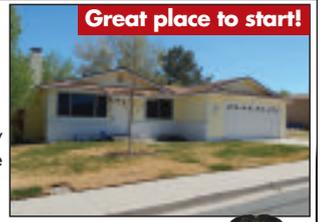


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## Process to begin for Capitol Mall approval

*It will start with planning commission's review*

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When the Capitol Mall project reaches Carson City's Planning Commission May 27, parking garage street appearance and access, along with water use, will be front and center.

Those and other details undoubtedly will capture commissioners' attention as they review a project special use permit (SUP)

request and conduct a growth management review. Whether their decision will wind up being appealed to the city's Board of Supervisors, the commission's action will prove merely the beginning of a lengthy government oversight process prior to construction of the private-sector project downtown.

The mayor and supervisors, for example, will have to deal with two small parcels of city

property in the project footprint and a street abandonment as well, according to City Manager Nick Marano, regardless of whether the SUP decision will be appealed to the board or the buck stops with the panel's commissioners. The proposal includes a hotel with 150 rooms, nearly 500,000 square feet office or retail space, two garages with 1,600 stalls, and open mall space.

"There's no city money or public money involved," said Marano. He said he has talked with city staff

### WATER USAGE

Building	Average daily water usage
Building A (garage/retail).....	1,188
Building B (hotel/bar/cafe).....	37,733
Building C (office/conf/retail).....	22,788
Building D (garage/detail).....	2,376
Building E (office/retail).....	18,288
Total.....	82,373 gallons

and developers about retaining the city property and entering into a long-term lease. That would allow the city parking lot properties at 201 and 205 E. Proctor St. to still be city government's yet part of

the 10.5 acre development that includes a hotel, office/retail, technology center and parking garage complex.

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## 'CASH'—ING IN



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Cash Mitchell eyes his fish Saturday morning at the Tom Brooks Memorial Kids Fishing Day at Fuji Park. For more photos, see page A4.

## Money committee panel: Eliminate longevity pay

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A Nevada legislative subcommittee Saturday recommended elimination of longevity pay for veteran state workers to save \$6.8 million during the biennium.

Longevity payments, which range from \$150 a year for workers with eight years service to \$2,350 for those at 30 or more years, have been suspended for more than a half dozen years. The governor's proposed budget permanently eliminates them.

There were several members on the panel who opposed the plan including Assemblywomen Maggie Carlton, a Democrat, and Robin Titus, a Republican.

Both said the longevity payments are important to veteran workers and help retain those employees in state service.

"I've heard time and time again from folks who've been getting it," said Titus. "We continue to train them but as

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**Sen. Ben Kieckhefer**  
R-Reno

soon as they find a job with better pay and benefits, they move on."

Sen. Ben Kieckhefer, R-Reno, said he supports

the move "as a piece of the puzzle," that includes elimination of furloughs, restoration of merit and step increases.

"As we try closing down the budget, I certainly want to look at the feasibility of including some sort of COLA (cost of living adjustment) in the budget for

state employees," Kieckhefer said.

"I for one am not going home unless we can reward our infrastructure which is our state employees," said Assemblywoman Marilyn Kirkpatrick.

Mike Willden, chief of staff to the governor, said according to a survey of more than 9,800 state workers, longevity pay

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### FAST TIMES

Carson has outstanding day on the track.

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## COMMENTARY

### Carson City Library looks to the future

The brilliant Albert Einstein once said that “the only thing you should absolutely know is the location of the library.” Carson City’s dynamic young (31) Library Director Sena Loyd agrees with Einstein, and so do I.



Guy W. Farmer

As someone who supervised U.S. Information Service (USIS) libraries and cultural centers overseas, I understand the importance of libraries to the community, whether here in the U.S. or abroad. And even though I opposed the failed City Center Project — which would have built a big new library at taxpayer expense — in 2012, I’m pleased to report our local library is in good hands, and looking to the future.

“No matter what you need to know, you can find it at the Library,” Ms. Loyd told me over a cup of coffee after I asked for an update on what’s going on at the library. “I was brought in to move the library forward, and not to re-fight old battles,” she said, “and that’s what I’m doing.”

A self-assured and personable young woman with a clear vision of the library’s mission in our community, she’s working within budgetary and space constraints to provide innovative and necessary services to library patrons.

Ms. Loyd, who grew up in nearby El Dorado Hills, Calif., graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno with a bachelor’s in anthropology and earned a master’s in library science from San Jose State. She first came to Carson to work as a Nevada Highway Department librarian before being hired as the library’s technology trainer in the fall of 2012. So she was a non-participant in the fight for the big new library project, which was soundly defeated by the voters in November, 2012.

