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The grace of the season



Dancers Jeremy Power and Amelia Dencker rehearse the Arabian Dance in A.V.A. Ballet Theatre's The Nutcracker at the Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts. ANDY BARRON/RGJ

A.V.A. Ballet Theatre's annual production of the Nutcracker Ballet returns to the stage this weekend at the Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts. Local dancers join professionals from companies such as Ballet West, the Houston Ballet and the Diablo Ballet. Artistic director Alexander Van Alstyne was in charge of choreography and the Reno Philharmonic Orchestra, under the direction of conductor Laura Jackson, will perform the popular Tchaikovsky score. Opening night was Friday, but showtimes continue today at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. For ticket information visit pioneercenter.com or call 866-553-6605.

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Political concerns stem from recording

AG asked staff to fight record request article

James DeHaven Reno Gazette Journal USA TODAY NETWORK

Attorney General Adam Laxalt sought to enlist state staffers in a politically-charged press spat over a pardoned prisoner, an audio recording obtained by the Reno Gazette Journal reveals.

The recording, made by a fellow passenger aboard a Nov. 21 nonstop flight from Las Vegas to Reno, raises new questions about the politicization of the office held by Nevada's top lawyer who is now seeking the Republican nomination for Nevada governor.

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Students skip after rumors of a shooting

Amy Alonzo Mason Valley News USA TODAY NETWORK

Lyon County Sheriff deputies had a heavy presence at Yerington High School Friday during the school's annual Unity Day following rumors of a school shooting.

The Unity Day was the first at the school since allegations of racism were made public this fall.

Earlier in the year, two black girls at the school reported being the victims of racial slurs, and in a separate incident, a photo of a sheriff deputy's son holding a gun was posted on social media with the words "The red neck god of all gods ... we bout to go (racial slur) huntin."

Roughly half of the school's 385 students did not show up for Unity Day after rumors circulated of a possible planned shooting. Up to nine sheriff's deputies were on campus at any given time Friday.

Prior to the event, Sheriff Al McNeil said law enforcement investigated the shooting rumor and found nothing to substantiate them, but many parents took to social media to express their

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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT LOCAL, 3A



The Pyramid Way and McCarran Boulevard intersection is seen facing north toward Spanish Springs. The intersection has been under construction for more than a year and is now open to traffic. PROVIDED BY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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California wildfire only 10 percent contained

There's one thing constant as the ever-growing Thomas fire entered its fifth day Friday — relentless winds. Santa Ana winds continued to make the 132,000-acre fire more dangerous, spreading flames north of Ojai city limits, past La Conchita and into Santa Barbara County. President Donald Trump approved an emergency declaration for California. 1B

NIAA meets on regions

The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association met Thursday in Las Vegas to try to finalize the proposed 5A/4A realignment. The NIAA was hoping to have a similar number of schools in each region of classes from Northern and Southern Nevada. 1C

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