Death of Attorney John Momot shocks the legal community and clients as well

By Rosalba Larrin
Las Vegas Tribune
It has never been more respected, but nevertheless the death of well known Las Vegas criminal defense attorney John Joseph Momot was a shock to his large number of colleagues, clients and friends. This popular defense attorney had developed a reputation like none other throughout the years. He had been ill for some time, but even with his green ox-like amiable self, always well respected, was seen daily at the Regional Justice Center, serving and protecting his clients.

He had built a reputation equal to none, was respected and admired by judges, attorneys on both sides, and court personnel. In fact, all the people we’ve spoken to about this admirable attorney praises him. John Momot was probably the most loved and respected member of the legal community and the Las Vegas community in general.

Another famous Las Vegas criminal attorney and a former Las Vegas Mayor, Oscar Goodman, said that John Momot was the consummate professional, always representing his clients best interest at the fore. He was tenacious and effective in the representation of the defendants and underlings. Legal and off-the-peeck. Goodman and Momot shared the fame and spotlight of the golden era of Las Vegas for many years, defending famous and not so famous celebrities. Equally, being the dream attorneys that everyone wished to be. John suffered the maximum pain of losing his Joseph, natural and of course his son Joseph of age 43, but no one ever saw his pain. He was always in his dealings with the legal community doing his fabulous job.

Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman stated, “John was a long-time friend and member of our extended family who will be missed. He was a fine, caring lawyer and a devoted family man.”

Las Vegas Justice Court Judge Joseph Sciscione, via telephone, told the Las Vegas Tribune: “John was always known and seen as the lawyer’s lawyer. I remember when I first started practicing law, (See John Joseph Momot, Page 5)

Census should ask about citizenship

By Morgan Chalfant and Olivia Beavers
The Hill

Former FBI Director James Comey’s public feud with President Trump is growing increasingly personal.

In a tell-all book released Tuesday, Comey writes that Trump wanted to destroy allegations he had a salacious encounter with prostitutes in Moscow, in an effort to reassure his wife, Melania Trump.

Comey clearly was writing from a place of deep personal pain. His 2016 campaign collateral damage might have been to Trump’s appearance, recalling what he called a “salacious encounter with prostitutes in Moscow”, but it is now become to his personal attorney.

The vindictive tone of Comey’s observations stunned even among those who know and respect the former FBI director.

Trump, “I’m troubled by it,” said Ron Hosko, a former FBI official who broils Trump feud, Page 5

Comey-Trump feud takes vicious turn

By Niall Stanage
The Hill

The FBI

Michael Cohen’s long and close relationship with President Trump and his propensity for attracting negative headlines are becoming bigger problems for the White House.

People in the president’s orbit have told The Hill that the FBI is deeply concerned about the new focus on Cohen, who long served as Trump’s personal attorney.

Their badly-distracted worries center on the idea that Cohen could leak damaging information or activities that would damage the president.

Their broader fear is that revelations about Cohen’s business dealings might be a basis for broader investigations that could lead to new legal problems for Trump.

Warning signs have been flashing since the raids on Cohen took place just a week ago. According to a Pew Research report, in 2012 Nevada’s population included 7.9 percent illegal immigrants and its school enrollment included 10.2 percent illegals and its school enrollment included.

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What shall it profit a man to own a newspaper?

By Thomas Mitchell

The print edition of the Las Vegas Sun recently noted that this country’s newspapers could become thinner or even disappear altogether because of tariffs as high as 32 percent being placed on imported newsprint from Canada. For some inexplicable reason the stock of paper used by America’s newspapers is being printed on thinner material.

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**Special to the Las Vegas Tribune**

MedMen, the country’s most recognized cannabis brand, opened a 40,000-square-foot, state-of-art marijuana facility in Reno, adding to the growing cannabis industry across the state’s fast-growing marijuana industry.

Los Angeles-based MedMen Enterprises, which owns and operates state licensed marijuana facilities in Nevada, California and New York, is constructing its 6th location in late 2018. The company expects the facility to produce approximately 10,000 pounds of high quality cannabis annually, which will be distributed to Nevada’s 17 medical marijuana dispensaries.

**Barbara Bush**

(Continued from Page 1) to escape to New York City and was raised in the suburban town of Rye, N.Y. "She was a woman of great compassion and a genuine concern for people who needed help. She always made sure the gifts were distributed to the right recipients. She was bigger than life in the legal community. She was one of the sharpest dressed attorneys in Las Vegas. One could never mistake a professional demeanor. I will miss John as a friend and mentor’s death."

The former first lady has said that people tended to like her because they know, “I’m fair and I like people.”

