

A candid discussion with Nevada's governor

By Steve Sebelius, Nevada Public Radio

Gov. Brian Sandoval is a fan of history. And why not? He's made a fair bit of it himself.

He was Nevada's first Hispanic statewide elected official when he won the race for attorney general in 2002. He was the first Hispanic governor when he was elected in 2010. And he was the first person in state history to defeat an incumbent of his own party in a primary when he ousted then-Gov. Jim Gibbons.

He was also the first Republican governor to decide – after the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act – to expand Medicaid in Nevada and establish a state-based health insurance exchange. His support of the program was a factor as national Republicans debated an ultimately unsuccessful effort to dismantle it. And he was the governor who oversaw the implementation of the first tax on business revenue in state history in the unlikely crucible of a Republican-dominated state Legislature in 2015.

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Snippets about Lake Tahoe

- There will be a public hearing on Lake Tahoe Community College's 2017-18 budget on Sept. 12 at 6:15pm.
- Orthopedic surgeon Jeff Orr is now with Barton Health's Tahoe Center for Orthopedics.

- Women's cancer support group offers a safe, confidential environment where women with cancer, or with a history of cancer, can meet others and address their challenges. The next meetings are Sept. 26 and Oct. 26, 6-7pm in the board room at Barton Memorial Hospital.

- Outwest LGBTQ Film Fest will be at Lake Tahoe Community College on Sept. 21 at 7pm. It will be a fundraiser for the Lake Tahoe Pride equality scholarship.

- All Colors of the Rainbow, a discussion about the LGBT community, will be Sept. 12 at 6pm at the Brewery Arts Center in Carson City. It is free. For more info, call 775.690.3913.

Overloaded power system fails on South Shore

Electricity is out on both sides of the state line on the South Shore.

A loud boom was heard and then reports of outages at Heavenly Village.

Liberty Utilities spokeswoman Kathy Carter said the problem is "due high loads causing equipment failure."

It may be nightfall before everything is back up and running.

She did not have an exact number of customers who were affected. NV Energy is reporting 413 customers in Douglas County are without power.

– Lake Tahoe News staff report

Father-daughter found safe at Pyramid Lake

By Kenzie Bales, KRNV-TV

A father and daughter have been found safe after they were reported missing on Sunday afternoon, according to Don Pelt, a spokesperson with the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

Pelt says the 40-year-old father and his 11-year-old daughter were reported missing shortly after 5pm on Sept. 3 when they did not return back to their family on shore after a Jet Ski ride.

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Wildfire outlook: Nev. risk high through Sept.

By Benjamin Spillman, Reno Gazette-Journal

The western wildland fire season is reaching its peak and will head into decline by the end of the month, except in western Nevada around Reno and Carson City.

That's according to the National Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook issued Friday by the National Interagency Fire Center.

The seasonal outlook forecasts the nation's fire risk by region.

"Fire season will peak by mid-September as the fuels remain much drier than average and as existing precipitation trends continue," the overall forecast stated. "By mid-September decreasing solar radiation received and longer nights will allow for fuel moistures to begin recovering."

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Nev. studies changes to reptile collection rules

By Ben Botkin, Las Vegas Review-Journal

Commercial collectors have plucked nearly half a million reptiles off the Nevada desert landscape in the last three decades.

There have been more than 420,000 collections since figures began being kept in 1986. The figure alarms conservationists and state wildlife officials and underscores Nevada's uniqueness in the reptile world.

In the Silver State, commercial reptile collectors are not limited on how many or when they can take or when they can gather the scaly creatures, which eventually become someone's pet desert iguana, chuckwalla or desert horned lizard.

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Lecture about the signs of suicide

Signs of Suicide is the topic of a free lecture on Sept. 6.

Alisa Merino with Suicide Prevention Network will give the talk at Lake Tahoe Community College's board room from 6-7pm.

She will delve into how to identify people who may have thoughts of suicide and connect people to life-saving resources.

Tahoe Tails – Adoptable Pets in South Lake Tahoe



Rex

Rex is a Queensland heeler mix, who is almost 3-years-old.

His owner can no longer take care of him due to ill health. Rex has lived with children, and is good with female dogs and non-dominant male dogs. He has been a little shy in the shelter. Rex really enjoys car rides.

Rex is neutered, microchipped, tested for heart worm, and vaccinated. He is at the El Dorado County Animal Services shelter in Meyers, along with many other dogs and cats who are waiting for their new homes. Go to the Tahoe animal shelter's Facebook page to see photos and descriptions of all pets at the shelter.

Call 530.573.7925 for directions, hours, and other information on adopting a pet.

For spay-neuter assistance for South Tahoe residents, go to **online** or call the animal shelter. Vouchers are available there also: bring \$25 and a copy of a photo ID and a local utility bill.

– Karen Kuentz

Opinion: Embracing change on Labor Day

By Kathryn Reed

It was in 1894 that Congress passed legislation making the first Monday of September a holiday in honor of those who labor.

