinos, restaurants, shows and bars up and down the world-famous Las Vegas Strip are closing over concerns about the coronavirus.

Guests:

**Stephen Miller**, economics professor, UNLV; **Roger Gros**, publisher, Global Gaming Business magazine; **Chris Sieroty**, producer, Nevada Public Radio; **Joseph Amato**, Nevada District Director, Small Business Administration

### [How Prepared Are Las Vegas Hospitals For Coronavirus?](#)

Mar 16, 2020

As the number of people with coronavirus continues to grow, one of the biggest concerns is health c

Guests:

**'Barbara'**, nurse, hospital in Las Vegas; **Dr. Jeffrey Murawsky**, chief medical officer, Sunrise Medical Center and Sunrise Children's Hospital.

### [SBA Official: Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program Set to Take Effect](#)

Mar 14, 2020

The Small Business Administration, or SBA, is offering various types of help for business owners impacted by the new coronavirus/COVID-19 crisis.

Guests:

### [The Essentials on COVID-19 and Health Insurance](#)

Mar 14, 2020

State and federal agencies are doing a lot — on several fronts — to help make sure that people's insurance covers testing and treatment for the new coronavirus/COVID-19.

Guests:

### [Unemployment official: 'Everyone should try'](#)

Mar 14, 2020

What should the thousands of workers, who are being laid off due to the COVID-19 crisis, do? Are they eligible for unemployment benefits?

Guests:

### [Summer Camp Introduces Nevada Teens To Life On The Range](#)

Mar 13, 2020

Every year, Nevada high school students have the chance to learn firsthand about the state's desert and mountain rangelands.

Guests:

**Kathryn Dyer**, Nevada Range Program Lead for the Bureau of Land Management and Director, Nevada Youth Range Camp.

### [More Students Are Starting. Staying At UNLV](#)

Mar 13, 2020

UNLV just registered more than 31,000 students and reco

Guests:

**Chris Heavey**, interim Vice President and Provost, UNLV; **Juanita Fain**, Vice President for Student Affairs, UNLV

### [Neighborhood Opposition Sank Dispensary, Councilwoman Says](#)

Mar 13, 2020

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Guests:

**Victoria Seaman**, Las Vegas councilwoman, opposed marijuana dispensary

### [UNR Prof: The Time For This Water-Saving Grain In Nevada Is Now](#)

Mar 13, 2020

Nevada's agricultural producers often

Guests:

**John Cushman**, professor, University of Nevada, Reno

### [Fifteenth Amendment](#)

Mar 12, 2020

This February marked the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Fifteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution being ratified. The text seems simple:

Guests:



### [Diagnosing Rural Nevada's Access To Healthcare](#)

Mar 12, 2020

Nevada's rural communities are struggling to get healthcare.

Guests:

**Ann Miles**, PA-C and founder, Kingston Health Center. **Karmin Greber**, chair, Northern Nye County Hospital District's Board of Trustees. **John Packham**, Associate Dean, Office of Statewide Initiatives at UNR.

### [Las Vegas TV Anchors Find A New Digital Home](#)

Mar 12, 2020

Dayna Roselli and Sean McAllister were two of the most well-known anchors on local news.

Guests:

**Dayna Roselli**, co-owner, Insightful Media; **Sean McAllister**, co-owner Insightful Media

### [Penalties For Polygamy To Significantly Decrease In Utah](#)

Mar 11, 2020

Polygamy may no longer be a felony offense in Utah, should the governor sign the measure passed by state lawmakers.

Guests:

**Nate Carlisle**, polygamy reporter, Salt Lake Tribune

### [In Las Vegas, Transitional Housing Now Includes Container Homes](#)

Mar 11, 2020

Housing advocate Arnold Stalk has packed his dreams into used shipping containers.

Guests:

**Arnold Stalk**, founder, Veterans Village/Share Village; **Gabrielle Rapport**, founder and executive director, Operation Tiny Home

### [Martin King Tells The Story Of Nevada's World War II Veterans](#)

Mar 11, 2020

More than 75 years ago, German troops launched a massive attack on American

Guests:

**Martin King**, Historian and Author; **Randy Garcia**, founder and CEO, Investment Counsel Company.

### [UNR Cancels Some Study Abroad Programs Over COVID-19 Fears](#)

Mar 10, 2020

As health officials continue to identify new cases of the novel coronavirus here in the US, outbreaks in places like Italy and China are exploding on an even larger scale. As a result, the Universi

Guests:

**Alyssa Nota**, President and CEO, University Study Abroad Consortium at UNR.

[Coronavirus Hits Conventions, Big Business For Vegas](#)

Mar 10, 2020

Meetings, conventions and exhibitions bring 6.6 million people to Las Vegas each year. They generate \$10.5 billion dollars in economic activity and more than 65,000 jobs.

