

**AROUND
THE VALLEY**

**VP Harris to make
Vegas visit Saturday**

Vice President Kamala Harris is set to visit Las Vegas on Saturday.

Details about the purpose of the visit were not immediately available Monday. Saturday's visit will mark the vice president's 11th visit to Nevada since taking office.

Harris last visited Las Vegas in late January to urge Nevadans to cast their ballots for President Joe Biden during an event held ahead of the state's presidential primary election in Nevada.

The vice president's visit comes a week after First Lady Jill Biden made a stop in Las Vegas as part of a multistate tour meant to mobilize women voters.

**Woman found dead
after apartment fire**

A 59-year-old woman was found dead after a fire Sunday night in the east Las Vegas Valley.

The fire was reported just after 6:35 p.m. at Arthur McCants Manor, 800 N. Eastern Ave., according to a Las Vegas Fire Department news release.

The first unit arrived within three minutes, and crew members began primary assignments to locate the fire and assist the residents in evacuating the complex, the release said.

Firefighters searched the second-floor apartment where the fire originated and extinguished a small fire in the bathroom. The body of the victim was found in the apartment.

Fire department spokesperson Jordan Moore said the estimated damage done by the fire was \$25,000.

The fire is under investigation, and the cause has not yet been determined. Fifteen units responded.

A fire at the same complex on Dec. 25 caused \$50,000 in damage, according to Moore. The cause of that fire remains undetermined. One person was displaced.

**Man killed after
being struck by SUV**

A 48-year-old Las Vegas man died after he was struck by an SUV in a mid-February hit-and-run crash in central Las Vegas.

Lejon Darden died of his injuries at University Medical Center, the Metropolitan Police Department announced Sunday.

According to police, Darden was crossing Charleston

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Winds turn Manly to meek

Lake's water moves 2 miles north, loses depth in high gusts

By **Alan Halaly**
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The oppressive winds felt in Las Vegas this past week also were felt throughout the region, stifling the limited opportunity to kayak

on the ephemeral lake at Death Valley National Park, rangers announced Monday.

Lake Manly, a temporary lake atop a salt flat that formed after rains from California's atmospheric rivers

and Tropical Storm Hilary, has only been accessible to the public and deep enough to kayak for just short of two weeks.

Before now, the lake was visible in 2005 for about a week. But kayaking in

North America's driest place, about 130 miles west of Las Vegas, was a short-lived anomaly that attracted visitors from across the country.

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Mmm mmm Mini Mochi!



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Ellie S., left, 5, and her sister Sophie S., 3, right, dive right in to enjoy some yummy mini mochi pancakes on Monday from vendor Mini Mochi at the Henderson Farmer's Market.

'Fake elector' trial pushed to January 2025

By **Taylor R. Avery**
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A jury trial for Nevada's "fake elector" case has been moved to Jan. 13.

District Court Judge Mary Kay Holthus approved a motion to push the jury trial to early next year during a hearing Monday.

The far-off rescheduling

date is partly due to coordinating involved parties' schedules, said Sigal Chattah, an attorney for one of the defendants.

"We're all bound by the judge's calendar, too. There's a lot of moving parts," Chattah said in an interview with the Las Vegas Review-Journal. "Some of us attorneys have trials that were sched-

uled a year ago. That's sort of the nature of how things work when you've got so many attorneys and a lot of evidence."

Office of the Attorney General spokesperson John Sadler echoed Chattah, pointing out that trials of this size have many moving parts, including scheduling. "While the State is ready,

the defense requested a January 2025 trial date. Our office is confident we will prevail on the merits during trial," Sadler said in a statement.

Attorneys for the six Republicans indicted for submitting fake electoral documents estimated that

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View of Lake Manly from Dantes View on Monday. After high winds moved the lake's water 2 miles to the north, the lake has moved back to its original location. However, now it's brown because of suspended mud. "It was amazing to see an entire lake migrate!" Superintendent Mike Reynolds said in a news release. John Hallett National Park Service

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Winds caused the salty water to move 2 miles north and spread out, making it less deep, rangers said.

"It was amazing to see an entire lake migrate!" Superintendent Mike Reynolds said in a news release. "But now the water is drying up, leaving wide mudflats. People were walking a long way, sometimes dragging their boats. This leaves footprints and drag marks that will likely be visible for years. This left us with no choice but to curtail boating on historic Lake Manly at this time."