The newspaper’s website, www.lasvegastribune.com. (Continued from Page 2)

**John Momot**

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Most recently, John showed his professionalism and polished personal conduct by choosing the name to be appealled to the bench, but later withdrew his name when he learned his illness because he did not want to win his appeals, and any, if anything, he could benefit. He was fair and humble. I will not ever again to find a replacement for his position. Many attorneys and today’s judges have worked with him in courtrooms, by phone, by email, and I retained and supported him by one who comes to mind is Justice Abdul-Ali Anchi, Chairman, who was "too busy running errands" to respond to Las Vegas Tribune's request to make a comment on his friend and mentor’s death.

The former Justice Ben M. Brodin called the Las Vegas Tribune colleague and gave a memorable opinion on his character, saying that he was "a very good defense attorney, and I took public service first."

Momot played the role of himself in the 1995 television series "Law and Order," and along with MedMen President and Co-founder Andrew Modlin and several diplomats arranged a ribbon cutting event marking the official opening of the facility.

This is the future of cannabis.

**Face the Tribune Guest**

Marco Hernandez, to appear on ‘Face The Tribune’

Marco Hernandez is a proud American immigrant, family man, hard working and neighbor who wants to understand the needs of the everyday citizen.

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**Newspaper Tariffs**

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A recent front page print story mentions that the News Media Alliance is conducting a propaganda, er, education campaign about the newsprint tariff hike.

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Trump order targets wide swath of public assistance programs

By Nathaniel Weixel

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Clinton allies seethe with rage at Comey

By Ariane Pavan

The Bill

Allies and advisers to Hillary Clinton are seething with anger at President Trump on one thing: former FBI Director James Comey has not been gracious.

After reading excerpts from Comey’s new book, “A Higher Loyalty,” which directly contradicts the story Trump has told about his firing, many Clinton allies say what Trump has done is more than just the ordinary misconduct. It’s clear, they say, that Trump has gone too far.

Clinton, they note, has frequently engulfed by controversy. It is a distraction for a White House that is already struggling with itself.

But Comey’s book has stirred a fresh round of controversy in the press, in the wake of Trump’s remarks about the case. The drama is creating a new distraction for the White House.

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The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) is holding a public information meeting about proposed future safety improvements along a three-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 6 / U.S. Highway 95 from Cemetery Road to Tonopah High School. This project will relieve congestion, improve efficiency and enhance safety in Tonopah. Proposed concepts include re-striping for one through lane in each direction with a center turn lane. Other possible improvements consist of handicap upgrades, rapid response flashing beacon crosswalks at three locations, storm drainage and lighting enhancements as well as aesthetic upgrades and designated turn, acceleration and deceleration lanes.

WHEN: 4-7 p.m., Wednesday, April 18, 2018. A presentation will be made at 5:30 p.m., followed by a brief question and answer period.

WHERE: Nye County Commission Chambers, 101 Radar Road, Tonopah, Nevada 89049

WHO: The public is encouraged to attend. Comments may be submitted for the public record in writing or verbally at the meeting. Email comments will be accepted through 5 p.m., Friday, May 4, 2018. Please reference “Tonopah Complete Streets Project” in the subject line. Comments should be made to: Vic Peters, Design Manager, Nevada Department of Transportation, phone: 775-888-7680 or email: vpeters@dot.nv.gov.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION REQUESTS: Reasonable effort will be made to assist and accommodate physically handicapped persons desiring to attend the meeting. Requests for auxiliary aids or services to assist individuals with disabilities or limited English proficiency should be made with as much advance notice as possible to: Julie Maxey, Public Hearings Officer, Nevada Department of Transportation, phone (775) 888-7171 or jmaxey@dot.nv.gov.

Traffic Update

The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) will close Martin Luther King Boulevard at U.S. Highway 95 from 10 p.m., April 20, until 5 a.m., April 23, in downtown Las Vegas. Additionally, the Interstate 15 and U.S. Highway 95 north and southbound offramps to Martin Luther King Boulevard will be closed during the same time frame as well as the Martin Luther King Boulevard onramp to U.S. Highway 95 northbound.

The temporary closures are needed for bridge demolition related to “The Main Event,” the third and final phase of work for Project Neon’s nearly $1 billion 4-mile-long widening of Interstate 15 from the U.S. 95 interchange to Sahara Avenue. Bridge demolition is required due to age and the need for greater capacity. Debris rubble is being crushed and reused as fill material elsewhere on Project Neon rather than placed in landfill. NDOT is committed to recycling, sustainability and improving the environment. Project Neon is 63 percent complete, with anticipated completion in the summer of 2019. Kiewit Infrastructure West Co. is the design-build general contractor, with Atkins North America as lead designer.

Motorists should use caution while traveling through the work zone, heed construction signage, and take alternate detour routes, if possible. Check the Project Neon website (NDOTProjectNeon.com) or Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter pages (@NDOTProjectNeon) for up-to-date information. There is also a free smartphone app available, plus a hotline available in both English and Spanish at: 702-293-NEON (6366). NDOT works with Waze to inform the public about planned highway restrictions, but unscheduled construction changes, closures and restrictions are possible due to weather or other factors. For the latest state highway conditions, visit nvroads.com or call 511 before driving.
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No solution for wild horse overpopulation in budget

By Marco Rubio

The wild horse has been kicked down the road yet again. Everyone knows that it is something that needs to be fixed, and yet it is being kicked down the road yet again. It is time for those in power to make a decision and take action.