Guests:

**Dana Wuesthoff**, show director, Conexpo/Con-Agg; **Gabrielle Weiss**, editor-in-chief, Trade Show Executive; **Cathy Breden**, executive vice president and COO, International Association of Exhibitions and Events; **Rhiannon Andersen**, co-owner and Chief Marketing Officer, Steelhead Productions

[Nevada Health Officials On Alert After Coronavirus Found In State](#)

Mar 09, 2020

The coronavirus that has infected more than 100,000 people around the world landed in Nevada last week.

Guests:

**Christina Madison**, professor, Roseman University; **Mark Pandori**, director, Nevada State Public Health Laboratory; **Joan Hall**, president, Nevada Rural Hospital Partners

[Are Friends Difficult To Find In Las Vegas?](#)

Mar 05, 2020

McCartney and Lennon said it best - we get by with a little help from our friends. But for some people, Las Vegas' transient nature makes it difficult to find a friend.

Guests:

**Josh Bell**, contributor Desert Companion; **Michael Borer**, professor of sociology and director of religious studies, UNLV; **Lydia Denworth**, contributing editor, Scientific American; **Marisa Franco**, psychologist and expert on friendship

[Las Vegas Resort Fees On The Rise](#)

Mar 04, 2020

Checking In?Be warned Strip casinos are becoming more expensive.And you can thank rising resort fees for adding between \$41.95 and \$55 a night to the price of a room.

Guests:

**Anthony Curtis**, publisher, Las Vegas Advisor; **Dennis Schaal**, executive editor, Skift; **Anna Laitin**, director of financial policy, Consumer Reports

### [Weeds](#)

Mar 04, 2020

It doesn't take many spring showers to awaken the weeds. Here's Angela O'Callaghan.

Guests:

### [Expensive Cars = Bad Drivers? Or Is It All Of Us?](#)

Mar 03, 2020

Running red lights. Dodging in and out of traffic. Or racing fast ahead—only to get to the next stoplight.

Guests:

**Erin Breen**, Coordinator, Traffic Safety Coalition; **Courtney Coughenour**, Assistant Professor, School of Community Health Sciences UNLV; **Drew Dorian**, Staff Editor, Car and Driver Magazine; **Capt. Dan Bledsoe**, Traffic Bureau, Las Vegas Metro Police; **David Swallow**, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada

### [Las Vegas Braces For Coronavirus](#)

Mar 02, 2020

COVID-19, the coronavirus that has sickened tens of thousands in China and killed more than 2,800 people worldwide, has

Guests:

**Dr. Vit Kraushaar**, medical investigator, Southern Nevada Health District; **Brian Labus**, assistant professor, UNLV School of Public Health; **Bill Wong**, consultant and board member, Las Vegas Asian Chamber of Commerce; **Mike PeQueen**, managing director and partner, Hightower Advisors

### [Amid Homeless Crisis, LGBTQ Safety Dorm Opens In Las Vegas](#)

Mar 02, 2020

Las Vegas officials passed a law last year making it illegal for the homeless to sleep on streets when beds are available at local shelters.

Guests:

**Ray MacFarlane**, trans and gender diversity coordinator, LGBTQ+ Center of Southern Nevada; **Syncere Harris**, resident, LGBTQ Safety Dorm

#### [South Carolina Primary 2020: Updates And Analysis](#)

Feb 29, 2020

The Democratic presidential primary candidates are competing in South Carolina on Saturday, hoping to win over voters in the fourth contest of 2020.

Guests:

#### [Can We Conserve Our Way Out of Climate Change?](#)

Feb 27, 2020

Everybody knows that the energy sector is critical to combatting climate change. But when you think about what that actually means, what image comes into your head? Renewable energy, right?

Guests:

**Jennifer Taylor**, Deputy Director for Intergovernmental Relations, Governor's Office of Energy; **Lauren Urbanek**, Senior Energy Policy Advocate, Climate & Clean Energy Program

#### [Rooftop Solar For The Rest Of Us: Programs For Low-Income And Apartment Residents](#)

Feb 27, 2020

Rooftop solar is great for people who can afford it, but what about those who can't? Or those who live in HOAs where rooftop arrays aren't allowed? Or small business owners in strip malls?