When former Library Director Sara Jones departed for Marin County, Calif., in the fall of 2013, the Library Board hired Ms. Loyd as the new director, and she hit the ground running when she assumed the top job in January, 2014. One of her first projects was to establish a “Digitorium” that offers 20 computers to kids for work

on school projects. “One day last December more than 100 students used the Digitorium,” she said with obvious pride. After all, the Digitorium is her baby. “I like partnerships with other libraries and schools,” she declared, and thanks to the Friends of the Library, along with federal and state grants, more than 2,500 kids participated in the Library’s Summer Reading Program last year. Ms. Loyd was quick to recognize the efforts of the library’s online coordinator, former City Supervisor Molly Walt, and outgoing staffer Tammy Westergard in securing and implementing those all-important grants.

Ms. Loyd and her staff are justifiably proud of a partnership between the library, Western Nevada College, the Manufacturing Skills Institute and the Carson School District that provides engineering and technical training to local students, critical skills for 21st century jobs. The library was also proud to host the traveling “Discover Tech: Engineers Make a World of Difference” exhibit last April and May. That exciting exhibit was part of a collaborative project with the National Science Foundation.

The library director said she’s fortunate to have “a dedicated staff, a very supportive board and an active Friends of the Library group,” which operates the highly successful, all-volunteer “Browser’s Corner” bookstore across the street from the library. “Browser’s Corner’ is in the black,” she added with a smile, choosing not to tell a nosy journalist just how successful the bookstore is.

“We want to service the community and we seek community involvement,” she said as she invited us to visit the library. “After all, you pay my salary.” Well said, Sena, and good luck.

Guy W. Farmer has held a Carson Library card since 1962.

## SILVER DOLLARS AND WOODEN NICKELS

### Doggone it, we love these K9s

The Nevada Appeal’s Silver Dollars & Wooden Nickels feature recognizes achievements from the capital region and, when warranted, points out other acts that missed the mark.

**SILVER DOLLAR:** The Carson City Sheriff’s Office put its K9s through training last week, demonstrating just how special these animals are. These versatile dogs can take on most any criminal and sniff out most any drug — but are also gentle enough to be around children.

**SILVER DOLLAR:** Full disclosure, the Appeal is owned by Swift Communications which administers the Bessie Minor Swift Foundation grants, but its the two local