Gusts up to 21 mph were recorded at Furnace Creek Visitor Center, the nearest monitoring station, according to the National Weather Service's Las Vegas office.

They stayed between 16 and 21 mph during the period that the lake shifted, the center said.

The winds could have reached up to 40 mph closer to Badwater Basin, where the lake once was full, the National Park Service said.

At Lake Manly's height, it was 6 miles long, 3 miles wide and 1 foot deep.

While it was full, it was possible to launch a kayak 10 feet from the road



Visitors see what's left of Lake Manly at Badwater Basin in Death Valley National Park on Saturday. High winds moved the lake's water 2 miles to the north. At Lake Manly's height, it was 6 miles long, 3 miles wide and 1 foot deep. National Park Service

in certain spots.

Boating is no longer allowed because the damage boats might leave on the muddy floor would stick around until the next time the lake

fills up, rangers said.

"Visitors for the next few years would prefer to see the natural polygon designs in the salt, rather than hard-crusted footprints and deep

boat drag marks," Reynolds said.

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Nevada Republican Party Chairman Michael McDonald, top left; Jessie Law, top center; James DeGraffenreid, bottom left; and James Hindle III appear remotely during a hearing Monday at the Regional Justice Center.

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the trial could last three weeks.

The group of Republicans were indicted by a grand jury in Clark County District Court in December. They were charged with offering a false instrument for filing and uttering forged instruments for submitting fake elector documents declaring Donald Trump the winner of Nevada in 2020.

The judge will consider a motion to dismiss the felony charges — which was filed in early January — on April 22. A jury trial was originally set for March 11 of this year.

The Republican Nevadans — Nevada Republican Party Chairman Michael McDonald, Clark County Republican Party Chairman Jesse Law, Republican National Committeeman Jim DeGraffenreid, Nevada GOP Vice Chairman Jim Hindle III, Shawn Meehan and Eileen Rice — have all pleaded not guilty to the charges.

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Boulevard east of Decatur Boulevard outside of a crosswalk at about 9:33 p.m. on Feb. 14 when an SUV heading west on Charleston hit him.

The driver of the SUV fled the crash west on Charleston, police said.

The Clark County coroner's office notified police on Sunday that the pedestrian had died.

Darden's death is the 34th traffic-related death in Metro's jurisdiction so far in 2024.

The crash remained under investigation.

Anyone with information may call Metro's collision investigation section at 702-828-3595.

Tipsters may remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at 702-385-5555 or by going to www.CrimeStoppersOfNV.com or by using the mobile app "P3."

Woman, 62, killed in crash with suspected DUI driver

A suspected DUI driver caused a head-on collision Sunday night in northwest Las Vegas that left a 62-year-old woman dead, according to police.

Shortly after 9 p.m., 18-year-old Angel Bello-Martinez sped down Lake Mead Boulevard, near Decatur Boulevard, in a 2013 Toyota Scion approaching Sawyer Avenue.

A 2023 Honda Civic occupied by two women was heading east on Lake Mead when the Scion entered eastbound lanes and crashed into the front of the Honda, according to the Metropolitan Police Department.

The passenger in the Honda died at the scene. Bello-Martinez and the driver of the Honda suffered serious injuries and were taken to the hospital in critical condition.

Police said Bello-Martinez showed signs of impairment and would be booked on DUI and reckless driving

charges.

In a video posted on social media by Metro's traffic bureau, Sgt. Richard Rundell said Bello-Martinez is suspected of consuming marijuana prior to the crash.

Bello-Martinez faces additional charges of failing to maintain travel lanes, violating an instructional drivers permit and operating a vehicle with expired registration or license plates, court records show.

Victim of murder-suicide, 38, identified by coroner

The Clark County coroner's office on Monday identified a 38-year-old man killed in a central Las Vegas suspected murder-suicide.

Police responded to an apartment complex on the 3000 block of South Decatur Boulevard at 12:10 a.m. Saturday where they found Joshua Dilley and another man dead.

The coroner said Dilley died from a

gunshot wound to the head and ruled his death a homicide.

According to police, the two men were in a fight before one man shot Dilley and then died by suicide.

If you are thinking about suicide, or are worried about a loved one or friend, help is available 24/7 by calling or texting the Lifeline network at 988. Live chat is available at 988lifeline.org.

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