Guests:

**Elsbeth DiMarzio**, Beyond Coal, Nevada Representative, Sierra Club; **Bob Feibleman**, Executive Vice President of Construction, Nevada HAND; **Justin Whitesides**, Division Manager of Solar and Energy Storage, Bombard Renewable Electric

#### [Knights On A Tear, Rebels Win Big--Is It All Coaching?](#)

Feb 27, 2020

Player skills are big in sports, but coaching matters—i

Guests:

**Mitch Moss**, host of "Follow The Money", Vegas Stats and Information Network

#### [Chinese Dining Has Taken Over The Vegas Valley](#)

Feb 26, 2020

More than 20 years ago, Las Vegas' Chinatown began as a single shopping plaza of Spring Mountain Road.

Guests:

**Bill Wong**, consultant and member of Las Vegas Asian Chamber of Commerce; **Jenny Wong**, managing partner, Fat Choy, Flock and Fowl, Every Grain; **Sheridan Su**, chef and owner, Fat Choy and Flock and Fowl and Every Grain; **John Curtas**, food writer, *Eatinglv.com*

#### [UNR Will Move Students Out Of Circus Circus Next Year](#)

Feb 26, 2020

Last summer, two dorms on the University of Nevada, Reno

Guests:

**Shannon Ellis**, Vice President, Student Services at UNR

#### [What's On The Horizon For Nevada's Renewable Energy Sources](#)

Feb 25, 2020

You can't have a conversation about combatting climate c

Guests:

**Bob Boehm**, mechanical engineering professor, UNLV; **Hamidreza Nazaripouya**, research professor, University of California Riverside's Winston Chung Global Energy Center.

#### [Business Is Booming In Henderson, But Can The City Sustain Its Growth?](#)

Feb 24, 2020

The Vegas Golden Knights announced recently their plan to purchase San Antonio's American Hockey League team and move them to Henderson.

Guests:

**Scott Muelrath**, president and CEO, Henderson Chamber of Commerce; **Derek Armstrong**, director, Henderson's Office of Economic Development and Tourism

#### [Nearly 1 Million Nevadans Lack Real ID](#)

Feb 24, 2020

The DMV wants to give every Nevadan a gold star. It would go on the top right corner of a driver's license, indicating it is a Real ID, which meets federal security standards.

Guests:

**Kevin Malone**, spokesperson, Department of Motor Vehicles

#### [The Nevada Caucus: Results And Reaction](#)

Feb 22, 2020

Updated 5:37 a.m. Feb. 27 Senator Bernie Sanders won the Nevada Democratic Caucus.

Guests:

**Hugh Jackson**, editor, Nevada current; **Chris Giunchigliani**, former member, State Assembly and Clark County Commission; **Warren Hardy**, former member, State Senate; **John L. Smith**, Nevada Public Radio contributor, **Jose Melendrez**, executive director of community partnerships, UNLV; **Will Pregman**, director of communications, Battle Born Progress; **Erika Castro**, organizing manager, PLAN; **Christian Bato**, volunteer, AAPI

#### [The Debate Is Done, But How Will It Affect The Caucus?](#)

Feb 19, 2020

New York billionaire Mike Bloomberg played defense in his presidential debate debut in Las Vegas on Wednesday.

Guests:

**Hugh Jackson**, editor, Nevada Current; Tick Segerblom, commissioner, Clark County Commission; **Patricia Farley**, business owner/former state senator

#### [Outside Groups Use Nevada Caucus To Identify, Fire Up Supporters](#)

Feb 18, 2020

This week's Nevada Democratic presidential caucuses have attracted more than candidates.

Guests:

**Geoconda Arguello-Kline**, secretary-treasurer, Culinary Union; **Alphonso David**, national president, Human Rights Campaign; **Briana Escamilla**, executive director, HRC Nevada; **Rudy Zamora**, program director, Chispa Nevada

#### [Run-Up To Caucus Highlighted By Democratic Debate](#)

Feb 14, 2020

Democratic presidential hopefuls have already descended upon the state ahead of the February 22 caucus.

Guests:

**Jon Ralston**, editor, *Nevada Independent*; **Sondra Cosgrove**, president, League of Women Voters of Nevada.

#### [BLM Whistleblower: Government Is Giving Public Lands to Robber-Barons](#)

Feb 14, 2020

A federal whistleblower complaint says open pits of toxic wastewater, roads bulldozed through protected wildlife habitat, and secret hunting cabins are

Guests:

**Dan Patterson**, environmental protection specialist, Nevada Bureau of Land Management; **Jeff Ruch**, attorney, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility

#### [Cosmopolitan Offers Slot Players A Chance To Give Back](#)

Feb 14, 2020

Imagine going to a casino to win money ... for charity.

