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Results stand in Nye County recount

Card cut will decide a victor

by Dann Weeks
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The three week process to confirm a winner in the tied Nye County District IV Commission primary election will be settled tonight, Thursday, July 1 in Nye County District Court.

According to Nye County Clerk Sandra "Sam" Merlino, current commissioner Butch Borasky and Carl Moore Sr. will meet at the Ian Deutch Memorial Complex to draw cards in the district courtroom at 5:30 p.m. this evening. The two candidates are tied in a 381-381 deadlocked vote that was confirmed by Merlino and her staff by hand recounting the 1,011 ballots cast in the race. The clerk's recount was completed around noon on Thursday, June 24.

The rules of the card cut will be discussed and agreed upon by both parties before the clerk proceeds. First, Merlino is expected to indicate that aces are high or will represent an 11, with the other face cards valued in the classic order. Before proceeding, both men must agree on how to handle the event of a tie card. The



PATRIOTISM AT ITS BEST—Mark Reasback's "USA ONLY" truck serves as a rolling advertisement for his website, www.usaonly.us which will launch on July 4. When up and running, the website will provide users with a database of useful information on purchasing American made products.

Local man launches www.usaonly.us

by Allison Hawkins
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Mark Reasback is on a mission to bring America back to business and it all started three years ago with a porch swing. The following is the story of how www.usaonly.us came into existence.

Reasback and his two brothers went in together and bought a vacation cabin up in Utah with a wraparound porch. Reasback had always wanted a porch swing. So he started shopping at the big box stores and found that they all were made in China.

"Plus, they were made of junk. I'm a big guy, and I'd look at the swings and think, that's not going to hold me, let alone another person," Reasback told *The Mirror*.

So then he tried Ace Hardware because they promote themselves as the neighborhood store, but found their porch swings for sale were made in China and Taiwan. Frustrated, he turned to the Internet and eBay. He first typed in "porch swings," and came up with many pages of swings but then

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Special prosecutor named in Beckett case

by Caitlyn May
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The selection of a special prosecutor to handle the cases of both Nye County District Attorney Bob Beckett and Nye County Sheriff's Office (NCSO) Deputy David Boruchowitz comes as the latest development in the political saga.

Days after ruling that he, himself, would find an attorney to act as special prosecutor and corral the swarm of legal filings between the two parties, District Court Judge Robert Estes named attorney Pete Christiansen to the position.

Christiansen, who hails from Las Vegas by way of Ely, has a long and storied career in both the civil and criminal arenas. Assisting defense attorney Tom Pitaro, Christiansen took on the case of fellow attorney Noel Gage in 2008. Charged with conspiracy, Gage was accused of attempting to bilk millions of dollars from his patients as well as multiple insurance companies. Christiansen was also involved in a civil suit against

Dr. Ben Venger, who claimed to take part in Gage's alleged scam.

Gage, who eventually pleaded guilty to the charges, was recently sentenced to three years of probation, a \$25,000 fine, 90 days of home confinement and must return all legal fees.

Christiansen was also an instrumental member of the defense team responsible for the case against Hells Angels members James Hannigan and Rodney Cox. The two were eventually convicted and granted a two-year prison term. The sentence, handed down in 2007, stemmed from a deadly attack during the 2002 Laughlin River Run inside Harrah's Hotel and Casino.

Estes, who was appointed to the matter after resident judge John Davis removed himself, ruled that a special prosecutor would be necessary to handle both the case against Beckett and Boruchowitz. Estes' ruling, which came after a two hour hearing on June 21, did not immediately name an attorney, but did name Nye

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and someone prevails by high number of raley want to make the determination based on the highest ranking suit. The clerk will determine the order of suits should they choose that option.

Another point that has yet to be worked out is who will draw the first card. According to the clerk's plan, the two men will decide if they want her to deal the cards from left to right like a casino dealer or if they would rather her fan the cards out so they pick at the same time.

While the dramatic card cutting will reveal a Republican primary victor, the winner will still have to face off against Libertarian candidate Sandra Darby in November to hash out who will be the next commissioner for Nye County District IV. The public has been invited to watch the card cut, as long as seats in the courtroom remain, so early arrival may be appropriate for those who wish to witness the historic act.

Merlino spoke to *The Mirror* about the unprecedented process, "I know the candidates themselves are anxious to resolve this tie and move on. I am kind of anxious myself. The card draw will be a new experience for

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Website devoted to American products

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he typed “porch swings - USA” and it dropped down to four or five listings.

He ended up ordering a custom made porch swing from a family owned company in Louisiana that, as Reasback says, “It is a work of art, and it was only \$40 more than the swings made in China. This swing will last longer than the house.”

Reasback wrote an article for a windows trade magazine about this experience, as well as a story about how 130 jobs in Bend, OR had been lost due to their company closing because they couldn’t compete with China. He sent the article to the owner where he bought the swing before the article was printed. Reasback also expressed the importance to try to find products to buy that are made in America.

The female owner was so moved by his article that she wrote the magazine a letter expressing thanks to Reasback for making the effort to find her product that was made here in the USA and more people should do so to help this country get back on its feet.

“Her response said to me, ‘There’s something to this,’” Reasback continued, and he started researching businesses that made products here in the United States.

On Sunday, July 4, www.usaonly.us will be launched. When *The Mirror* interviewed Reasback, he had 100 businesses signed up for his website. He shared, “You have to produce a product to be listed. Though, I realize that I’ll have to create a rating system that shows if it’s 100 percent made in the USA or only 80 percent. Each business will be given equal billing. It will list the name of the business, how many people are employed, and the owners’ thoughts on the USA.”

He expressed his amazement in the variety of answers on that one question. “So, there’s a reason to look at the site, just to see what people are thinking about the state of America.”

The website information can be utilized either by product or by state. Vendors and their products are categorized, such as household items, or auto needs and so on. “Mom and pop owned businesses are the backbone of our economy... and we need to bring it

back,” Reasback said.

The website will soon have a link to the various events and activities going on in each state. So, if a family is going to Florida on vacation, it can click on Florida and find out about small to medium size town celebrations.

Reasback is going to allow the vendors on his website to post job openings for their companies after going through his approval. “This is important, because I don’t want to be a ‘Craigslist,’” he explained. There will also be a blog so people can leave their comments about the website.

Reasback would also like to add a link to patriotic events and information.

The site is also the place where Reasback is asking one person from each state to get the license plate, “USAONLY.” He has this on his truck, and his daughter has one in Florida, and a vendor from Hawaii will cover that state. “If we get one for each state, it’s a Guinness Book record,” he said.

For more information, call Mark Reasback at 702-604-0005 and www.usaonly.us after July 4.

Eden Inc. gets reprieve

by Caitlyn May
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An item on the Nye County Commission agenda seeking to terminate the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the county and Eden Inc. was tabled for the time being, with Nye County Manager Rick Osborne insinuating the group has a project that may be able to keep them afloat.

The economic development authority for Nye County, Eden, had been saved by the Nye County Commission once before this year, being funded with \$55,000 from the local development grant program.

The agenda item, pulled from the June 15 county

saying, “I thought that was what your community development manager was for?”

While Osborne supported Eden during last Tuesday’s meeting, stating, “We have an ongoing dialogue. We have better communication than we’ve had. I would like to give them some time to explore this,” the back-up information provided with the agenda stated otherwise.

Contained in the information regarding the staff’s recommendation to the board of commissioners, 30 days is granted for written notice to terminate the MOA with Eden. However, the staff’s recommendation stated the desire to work with Eden to secure the MOA

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