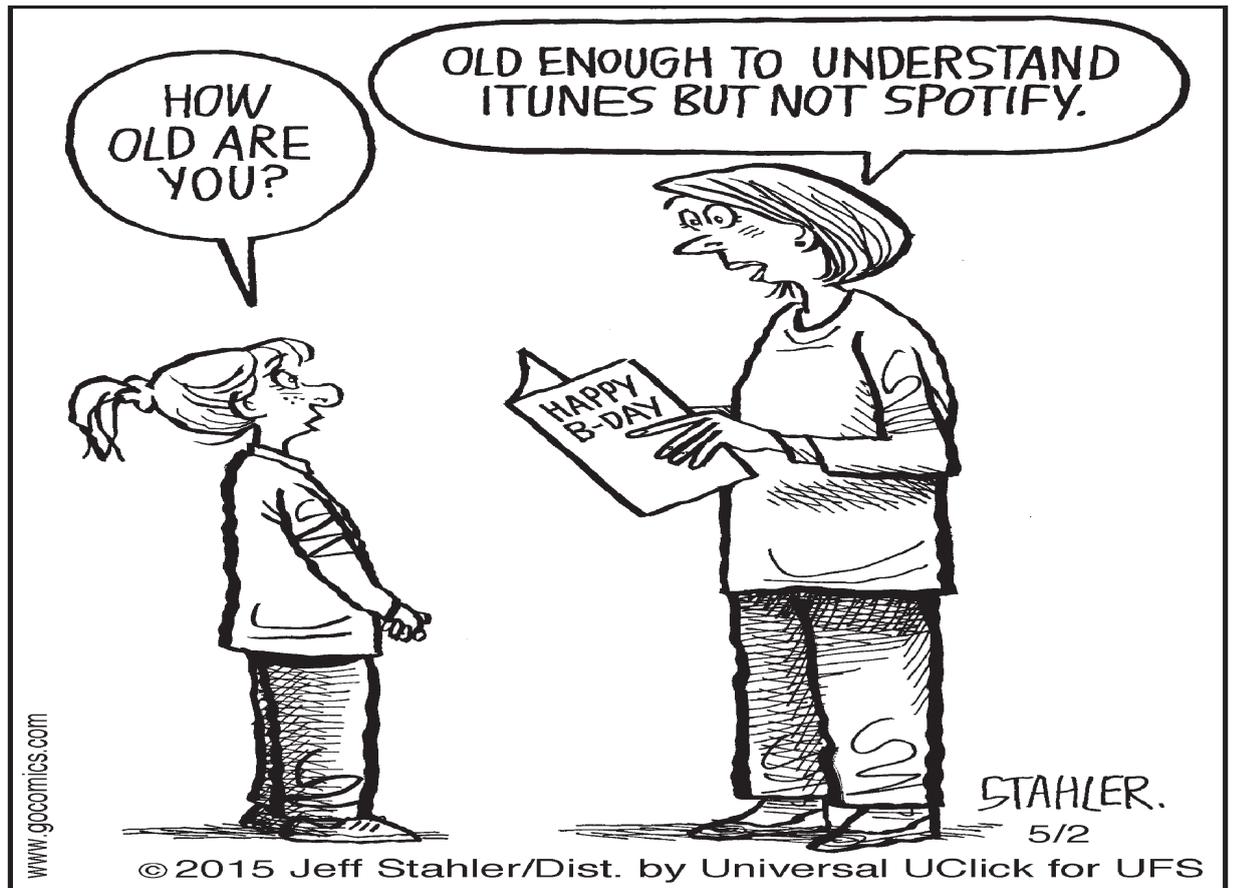


organizations who received the grants who deserve recognition in Mark Twain Elementary School and Capital City Initiatives. Mark Twain received a grant of nearly \$2,300 for its project involving literacy and music while Capital City Initiatives, which works to lift people out of poverty, received a \$2,000 grant

**SILVER DOLLAR:** To one of Carson City’s representatives of the Greatest

Generation, Robert Curtis, who recently participated in the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. Curtis’ time in the military spanned three wars — World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He was an Army machine gunner as a teenager in World War II, went on to join the Air Force and eventually earned a doctorate.

**WOODEN NICKELS:** To New Hampshire-based Measured Progress responsible for administering Common Core testing in Nevada. Regardless of your stance on Common Core, to say Measured Progress has botched the administration of the testing and caused difficulty for Nevada schools would be an understatement.



## PAST PAGES

By Sue Ballew

### 140 YEARS AGO

Strawberry Festival at St. Peters Episcopal Church. Rev. Allen has informed us that there will be a cloth spread over the hall floor to keep the dust in check; there will be no supper, but there will be ice cream and strawberries for sale, also flowers, likewise an excellent quadrille band and the same to be assisted by the blind fiddler. Tickets are 50 cents — bring your sweetheart or wife.

### 130 YEARS AGO

Ball match. The Ozarks and Zephyrs engaged in a baseball match on the old Overland grounds. The captains, Tom Alley of the Ozarks and Peter Musgrove from the Zephyrs, got into a fight. It appears that Seymour Pixley, Jr., of the Zephyrs, hit a swiper to left field and started for first base. The shortstop jumped several feet in the air and tried

to muzzle it, but failed. Someone yelled to Pixley to run the other way, and a Zephyr who was coming in made a 12-foot leap for home base. He landed on the catcher’s toes, and a foul was claimed. (Continued on Tuesday).

### 110 YEARS AGO

An ancient relic. One of the old U.S. mail stages which did service under Cluggage between Placerville and Virginia City could be seen in Benton’s stable. At one time there were 12 stages on route, six going and six coming every day. They were drawn by six horses. Relay stations were every 10 miles. When a smoking six-in-hand pulled up in front of a station reeking with perspiration and plastered with mud, they were unhooked like a house afire. (Continued on Tuesday).

### 70 YEARS AGO

War story. The end of the war with

Germany drew near as the collapse of resistance spread from the borders of Denmark to Czechoslovakia and Southern Austria.

### 50 YEARS AGO

Advertisement. “4 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, fireplace, family room, dining room, living room, all built-ins, 2 car garage, carpeted, cedar shake roof, Total price \$30,000, low down. Brokers, Ltd.”

### 15 YEARS AGO

Second term. Dawn Gibbons filed for her second full term in the Nevada Assembly. Gibbons will continue to focus on providing children with quality education and access to affordable health care ...

Sue Ballew is the daughter of Bill Dolan, who wrote this column for the Nevada Appeal from 1947 until his death in 2006.