Guests:

**Abby Quinn**, chief community relations officer, HELP of Southern Nevada

#### [Jim Murren Will Step Down As MGM CEO Before Contract Ends In 2021](#)

Feb 13, 2020

The gaming industry was caught by surprise on Wednesday with Jim Murren's announcement that he was stepping down.

Guests:

**Roger Gros**, publisher, Global Gaming Business.

#### [Uncertainties Abound For Undocumented, DACAmented Students In Higher Ed](#)

Feb 13, 2020

Any day now, the U.S. Supreme Court could decide the fate of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program – also known as DACA.

Guests:

**Thom Reilly**, chancellor, Nevada System of Higher Education; **Amey Evaluna**, division of college and community engagement, Nevada State College; **Mariana Sarmiento**, resource coordinator, University of Nevada Las Vegas

#### [How Will Things Go During the Nevada Caucus?](#)

Feb 13, 2020

All eyes will be on Nevada next Saturday when Democrat voters will choose who they want to challenge President Donald Tr

Guests:

**William McCurdy**, chair, Nevada Democratic party, and Nevada assemblyman; **Megan Messerly**, reporter, *Nevada Independent*

#### [Nevada's Native Citizens Get Their Own Caucus](#)

Feb 12, 2020

Nevada is home to 27 federally

Guests:

**Brian Melendez**, Chair, Nevada Statewide Native American Caucus; **Teresa Melendez**, Vice Chair, Nevada Statewide Native American Caucus

### [Judge Claiborne, Part 2](#)

Feb 12, 2020

Charges of tax evasion would eventually lead to the impeachment of a federal judge in Nevada.

Guests:

### [Women's Hospitality Initiative Takes Aim at Culinary Gender Gap](#)

Feb 12, 2020

A newly launched campaign in Las Vegas is looking to change the status quo for women in the culinary field. The status quo of surprisingly few females as head chefs or restaurateurs.

Guests:

**Elizabeth Blau**, co-founder, Women's Hospitality Initiative and founder and CEO of Blau and Associates; **Stowe Shoemaker**, professor and dean, William F. Harrah College of Hospitality at UNLV; **Jolene Mannina**, founder of Secret Burger and co-founder of the Women's Hospitality Initiative

### [Right Now, Politics Means Nevada](#)

Feb 11, 2020

In Tuesday's New Hampshire Democratic presidential primary, Sen. Bernie Sanders won, former Mayor Pete Buttigieg placed a close second, and Sen. Amy Klobuchar surged into third.

Guests:

**Patricia Farley**, community activist, political independent; **Warren Hardy**, lobbyist, Republican; **Hugh Jackson**, editor, Nevada Current

### [UNR Researchers Aim To Stop The Spread Of Bacteria By Disrupting Communication](#)

Feb 11, 2020

The novel coronavirus has killed 1,000 people as of

Guests:

**Yftah Tal-Gan**, assistant professor, UNR

### [John L. Smith On The Past, Present And Future Of The Nevada Caucuses](#)



Feb 11, 2020

Nevada's up-coming presidential caucus is facing increased scrutiny in the wake of the chaotic Iowa caucus on February 3.

Guests:

**John L. Smith**, contributor

[House Yucca Mountain Backer Says Trump Tweet Can't Halt Effort](#)

Feb 10, 2020

For more than 20 years, Rep. John Shimkus, R-IL., has been an advocate for making Yucca Mountain the nation's nuclear waste repository.

Guests:

**Rep. John Shimkus**, R-IL., Yucca Mountain supporter

[Judge Claiborne, Part 1](#)

Feb 07, 2020

It's uncommon for a legislative body to impeach an official. In Nevada, it's happened just once.

Guests:

[Caucusing And The Elusive Nature Of 'Electability'](#)

Feb 07, 2020

Democrats are concerned with one thing and one thing only: Beating President Donald Trump in the 2020 election. But a lot of people consider the Iowa caucuses to be a total disaster.

Guests:

**Yvette Williams**, chair, Clark County Black Caucus; **Laura Martin**, executive director, Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada; **Dan Lee**, political science professor, UNLV; **Jose Melendrez**, community health department, UNLV

[To Smoke Or Not To Smoke In Casinos](#)

Feb 07, 2020

More than a decade ago, Nevadans voted to strengthen indoor smoking laws. It was a huge change for a state that touts itself as live and let live.