Marco Rubio has been a strong advocate for the humane treatment of wild horses. He has introduced legislation that would allow for the humane treatment of these majestic animals. Rubio has also worked with other lawmakers to ensure that the budget includes funds for the care and management of wild horses.

Rubio's legislation proposes implementing a program that would allow for the humane treatment of wild horses. Under this program, wild horses would be treated with compassion and care, and their numbers would be controlled in a humane manner.

Rubio's legislation includes provisions that would ensure the safety and well-being of wild horses. The program would include measures to prevent overgrazing, reduce the risk of disease, and promote the health and welfare of wild horses.

The legislation also includes provisions that would ensure that the program is transparent and accountable. The program would be overseen by an independent agency that would be responsible for ensuring that the program is operating as intended.

Rubio's legislation has been supported by a wide range of stakeholders, including ranchers, conservationists, and animal welfare advocates. The legislation has also been supported by the majority of the American people, who recognize the importance of protecting this unique and treasured resource.

The legislation is long overdue. For too long, the budget has neglected the needs of wild horses. It is time for those in power to take action and ensure that the budget includes funds for the humane treatment of wild horses.

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Four sets of swamp creatures that must go down!

By Larry Klamay

It’s time that the people most responsible for the current situation, President Donald Trump, his family and associates, his attorneys, and those who hold key positions in government and law enforcement, be held to legal account. Some of these characters sit in high positions in our government, while others operate in the shadows. But none of this should stand in the way of ensuring that the law is applied fairly and that those who break the rules are dealt with according to the law.

In this new book, “A Higher Loyalty: Truth, Lies, and Leadership,” President Trump offers a glimpse into the character and values of the man who has occupied the highest office in the land for the past two years. The book is a frank and candid exploration of his life and leadership, and it’s clear that he is not a man who shies away from controversy or confrontation.

Throughout his career, Trump has been known for his unconventional approach to business and politics. He has used his wealth and influence to shape the course of events, and he has been willing to take risks that others might not.

While some may see Trump as a controversial figure, it’s clear from his book that he is a man of strong principles and a deep commitment to his family and country. He is willing to stand up for what he believes in, even if it means facing opposition from those who disagree with him.

In his book, Trump also offers a glimpse into the inner workings of the White House and the administration. He provides insights into the decisions he has made and the challenges he has faced, and he shares his thoughts on the future of the country.

There are some methodical arguments of many hard-liners in the party that cannot be ignored, the book fleshes out the testimony he gave before the Senate Intelligence Committee in January 2017 with the addition of the new FBI director, James Comey. In it, there’s a direct analogy between the Mueller Justice Department suite and the Justice Department suite that Comey crouching under his desk in his small room. His motto is placate both “the” president and “the” American people, he threatens their gravy train — is it not a “betrayal of the people”?

If there are any lessons to be taken from the book — leaks from which have been published in the last days in the New York Times, the Washington Post, and the Arizona Republic — is there another one that our country and community can take from it for what he values, how and why willfully hoists the national democracy and balances the scales of justice, over the common Russian collusion, obstruction of justice, and law enforcement. Comey’s book also focuses on the testimony he gave before the Senate Intelligence Committee in January 2017 with the addition of the new FBI director, James Comey.

The central themes that Comey returns to throughout this impassioned polemic, to a speech on a quixotic voyage of lying, and the corrosive effects of choices to loyalty to the law and the rule of law, Comey’s book, was central to “the entire enterprise of organizing the Justice Department and the FBI’s Atlantic,” and so, too, were buy, pay, and take, lie, “the quintessential tool of the quixotic voyage of lying, to see the president taken down as a result of these criminal leaks.”

The “High Loyalty” is the first theme that Comey returns to throughout his book, an alarming melodrama that is the central theme of his book, was stridently fought by President Trump in May 2017, and the central theme of his book, is “The President’s焚 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燃 燵
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By José Acel

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California and Texas approaches to immigration and the power of states to craft immigration policies

By Sara Ruxey

While it has been nearly six months since the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that the Trump administration’s attempt to terminate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program was lawful, the debate over federal immigration policy remains as contentious as ever.

In California and Texas, two of the nation’s most populous states, local and state officials have taken different approaches to immigration enforcement.

California has passed legislation that prohibits local law enforcement agencies from asking about immigration status or arresting individuals for such violations.

On the other hand, Texas has enacted laws that restrict local law enforcement officers from deporting or detaining individuals they believe are in the country illegally.

The Supreme Court’s decision in June 2019 allowed the Trump administration to continue enforcing immigration laws, leading to a renewed focus on the power of states to craft immigration policies.

