

RENO HAPPENINGS

State Jobless rate lowest in five years

CARSON CITY—Nevada's jobless rate dropped to 6.6 percent in April, its lowest level in five years, in what state Employment Security director Stan Jones today called a sign of "a robust, expanding job market."

In Clark County, the unemployment rate declined to 7.1 percent in March and 8.6 percent a year ago, Jones said.

Employment Security Department statistics show 20,200 unemployed job seekers in Clark County during April, down from 24,600 unemployed a year ago.

The Nevada jobless rate was well below the national average of 7.1 percent.

There were 34,200 unemployed Nevadans in April, 6,800 fewer than one year ago.

GOP ads ask Nevadans to weigh Reid controversy

The Nevada Republican Party, in newspaper and radio ads running this week, has asked Nevadans to decide for themselves if Rep. Harry Reid, Democratic candidate for the U.S.

The service industry led the job market with 201,600 positions, followed by 93,000 jobs in trade and employment.

Jones said "the benefits of the drop in gasoline prices are beginning to show in tourist-related industry employment, and should continue strong throughout the summer."

"Likewise, the dramatic decline in interest rates will continue to result in strong gains in the construction industry," he said. "We see no reason for the jobless rate to rise substantially in the coming months."

Douglas County had a 5.1 percent unemployment rate.

Senate, abused his free mailing privileges

The ads claim Reid misspent thousands of taxpayers' dollars to further his candidacy against Republican opponent Jim Santini by mailing news letters outside his Southern Nevada congressional district.

Readers and listeners are asked to write to a post office box in Carson City if they believe the facts, as set out in the ads, show that Reid violated the privilege.

The ads say the letters will be forwarded to Washington, D.C., where the House Franking Commission is investigating a complaint filed against Reid by Rep. Barbara Vucanovich, R-Nev.

The ruling said that although Reid has announced his candidacy, he has not filed the necessary paper work with the Nevada secretary of state's office.

State approves property tax rate increase

CARSON CITY—The state Tax Commission on Tuesday approved a slight increase in the combined property tax rate for several Nevada counties, including Clark County.

The combined rate for Clark County increased from \$1.9017 per \$100 of assessed valuation for the current fiscal year to \$1.9763 during fiscal year 1986-87. Las Vegas residents could pay up to a \$2.5651 rate, up from the current rate of \$2.4378.

North Las Vegas residents face a \$2.4477 rate up from this year's \$2.3301 rate.

Clark County schools received a \$1.1935 tax rate, up from \$1.0735.

The average tax rate statewide is \$2.1899.

Going into fiscal year 1986-87, the state has a overall assessed valuation of \$14.4 billion with 223 ad valorem districts and 240 local governments which share in property tax revenues.

Of the \$315.8 million anticipated to be generated in property tax revenues, about 50 percent will be allocated to schools, 29.3 percent to counties, 8.5 percent to cities, 2.7 percent to towns, 8.6 to districts.

The Reno-Sparks NAACP TV program will now be aired at 12:30 p.m. Saturdays by KOL-TV Channel 8.

PSC OKs new meter rate

CARSON CITY—The state Public Service Commission agreed Tuesday to a new rate for Reno-area residents who volunteer to have water meters installed by Sierra Pacific Power Co.

The PSC accepted a stipulation worked out by Sierra Pacific, PSC staffers and the state Office of Consumer Advocate providing for a flat \$5.7 monthly service charge for residences.

The agreement also provides for a charge of \$1.05 per 1,000 gallons of water for the first 7,000 gallons; and \$1.20 charge for each additional 1,000 gallons.

The interim rate is designed to recover costs of installing a water meter at homes where meters merely need to be dropped in, PSC said.

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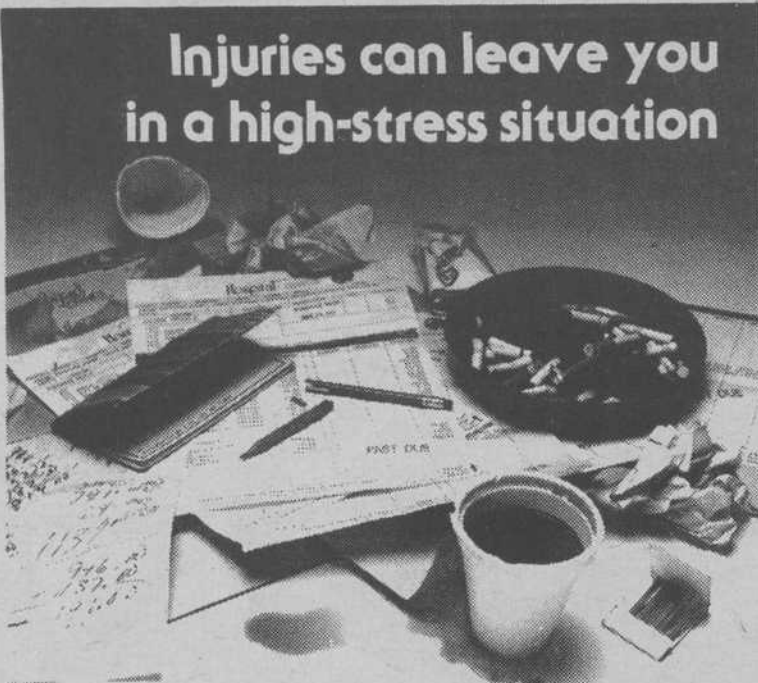
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