Guests:

**Bronson Frick**, associate director, Americans for Non-Smokers Rights; **Nathan Grates**, co-owner, Sand Dollar Lounge; **Malcolm Ahlo**, tobacco prevention and control coordinator, Southern Nevada Health District

[New Study Explores Roots Of Campus Carry Laws](#)

Feb 06, 2020

Though studies show a large majority of college students and faculty oppose laws that allow people to

Guests:

**David R. Johnson**, lead author and assistant professor, UNR

[Real Estate Group Looks To Improve Homeownership In African-American Communities](#)

Feb 06, 2020

The homeownership rate for Black Americans is 42.7 perc

Guests:

**Donnell Williams**, president, National Association of Real Estate Brokers; **Shanta Patton**, regional vice president, National Association of Real Estate Brokers

[Will Iowa Caucus Fiasco Happen Here?](#)

Feb 06, 2020

It's days later, and as of this recording, they still don't know who is the outright Democratic caucus winner in Iowa.

Guests:

**Theresa Payton**, former White House chief information officer and founder, [Fortalice Solutions](#); **Megan Messerly**, reporter, Nevada Independent

[Supreme Court Allows Enforcement Of New Green Card Rule](#)

Feb 05, 2020

The U.S. Supreme Court has let the Trump administration's so-called public-charge rule take effect while the legal fight over it continues.

Guests:

[John L. Smith On The Pipeline Of Meth From Mexico That Runs To Las Vegas](#)

Feb 05, 2020

It seemed like a routine traffic stop until police in Ki

Guests:

**John L. Smith**, contributor

[Famous 'What Happens Here' Slogan Gets Upgrade](#)

Feb 04, 2020

“What Happens in Vegas, Stays in Vegas” is one of the most recognized ad slogans in history.

Guests:

**Arnie DiGeorge**, R&R Partners

[Pahrump Prison Facility Guard Fired For White Supremacist Posts](#)

Feb 04, 2020

A captain at the Nevada Southern Detention Center in Pahrump was recently fired for his activity on a white supremacist chat forum.

Guests:

**Tess Owen**, reporter, Vice News

[Coronavirus Outbreak Forces Macau Casinos To Close](#)

Feb 04, 2020

The government of Macau, China announced the closure of

Guests:

**Howard Stutz**, executive editor, CDC Gaming Reports

[High And Rising: These Reno Neighborhoods Have The Fastest-Growing Rents](#)

Feb 03, 2020

Rents in Nevada have been climbing for a long time now. And yet, it's getting even worse in Reno.

Guests:

**Brian Carberry**, managing editor, Rent.com

[Niche Events Take Over Film Festival Season](#)

Jan 31, 2020

Niche film festivals abound in Southern Nevada.

Guests:

**Josh Bell**, [film critic](#); **David Rosen**, film music composer, [podcast producer](#)

[John L. Smith: Rural Nevada Has Much To Offer](#)

Jan 31, 2020

Downtown Reno's longtime casino district continues to evolve.

Guests:

**John L Smith**, KNPR contributor

### [Mitch Moss On The Las Vegas Version Of The NFL Draft](#)

Jan 31, 2020

The death of Lakers great Kobe Bryant on Sunday shocked the sports world.

Guests:

**Mitch Moss**, host, Follow the Money VSIN

### [Las Vegas Celebrates Beethoven's 250th Birthday](#)

Jan 30, 2020

This is a big year for Beethoven fans. Orchestras around the world have concerts planned to mark the 250th anniversary of the birth of the composer.

Guests:

**Randy Garcia**, president, Investment Council Company; **Nancy Uscher**, dean, UNLV College of Fine Arts.

### [What Is The Impact Of The New Coronavirus on Las Vegas?](#)

Jan 30, 2020

The novel coronavirus currently causing trouble in China may have made it to Las Vegas.

Guests:

**Mike Johnson**, director of community health division, Southern Nevada Health District; **Mike PeQueen**, managing director and partner, Hightower Advisors; **Sonny Vinuya**, president, Las Vegas Asian Chamber of Commerce

### [Gaming In 2020: It's All About Sports Betting, New Resorts And Coronavirus](#)

Jan 29, 2020

Nevada casinos reaped more than \$1 billion in winnings in December, pushing the total for 2019 past \$12 billion in a key index of state fiscal health. The Nevada Gaming Cont

Guests:

**Roger Gros**, publisher, Global Gaming Business magazine; **Howard Stutz**, executive editor, CDC Gaming Report

### [Impeachment](#)

Jan 29, 2020

Unless you've been hibernating, you know the House of Representatives impeached Donald Trump.