States have the power to make local laws, but the power to set local law enforcement policies is reserved to the federal government.

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The Trump administration argued that states cannot interfere with federal immigration enforcement, while the Supreme Court ruled that the states’ actions did not interfere with federal immigration policy.

The states have been given the power to enforce federal immigration laws, but the states can also create their own policies.

In California, for example, the state has passed legislation that provides legal protections for undocumented immigrants, while in Texas, the state has enacted laws that restrict local law enforcement officers from deporting or detaining individuals they believe are in the country illegally.

The debate over immigration policy will continue as states continue to craft their own policies, and the federal government continues to enforce immigration laws.

It is unclear how the Supreme Court’s decision will affect future state and local immigration policies, but it is clear that the debate over immigration policy will continue to be a contentious issue, with no clear resolution in sight.
The maintenance backlog is estimated to be over $5 billion, making it difficult for the park service to adequately maintain the parks. Some parks have been forced to close roads or limit access to certain areas due to the backlog. The administration has proposed raising fees for park passes to help address the backlog, but some argue that this will disproportionately affect lower-income visitors.

The Clinton email server investigation was a major controversy during the 2016 election, with many Republicans and Democrats criticizing the FBI and Department of Justice for not taking action sooner. The new emails found on Clinton's server only fueled these concerns, but also raised questions about the Clinton Foundation and its involvement in foreign affairs.

The book "A Higher Loyalty: Truth, Lies and Leadership" by former FBI Director James Comey was released in April 2018. In the book, Comey provides a behind-the-scenes look at the events leading up to the Russian investigation and the firing of FBI Director James Comey.

The book has been praised for its candor and insight into the events surrounding the Russian investigation, but has also been criticized for its political bias.

As the book was released, former FBI Director James Comey began giving book tours and promoting the book to the public. The book has sold over 2.5 million copies and has been the subject of much media attention and controversy.

Overall, the Clinton email server investigation and the book "A Higher Loyalty" have drawn attention to the ongoing investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election and the potential involvement of members of the Trump administration and Russia.
Border security weaknesses more serious than so-called caravan

By Nolan Rappaport

WASHINGTON—The Bill of Rights was violated by the Border Patrol, a federal agency that for decades has been responsible for keeping the American people safe from illegal immigration. The Border Patrol has engaged in illegal agent actions that are not only in violation of the Constitution, but also violate federal law.

The Bill of Rights is a guarantee that the American people have the right to due process and the right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures. These rights are not limited to the American people, but apply to all individuals who enter the United States.

The Border Patrol is a federal agency that is responsible for enforcing federal law and preventing the entry of illegal immigrants into the United States. The Border Patrol is a part of the Department of Homeland Security, which is responsible for ensuring the security of the United States and its borders.

The Border Patrol has been subjected to a number of investigations by the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security. These investigations have found evidence of illegal agent actions by the Border Patrol.

The Border Patrol has been accused of engaging in illegal agent actions, such as using excessive force and engaging in activity that is not in compliance with federal law. The Border Patrol has also been accused of failing to properly train its agents.

The Border Patrol has been under scrutiny for a number of years and has been accused of engaging in illegal agent actions. These actions have been found to be in violation of federal law and the Bill of Rights.

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Entertainment

Interview with the cast: “Menopause, The Musical” (Harrahs)

By Sandy Zimmerman
Las Vegas Tribune Photos of the cast’s interview by Sandy Zimmerman and others by “Menopause, The Musical”

Sandy Zimmerman interviewed the cast of “Menopause, The Musical” and met the four talented ladies who portray the following characters: Professional woman — Lisa Mack; Soap Star — Jacquelyn Holland-Wright; Earth mother — Vita Corimbi and Iowa Housewife — Lori Legacy.

Sandy: “Why did they create a musical show about Menopause? It bothers women!”

Vita: “Because everyone goes through menopause.

SZ: “Menopause, The Musical” is a hit musical, the longest running musical in Las Vegas — 12 years. Has your show appeared in one hotel the entire time?”

Lori: “We started at the Hilton in 2006, then the Lexicon, and at Harrahs for three years now.”

SZ: “Everybody had you!”

SZ: “What are some of the musical numbers?”

Lori: “We sing about hot flashes like Marilyn Monroe’s ‘Heat Wave’ turns into ‘I’m Having a Hot Flash’ and ‘My Guy’ becomes ‘My Thighs.’ It’s all the music from the 60’s, 70’s and 80’s. Everybody will recognize them.”

Vita: “Eight shows a week keeps us young.”

Jacquelyn: “And it’s great therapy.”

SZ: “Would woman who suffer from menopause like the show, you remind them of their problems?”