More than 120 years later the labor force is dramatically different, and yet not so much. There are still carpenters, teachers, nurses and many other professions from the 19th

century.

But who could have envisioned the shared economy we have today that is upending the norms of long-held traditions? Visionaries. That's who.

Innovation and progress are the American way. People are always looking for new ways to provide an old product. We are looking for new products to improve upon what we have. And then there is the creation of entirely new commodities and services.

The world today is moving fast. It's easy to fall behind. Technology is a blessing and a bane.

I look at when I was in college. I had an electric typewriter. There were students who couldn't type who paid me to type their papers. Today, every elementary school student can type because they are using computers in the classroom. I think about the discs I had for old computers. Now I'm on the couch typing this on a laptop; my work is automatically saved in the cloud.

(This device also serves as my Kindle, stereo and primary communication tool to the world.)

As a kid I looked forward to watching certain TV shows on set nights. "The Wonderful World of Disney" was on Sundays, and was family time. Is there even that sense of anticipation anymore? It was a big deal when I got my first VHR player. Then a DVD player. Now I don't own either. I stream and watch shows at all hours of the day and night, nothing to record. Binge watching – gotta love it.

It's easy to take these advances in technology for granted. It's easy to ignore that these "improvements" displaced some workers. Jobs were eliminated. It was more than downsizing; it was that the actual job no longer existed. It's happened in my own profession. While I don't remember lead type, I do

remember newspapers being pasted up. I even remember paper.

Nothing stays the same. That can be sad. We all have a sense of nostalgia for the good ole days – whenever those were for each of us.

I hear a lot of grumbling about the shared economy from those who are content with the status quo. Change is hard. It's especially difficult when you've built a successful business – the model has worked for years – and suddenly you feel blindsided. It's not an enviable position to be in.

But change isn't new.

Successful businesses provide the consumer with what they want. Steve Jobs, the late Apple Computer co-founder, told *Business Week*, "A lot of times, people don't know what they want until you show it to them."

Who knew people wanted lime colored bikes to ride in South Lake Tahoe? Apparently the owners of LimeBike. Much to the consternation of some folks this concept of renting a bike for a few minutes and dropping it off pretty much anywhere is too much for them. It's upending their business model.

Ah, those words – change, adaptability, innovation, progress. It's hard when it's forced upon you. It's hard when you are the follower and not the leader. It's hard when all you want to do is keep things just as they are and the world around you won't let that happen.

The founders of Airbnb didn't really create something new; they put a modern twist on a short-term boarding house. The lodging industry is adapting.

Ride sharing companies have turned the taxi industry upside down.

Food trucks and delivery services are changing what it means to eat out.

Massage therapists travel to people's houses; not everyone needs a spa.

Businesses don't need their own four walls, but instead are content to share space with others – even on an hourly basis.

The news comes to an inbox and not the front porch.

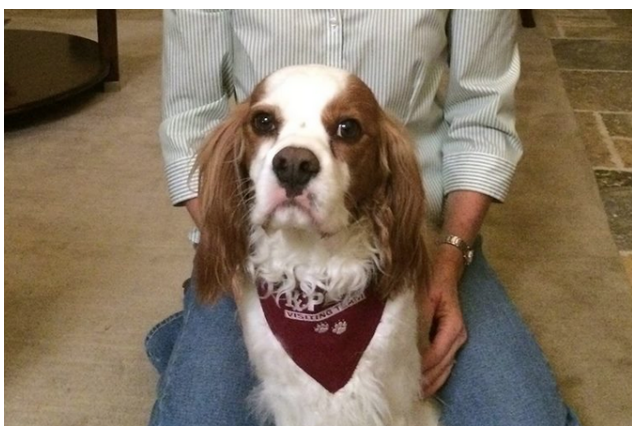
Change. It happens in every business. Sometimes it feels like it comes at a glacial pace, sometimes at the speed of light.

Fighting it is rarely successful. It's the consumer, really, who will dictate what succeeds.

Hopefully, it's a labor of love that keeps you punching that proverbial time clock. Just don't get too complacent, change is coming – it always does.

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Fake service dogs a growing problem



Britton is a member of the Prescription Pet Team.

Photo/Tom Ward

By Wes Siler, Outside

Here in famously pet-friendly Los Angeles, I encounter dogs that are blatantly not service animals on a daily basis. Recently, during a morning visit to my local café, I laughed when a woman whose tiny dog was thrashing around at the limits of its leash and barking fiercely at other customers loudly proclaimed that it was a service animal. “It’s my service dog,” she said to me, scowling. “You’re not allowed to ask me why I need it!”

Data backs my anecdote up. A study conducted at UC Davis found that the number of “therapy dogs” or “emotional support animals” registered by animal control facilities in the state increased 1,000 percent between 2002 and 2012.

This has recently led state governments to try and curb the problem through law. In California, the penalty is \$1,000 and up to six months in jail.

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