Guests:

### [Super Bowl Bets Set Lines On Coin Toss To Gatorade Color](#)

Jan 29, 2020

From the coin toss to the Gatorade shower, there are so many prop bets to be made for Super Bowl 54.

Guests:

**Nick Bogdanovich**, U.S. director of trading, William Hill US

### [Experts Optimistic About Las Vegas' 2020 Economic Outlook](#)

Jan 29, 2020

The 2020 outlook for Las Vegas is extremely optimistic as local experts believe the region will thrive in the year ahead. Some of the reasons for optimism include a booming

Guests:

**John Guedry**, CEO, Bank of Nevada; **Christina Roush**, managing principal, Cushman and Wakefield

['Hamilton,' 'To Kill A Mockingbird,' 'Frozen' Coming To Smith Center](#)

Jan 28, 2020

Christmas has returned early for Las Vegas theater fans.

Guests:

**Sarah O'Connell**, editor, Eat More Art Vegas

### [Cool Season](#)

Jan 28, 2020

Some people might think it's a bit early to start talking about spring, and cool season planting, but this is Southern Nevada, where the seasons have their own peculiar ways of doing things.

Guests:

### [Musk's Las Vegas Tunnel Project Sparks Transportation Discussion](#)

Jan 27, 2020

If nothing else, the plan to shuttle visitors under the Las Vegas Convention Center in electric vehicles has sparked discussion about transit needs in the tourist corridor.

Guests:

**Robert Lang**, Lincy Chair of Urban Affairs, UNLV; **Neil Opfer**, engineering professor, UNLV; **Doug Puppel**, news producer, Nevada Public Radio

### [Traffic Fatalities Decrease in 2019, But Are The Roads Getting Safer?](#)

Jan 27, 2020

Traffic deaths have been a big concern in Nevada, especially in Clark County.

Guests:

**Andrew Bennett**, public information officer, Department of Public Safety; **Michael Naft**, commissioner, Clark County Commission; **Carl Scarbrough**, director of transit amenities and technical equipment, Regional Transportation Commission; **Erin Breen**, coordinator, UNLV Traffic Safety Coalition

#### [After A Year In Washington Vortex, Lee Still Strikes Bipartisan Tone](#)

Jan 24, 2020

Rep. Susie Lee started her Congressional career in 2019 by being sworn in during the longest government shutdown in U.S. history.

Guests:

**Susie Lee**, congresswoman, Nevada's third district

#### [Ski Area Expansion Proposal Enters Final Phase](#)

Jan 24, 2020

Lee Canyon ski area, about 30 miles northwest of Las Vegas, has proposed a major expansion that's entering its final phase f

Guests:

**Jim Seely**, director of marketing, Lee Canyon ski resort

#### [Utah Bans 'Conversion' Therapy For Minors](#)

Jan 24, 2020

Utah recently became the 19th state to ban a controversial practice commonly known as conversion therapy for minors.

Guests:

**Troy Williams**, executive director, Equality Utah

#### [Tribute: The Inspirational Presence Of Las Vegas Artist Alexander Huerta](#)

Jan 23, 2020

Las Vegas artist and gallery owner Alexander Huerta died Monday, saddening an entire arts community.

Guests:

**Alexander Sky**, artist and founding partner, 3BaaadSheep art collective; **Brian "Paco" Alvarez**, former member, 18b Arts District Neighborhood Association

#### [Tom Steyer Prioritizing Climate Change, Immigration On Campaign Trail](#)

Jan 23, 2020

Tom Steyer has outlasted several Democrats this primary season.

Guests:

**Tom Steyer**, Democratic presidential candidate

### [Long-Term Substitutes Fill Hundreds Of Teacher Vacancies In CCSD](#)

Jan 23, 2020

The days of substitute teachers in the classroom meaning a free, easy day for students are over.

Guests:

**Fernando Valenzuela**, long-term substitute, Clark County School District; **Lois Weiner**, author, urban education policy

### [Looking To Retire? Nevada Might Not Be Your Best Choice, WalletHub Says](#)

Jan 22, 2020

Looking to retire? You might want to consider selling your house in Nevada and moving to Florida or Colorado.

Guests:

**Jill Gonzalez**, analyst, Wallet Hub; **Paul Couch**, financial advisor, City National Bank; **Barry Gold**, director of advocacy, AARP in Nevada.

### [Vegan Numbers Growing In Las Vegas](#)

Jan 21, 2020

To hear some tell it, Las Vegas is becoming more like Los Angeles every day.