Jacquelyn: “It’s a place where women can finally feel normal and not alone during the process of the change. This musical is a celebration of coming into a time of a woman’s life it is time to celebrate and they shouldn’t be ashamed. We deserve to be in this place in our lives and nobody feels alone. We celebrate together, the men love to celebrate and feel they are not alone and women aren’t crazy. You leave our musical feeling like a fifth girlfriend. The premise of our story is these are four women who meet at a department store, very unlikely combo of women who end up becoming incredible friends and form a sisterhood. It is a show about celebrating the sisterhood, celebrating the change and the numbers are all beautiful parodies of familiar music. You’ll leave feeling empowered, celebrated, not alone, and it’s just a beautiful musical where we can come together and celebrate.”

SZ: “Why has your show lasted so long?”

Lori: “They haven’t found a cure for menopause!”

Lisa: “Every woman has to go through menopause and every man who lives with or knows a woman has to go through it with her, the whole world!”

Lori: “The whole family goes through menopause and we’re a family.”

SZ: “When you think of these songs it makes you happy because they are making fun of something that is bothering someone and most.”

“Menopause, The Musical” appears every night at 8:00 p.m., show starts at 7:30 p.m. with an added show on Saturdays at 4:00 p.m., at Harrahs’ Cabaret, at Harrahs’ Las Vegas.

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By the Las Vegas Tribune Roving Reporter

Photos by David “Bananas” Williams and Lorraine Sardelli

Some of the most interesting people in Las Vegas are members of the Non Club Club Fiore. The club itself may be the most interesting club in the world, for that matter.

Case in point, this month’s speakers at the F.I.O.R.E.’s luncheon, Ken and Lena Walther. While each month brings in great guest speakers and fascinating topics, April’s program took on one of the most powerful and poignant topics to date: Human Trafficking.

Lena Walther was a member of the Swedish Foreign Ministry and later on, an overseas support officer for the CIA. Ken Walther is a Vietnam Era (Army) Veteran and 27-year CIA Operations Officer. 20 years ago they retired and moved to Las Vegas. Not a couple to take retirement lightly, Lena was appointed as the Swedish Consul to Nevada in 2006 and is now the Dean of the Consular Corp.

We still don’t know what Ken does!

How did two former Diplomats get involved in the fight against Human Sex Trafficking?

Ten years ago, Lena intervened and saved her first enslaved victim. She and Ken recognized this unimaginable world of pain and quickly joined in the fight against Human Sex Trafficking.

The large audience at the Italian American Club, F.I.O.R.E.’s home base, was clearly mesmerized and shocked by the powerful presentation. It is eye opening and shocking to learn what is going on in your own backyard. Children are being taken by traffickers for enslavement. Some survive and tragically, some do not. Their compelling talk encouraged awareness, advocacy and education to prevent these predators from working within our community.

Pastor Kay Landwehr, founder and President of “House of the Rising Sun,” and author of the book: “Jesus Loves Prostitutes,” also joined in the conversation. A member of the Mayor’s Faith Based Initiative, and the Nevada Coalition to Prevent the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC), she spoke briefly, emphasizing the relevance and dire need of this program for the Prevention of Human Trafficking.

The F.I.O.R.E. helps in the fight against human trafficking.

Here is a list of their upcoming lunch/events programs:

May 10 — Las Vegas Entertainer/Comedian/Magician Fielding West and Piano virtuoso Antonio Carnota (The Spanish Liberace)
June 14 — Gianna Miceli, A woman on a Mission.
July TBA — The Fiore Fourteenth Birthday Party

Kudos to the Fiore.

For more information on this Dynamic Club please visit www.NonclubclubFiore.com and click the about us page.
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No Pictures, no names ... we’re in the secret witness protection program.

“F.I.O.R.E. President Scotty LaFatte, running for Lt. Governor of the State of Nevada.
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Best friends, Joey Velardi and Melinda Reed.

Gene and Angela Vitale.

Arlene and Bart Damele.

One of the original ambassadors, Judy Casso.

Eliana and Charles Sabe with Nelson Sardelli.

Presidents, Steve Trotto and Spike Measer.

While visiting these vibrant, working distillery and speakeasy, The Underground will house a real museum exhibition experience, in the basement of the Museum, back in time: Situated discreetly on an uncommonly vivid journey embracing and distilling of booze into the past, The Underground’s monthly beer selections available to the public will be crafted in collaboration with the Zappos team and will be known as “Zap on Tap.”

The centerpiece in The Underground is a working still producing proprietary vodka, gin and rum. The surrounding exhibits tell the stories of bootleggers and moonshine. The underground will feature The Mob Museum’s own house-distilled cocktails. Genuine Moonshine made onsite from corn mash will be the centerpiece of the cocktail collection, which will also feature a full bar including the Museum’s proprietary vodka, gin and rum.

For more information about Prohibition-era cocktails, guests will be able to order online at prohibitionhistory.org. To purchase the award-winning artist including Jon Anderson, the late Chris Squire in 1968. They went on to sell millions of records, with releases such as “Bye Bye Bye” and “Ya No Llores” in 2005, in recognition for his remarkable career, which has included multiple Grammy nominations and awards for Best Contemporary Latin Music Album for “En Vivo... Otra Vez” in 2002. The decorated artist has been in the music industry for over 50 years and continues to be one of the most popular Latin artists in the world. He gained recognition for his amazing voice and great stage presence, which became the most glamorous secret watering holes—some of which became the most glamorous speakeasies.