Guests:

**Diana Edelman**, founder, [vegansbaby.com](#); **Sebastian Mueller**, co-owner, No Butcher; **Corey Horan**, general manager, Evel Pie

### [Climate Change, And Our Response To It, Is Making Life Hard For Desert Tortoises](#)

Jan 21, 2020

Every time thick, dark rain clouds move over the deserts that surround Las Vegas, there's an anticipatory buzz.

Guests:

### [John L: Nevada's Caucus Still Anyone's To Win](#)

Jan 21, 2020

In the marathon race that is the presidential campaign season, tension is starting to build in the run-up to the February caucus in Nevada.

Guests:

John L. Smith, KNPR contributor

### [Nevada's Snow Pack Is In Good Shape, But Overall Precipitation Lags](#)

Jan 21, 2020

Nevada depends on snow melt from the mountains for its water supply, so scientists from the USDA closely monitor snow levels throughout the winter to help water managers and farmers plan their water.

Guests:

Jeff Anderson, hydrologist, Natural Resources Conservation Service

### [Young Student Gives Ailing Teacher The Ultimate Holiday Gift](#)

Jan 21, 2020

When 6-year-old Olamide Ajayi heard that his former home-school teacher Miss Lisa Bernauer was sick with cancer and struggling,

Guests:

**Olamide Ajayi**, student; **Jill Ajayi**, Olamide's mother; **Lisa Bernauer**, teacher/mentor

### [Horsford Environmental Roundtable Draws Criticism Of County Lands Bill](#)

Jan 20, 2020

On Friday, January 17, U.S.

Guests:

**Heidi Kyser**, *Desert Companion* writer, State of Nevada producer

### [Ida B. Wells' Battle to Uncover the Truth](#)

Jan 17, 2020

Born to enslaved parents on a Mississippi plantation during the Civil War, Ida B. Wells emerged as a powerful investigative journalist.

Guests:

### [Nevada Group Seeks Change In State Redistricting Process](#)

Jan 17, 2020

A Nevada group wants a special commission – not state lawmakers -- to redraw statewide voting maps. To do that would take two consecutive votes by state residents.

Guests:



Sondra Cosgrove, president, Nevada League of Women Voters

#### [After The Alpine Apartments Fire, Questions Remain Regarding Tenants' Rights](#)

Jan 16, 2020

Hours after the smoke cleared from the December 21 Alpine Motel Apartments fire, investigators said the culprit appeared

Guests:

**Dan Slater**, senior environmental health specialist, Southern Nevada Health District; **Lauren Peña**, attorney, Legal Aid of Southern Nevada; **Yvanna Cancela**, state senator.

#### [Is Coach Gallant Firing Just How The NHL Works?](#)

Jan 16, 2020

A man who quickly became one of the most beloved sports figures in Las Vegas, Golden Knights coach Gerard Gallant, is gone.

Guests:

**Mitch Moss**, host, Follow the Money, Vegas Stats and Information Network

#### [Sen. Cortez Masto: Desert Refuge Compromise Balances Air Force Mission With Recreation, Conservation](#)

Jan 15, 2020

For two years, environmentalists, hunters, jeepers, tri

Guests:

U.S. Senator **Catherine Cortez Masto**, D-NV.; **Mark Salvo**, Vice President of Landscape Conservation, Defenders of Wildlife

#### [Resorts World Las Vegas On Track For 2021 Opening](#)

Jan 15, 2020

Genting Group, who owns and operates casinos worldwide, will spend \$4.3 billion on Resorts World Las Vegas, a mega-resort rising from the ashes from the Great Recession and set to open in the summer

Guests:

**Scott Sibella**, president of Resorts World Las Vegas

#### [Musk's Boring Co., LVCVA Execs Say Transit System Expansion 'Teed Up'](#)

Jan 15, 2020

The underground rapid transit system being built beneath the Las Vegas Convention Center will expand into the tourist corridor and beyond, predict both the convention authority CEO and the head of

Guests:

#### [For Skeptic, Tax Breaks Dim Appeal Of Nevada's Embrace Of EVs](#)

Jan 14, 2020

Michael Schaus likes EVs almost as much as he dislikes big government.

Guests:

**Michael Schaus**, communications director, Nevada Policy Research Institute

#### [NDOT Builds Out EV Infrastructure As Revenue Questions Remain](#)

Jan 14, 2020

In Nevada's effort to become more electric-vehicle friendly, Kristina Swallow works where the rubber meets the road.

Guests:

**Kristina Swallow**, director, Nevada Department of Transportation

#### [With Current Owners Cheering, Nevada EV Adoption Grows](#)

Jan 14, 2020

Nevada has one of the nation's fastest adoption rates for electric vehicles in the country, but still, fewer than 2 percent of motorists drive EVs. Who are these people?