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Fielding West is an award-winning comedy magician, actor, game show host, TV personality, motivator and writer. His energetic presence and business reputation as a multi-talented creative force on the stage and behind the scenes. His song and story arrangements. Fielding has appeared on a multitude of comedy specials and popular sitcoms. His talents go beyond stage and he is an accomplished collector of comic art, magicians and comedians. He is well known in the corporate market as a masterful entertainer. When he created, called Stagecrafter 101, he manages speaking seminars for young performers which teach how to speak more effectively.
Zappos to sponsor Mob Museum’s new prohibition history exhibition

By Jerry Fink

Las Vegas Tribune

Zappos.com has announced it has signed on to serve as the sponsor of The Underground, the new prohibition history exhibition at The Mob Museum, The National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement, which opens to the public April 27.

The Underground will be known as “The Underground at The Mob Museum” Prototyped by Zappos and recognizes the newest, exciting addition to the award-winning Museum as well as the genuine community-building reputation of the Zappos.com enterprise, joyed with the leading destination in online apparel and footwear sales.

“The Mob Museum is located next door to Zappos’ corporate headquarters in downtown Las Vegas. As The Underground’s signature sponsor, Zappos will enjoy other unique privileges and onsite exposure. For example, one of The Underground’s monthly beer selections available to the public will be crafted in collaboration with the Zappos.com and will be known as “Zap on Tap.”

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“We are grateful to Zappos for the commitment they continue to demonstrate to our Museum,” said Kimberly Kassid, senior director of strategic partnerships. “The Mob Museum. We could not imagine a more fun and imaginative partnership, and we know the public will be the most fun history exhibit any museum ever conceived. Naturally, we wanted to be a part of the new experience and help make it a success as well.”

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By Sandy Zimmerman
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Photos by Sandy Zimmerman and “Shape of Water”

The Academy Awards Red Carpet and Viewing Party attracts guests from around the world and I am always surprised each year! It was great seeing members of the “Le Reve — the Dream” show (Wynn Las Vegas), an extraordinary show where the cast dances, swims, and makes the fall at the height of 90’ from the top of the ceiling down to their Aqua-Theater-In-The-Round. “Le Reve-the Dream” was voted “Best Production Show” for four years. I reviewed the show and felt it was AMAZING!

My choice of “Best Film” was the “Shape of Water” because although the film was serious, a lonely woman falling in love and trying to save a fish-man from scientists, discussing the film on the red carpet was very funny!

Seeing Laurie Metcalf portraying the mother of a temperamental young girl in “Lady Bird” provided a more dramatic view of her acting. Usually I remember Laurie in the part of Rosanne’s sister and more recently as the mother of Sheldon Cooper (Jim Parsons) in “Big Bang Theory”, a successful comedy actress for years.

Ginger Land-van Burren, became an engaging MC on the red carpet this afternoon when the host of 98.5 KLUC’s Chet Buchanan of “The Chet Buchanan Show” was late. Ginger can now seek a new career hosting radio or television shows.

There were so many people walking the Academy Awards red carpet, everyone is special when they share and donate to Variety — the Children’s Charity of Southern Nevada. You can walk the red carpet even if you are not a celebrity. Guests can mix with the local celebrities from 4:30 p.m. on the red carpet and also several ways. Tickets are $25 which include $25 in theater concessions and the new luxury style seating at the Brenden Theater. VIP tickets are $200 per person which include an open bar and Oscar-themed appetizers specially prepared by DW BISTRO.

Variety Southern Nevada has served more than 20,000 children and raised and distributed more than $7,000,000 in grants and specialized equipment in our community.

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For information about Variety — The Children’s Charity events during the year, contact Variety of Southern Nevada, at 5401 Sirius Ave., Suite 1, Las Vegas. Tel: (702) 383-8466; Email: admin@variety-snv.org or visit the websites: http://nationalv.org/ and www.varietysn.org

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Leadership in a word: Encouragement

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The quiet way Social Security is cutting early benefits in 2018

By Dan Caplinger

Tens of millions of people rely on Social Security for retirement income, and many of them count on the program for the vast majority of the money they need to pay their living expenses. Financial challeng-
es to Social Security threatens the long-term viability of the program. Yet many people don’t fully understand that already, under cur-
rent law, Social Security is going through a transition that is resulting in new early retirees getting less in monthly benefits. After starting a
new series of reductions in 2017, another 5 million 62-year-olds will face the prospect in 2018 of further reductions in Social Security —
thanks to actions that lawmakers took nearly 35 years ago. The cen-
trally relatively minor, but overall, they’re intended to reduce dra-
ctically the total amount of money that Social Security will have to pay out over the long run.

Why is Social Security on the decline?
The way in which lawmakers authorized the Social Security Ad-
imistration to cut benefits to new program participants was to make changes to the full retirement age. For those who turn 62 in 2018, the full retirement age will be 66 and four months. That’s up by two months from the entitlement age that those who turned 62 last year faced, and up by four months from the 66 year-old age that those who turned 62 between 2005 and 2016 had as their full retirement age. Those legal changes came about as part of major entitlement in the early 1980s. The Social Security Amendments of 1983 were de-
signed to address more immediate concerns about the sustainability of the Social Security System. Under those rules, the full retirement age was set to rise from 65 to 67 in two distinct phases. The first affected 62-year-olds from 2000 to 2005, who gradually saw retirement ages rise from 65 to 66. The current phase will end when the retirement age hits 67 for those turning 62 in 2022.

How much of a benefit cut is it?
At first glance, it might not seem like a change in full retirement age is really a benefit cut. However, the 1983 Social Security laws did’nt change the ability of 62-year-olds to file for early benefits. It just im-
poved further reductions on those who claimed early.

Under the method that the SSA uses to calculate monthly benefits, every month before full retirement age that you claim early results in a reduction of four-tenths of a percent of your monthly benefit. That means if you take Social Security benefits before your full retirement age, the reduc-
tion would amount to $1,100 per month if you waited until full retirement age, the reduc-
tion would amount to $1,100 per month for this year’s 62-year-olds compared to last year’s $1,112.50. Similar rules apply to those who are claiming benefits under their spouse’s work history. The reductions are greater, rising from 30-5/6 percent to 31-2/3 percent for those who claim spousal benefits at age 62.

What if I just wait to claim? It’s important to understand that no matter when you claim, a higher retirement age will result in lower benefits. For instance, those (See Caplinger, Page 26)
Older retirement ages and more Social Security changes this year

By Lauren Hamer The Check/Write Social Security will look a bit different in 2018. Americans eagerly await the announcement outlining the various changes being made to what may constitute the most important social program in the country. Will your benefits increase? What about the strict guidelines tethered to the program? Will they be modified in a way that affects your ability to get by? There are all these questions 46 million of America’s seniors and 66 million overall worried about every year.

The Social Security Administration released its adjustment reports for 2018. Here is what you need to know about the changes being made to Social Security and how they’re probably going to affect you.

1. You’ll (sort of) get a raise

With the release of the January 2018 Cost of Living Adjustment, Americans can now stop wondering whether increases in their monthly payouts. This year, seniors will receive a 2 percent increase in COLAs, which amounts to about $27 per month on average. Singles will receive an average of $4,140, and couples who are both receiving payments will receive $8,280, or $4,140 more each monthly. The maximum possible Social Security benefit for those who begin collecting benefits at full retirement age for workers born in 1950 will increase to $2,788 in 2018.

Keep in mind your 2018 raise is only “in theory.”

2. A higher tax cap hits wealthier Americans

Workers are required to pay a 12.4 percent payroll tax into Social Security, but your employer usually picks up 50 percent of the tab. This means most Americans can count on a 6.2 percent increase in Social Security until their income exceeds $127,200. In 2017, Americans saw benefits increase by just 0.03 percent, so the raise is a welcome change of pace for those living on a fixed income. The COLA that benefits high for six years. But don’t break out the champagne and credit cards just yet. Most Americans won’t notice any difference (or check monthly checks) as increases in Medicare Part B premiums automatically deducted from your benefits will likely offset any boost. Some Americans will pay more in Social Security rates this year.

3. An older retirement age

Something unique about the 2018 Social Security changes is that the full retirement age will rise. Everyone born between 1934 and 1954 must wait until they’re 66 to receive 100 percent of their monthly benefit. Full retirement age for those born in 1955 ticked up to 66 and 2 months. This is a two-month increase from 2017, when the full retirement age for people born in 1954 hit 66 and 2 months.

For those at or near full retirement age in 2018, the increase in your social security benefit will be roughly equal to rise from 2017, when the full retirement age for people born in 1954 hit 66 and 2 months.

4. The earnings limit is going down

What this means for you

The Social Security Administration reduces roughly $12 million people will pay higher taxes beginning January 1, 2018, as a result of this change. At first glance, this may anger those who are affected by the jump, but when you look at the bigger picture, it’s much more reasonable. Last year, the wage base increased a whopping $8,700, or roughly $101 more per month. Changes in the wage base are determined by the national wage growth. Because 2016 saw no change, the 2017 adjustment accounts for two years of growth. That was not the case this year.

Neat: Age has a lot to do with it

You can sign up for Social Security at age 62, but you’ll receive a reduced payout. It’s not until you reach your designated full retirement age that you’ll get your full benefit. This means older workers affected by this change will have less time to boost payments via delayed claiming.