Guests:

**Stan Hanel, Jo Ann Munz and T.J. McCormick**, enthusiastic EV owners

#### [Scandal That Darkened VW's Name Means Cleaner Air For Nevada](#)

Jan 13, 2020

The emissions scandal that dirtied Volkswagen's reputation has made for cleaner air in Nevada.

Guests:

**Greg Lovato**, administrator, Nevada's Division of Environmental Protection

#### [Nevada Transit Agencies Expecting To Add Electric Buses To Fleets](#)

Jan 13, 2020

Think electric vehicle and what comes to mind? A Tesla turning heads? A tiny Nissan Leaf? How about a municipal bus?

Guests:

**MJ Maynard**, CEO, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada; **David Carr**, facilities and fleet manager, Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County

#### [Charge! Report Says Electrification Is Nevada's Transportation Future](#)

Jan 13, 2020

With a big push from Carson City, Nevada is hitting the accelerator when it comes to the electrification of the transportation system.

Guests:

**Marie Steele** and **Lauren Rosenblatt**, principals, e-centricity LLP

#### [Life After Coal: Moving On From The Navajo Generating Station](#)

Jan 13, 2020

The Salt River Project announced it would close the Navajo Generating Station two years ago. That started a domino effect on the Navajo Nation.

Guests:

#### [Casino Worker Turned Internet Detective And Documentary Star](#)

Jan 10, 2020

Deanna Thompson isn't a homicide detective.

Guests:

**Deanna Thompson**, casino worker and interviewee, "Don't Eff With Cats"

#### [Grim Reaper: Type Of Drone That Killed Soleimani Has Ties To Nellis](#)

Jan 10, 2020

The 200,000 people who packed Nellis Air Force Base in November for the Aviation Nation airshow got a glimpse of the kind of attack drone that killed an Iranian general earlier this month.

Guests:

**Tom Demerly**, military and aviation writer

#### [Recycling Is Easier Than Ever, So Why Don't People In Clark County Do It?](#)

Jan 10, 2020

A few years ago, Republic Services, the primary waste c

Guests:

**Jeremy Walters**, community relations, Republic Services; **Tara Pike**, sustainability coordinator, UNLV; **Scott Seastrand**, vice president, Western Elite.

#### [Efforts Underway To Save Paiute Language](#)

Jan 09, 2020

Thousands of the languages around the world are on the verge of extinction.

Guests:

**Christina Thomas**, UNR Graduate and Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal member

#### [VA Opens Gambling Addiction Center In Las Vegas](#)

Jan 08, 2020

With military bases throughout Nevada and some 42,770 veterans living in the state, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has opened its second in-patient gambling addiction recovery center.

Guests:

**Dr. Roxanne Untal**, program manager, Las Vegas VA Residential Recovery and Renewal Center; **Tim Jobin**, chief of behavioral health, Las Vegas VA Residential Recovery and Renewal Center; **Denise Quirk**, executive director, [Reno Problem Gambling Center](#)

#### [Rare Nevada Wildflower Is Saved -- For Now](#)

Jan 07, 2020

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Guests:

**Patrick Donnelly**, Nevada state director, Center for Biological Diversity

#### [What's The Buzz At CES 2020?](#)

Jan 06, 2020

CES does what it always does best, preview future tech products and reveal the trends that will shape the year ahead in technology.

Guests:

**Lesley Rohrbaugh**, director of research, CES; **Dr. Samir Qamar**, founder and CEO, MedWand; **Bryan Horwath**, business reporter, Las Vegas Sun; **Jennifer Huddleston**, research fellow, Mercatus Center at George Mason University.

#### [Clark County Lands Plan: Balanced Approach To Growth Or Unbridled Sprawl?](#)

Jan 02, 2020

Clark County spans more than 5 million acres. And

Guests:

**Marci Henson**, director, Clark County Department of Air Quality; **Justin Jones**, commissioner, Clark County Commission; **Patrick Donnelly**, Nevada State Director, Center for Biological Diversity; **Jaina Moan**, External Affairs Director, The Nature Conservancy

[Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center Looks Ahead In Alzheimer's Fight](#)

Jan 02, 2020

While cures and vaccines remain elusive, the head of research at the Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health says progress is being made in the fights against Alzheimer's and other cognit

Guests:

**Dr. Aaron Ritter**, director of clinical trials, Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health; **Jefferson Kinney**, founding chair, UNLV Department of Brain Health; **Marissa Shoop**, manager, Care Partner Institute