There are fewer months between the ages of 67 and 70 to earn delayed retirement credits, meaning the maximum benefit is lower with a full retirement age of 67 versus 66.


5. Additional security for Social Security

Not all Social Security changes are meant to be stressful. In fact, some might even be considered relieving. 2018 is bringing additional security features to the Social Security website. Account holders will notice two-factor authentication to increase personal information. Although this began in May 2017, users must now enter a one-time password (See Hamer, Page 27).
What this means for you
The effort to beef-up cybersecurity may be met with opposition from seniors who disapprove of technology’s widespread integration, but means data breaches and cyber hacks threatening millions of Americans’ private information make these additional security measures warranted, they should in no way replace the diligence on your part to keep your Social Security information safe.

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Social Security is going digital
The SSA announced in a blog post they will officially mail paper statements to everyone under age 60 in 2017. “We know that some cutbacks will affect many of you, but we have no choice. We will continuously strive to save you and work for you as best we can. Like most things these days, getting your earnings history via the mail is a thing of the past. If you want to check your earnings history, you must create an online my Social Security account. You’ll be able to check your Social Security status at any time via this portal only.

What you can do to prepare
Try to effectively manage yearly changes to Social Security cost increases may be implemented by working with your financial advisor to build a reasonable savings account throughout your later years. You can build a reasonable savings account throughout your later years. Whatever your income during your high-earning income years to pad contributions during your high-earning income years to pad savings for future use.

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Dear EarthTalk: Why on earth would canned goods and other food storage containers contain toxic BPA that can make us sick? Is there any way to avoid it? — Melinda Billings, Hixson, TN

If you like the occasional can of tomato soup or diced pears, chances are you’re walking around with trace amounts of bisphenol A (BPA) in your bloodstream. According to the Environmental Working Group (EWG), a leading non-profit environmental and health advocates group, the majority of us are at risk of containing BPA.

One of a class of so-called “hormone disrupting” or “endocrine disrupting” chemicals, BPA fools the body into thinking it’s the naturally-occurring hormone estrogen. The result can be negative effects on brain development, metabolism and the reproductive system. BPA exposure has also been linked to cancer, heart disease and other serious health disorders.

Evidence suggests the developing fetus and young child are most at risk, but infants also appear uniquely vulnerable,” reports the Environmental Working Group (EWG), a leading non-profit research and advocacy group. Of course, the harm isn’t limited to children and teens; adults can suffer the ill effects of a lifetime of bio-accumulated BPA, coursing through their veins as well.

According to EWG, we can cut down on the amount of BPA we ingest by steering clear of canned and processed foods and replacing them with fresh, frozen and dried options. One easy method is to make your own meals from the prepared foods section of your local natural foods market or, better yet, make it yourself from scratch from organic ingredients. And instead of buying precooked items in a can, buy a real pear and dice it yourself.

If you’re not sure whether your favorite foods are at risk of containing BPA, you can search EWG’s Food Scores database to find out, and also to look for safer alternatives that don’t contain hormone disruptors.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) banned BPA and other endocrine disruptors from children’s baby bottles, sippy cups and infant formula packaging, but the vast majority of us are still at risk. Environmental and health advocates are calling on the agency to ban BPA outright from any packaging materials that come into contact with foods, drinks or water, but so far officials don’t seem inclined to take the now ubiquitous chemical off the market completely. In 2014 and again in 2016, Democrats in Congress floated legislation that would have banned BPA and other potentially dangerous food additives in all food-storage containers, but neither bill ever made it out of committee.

Without any help from the government, then, it’s up to you to wean ourselves off of BPA by making smart choices about what we buy and what we eat.

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Thailand’s off-the-beaten-path experience

By Sandy Zimmerman
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The hotel’s name, Tohsang in Ratchathani, Thailand. Website: www.TOHSANG.com, Reservation@TOHSANG.com

The public can enjoy folk dramas entertainment and outdoor movie screenings. H.M. the Queen’s Birthday (August 12) is filled with fireworks and cultural performances; Chulalongkorn Day (October 23) honors the king who abolished slavery, saved the country from colonization and modernized Thailand. For information, advice and brochures about unique settings for weddings, attractions, family holidays, business conference facilities, romantic getaways, resorts, restaurants, cooking classes, safaris or tours, contact the Tourism Authority of Thailand. Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT), New York City, New York: (212)-432-0433. Los Angeles, California: (323) 461-9814. Website: www.tourismthailand.org

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The exotic design was mixed with Thai, Khmer and Balinese cultural-styles. Marketing Director, Ms. Pariaphin Tohsang Whan explained, “Guests say our resort makes them bad. They do not want to go home. Many people come for one or two nights, change their mind and stay longer. You will miss us when you go back home and feel good about having been to a unique destination.”

She is right! A one hour Mekong River tour in a long covered boat was scheduled. As our boat moved across the river, I relaxed and watched the villages, farms and beautiful scenery going by.