

THE TIME FOR ACTION IS NOW

By Bryan Wachter

THIS SUMMER'S SPECIAL SESSIONS WERE A WAKE-UP CALL FOR NEVADA'S

business community. For too long we have been sitting on the sidelines, hoping and praying that Nevada's elected officials would somehow get the message that their policies are putting our businesses out of business. Nevada businesses and business leaders need to start engaging in our elections now or risk the legislative and policy consequences of ongoing single-party control of the Nevada Legislature.

While RAN has always been actively involved behind the scenes, this year RAN has issued endorsements in the 2020 Election to help you and your employees know which candidates will support our industries in Carson City. These are the candidates who support business and have shown a desire to work together to have conversations to ensure that good policy decisions come out of the legislature. If you vote for no one else this year, vote for our RAN endorsed candidates in November, and make sure your employees vote for them, too.

Nevada businesses can no longer take for granted that Nevada's pro-business



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economy will never change. Nevada businesses have taken smaller and smaller roles in our state elections, and political contributions has failed to keep up as costs of campaigns and media have risen. And as we've seen over the last several legislative sessions, there are strong efforts at work for a progressive, anti-business agenda in Carson City.

Now more than ever Nevada business owners must stand together, and for this reason, RAN is launching a new political action committee (PAC) to engage more aggressively politically, but we need your help. If every RAN member matched their dues payment with a PAC contribution, we would have a significant amount of resources to change the makeup of the Nevada Legislature back to a

pro-business direction.

This election RAN has been more active than ever when it comes to holding our elected representatives accountable. RAN has already begun to work in races where the elected official has opposed the business community when we need them most, and with the creation of the new RAN PAC and your financial support, we will be better able to support candidates who will have the hard policy conversations and make the decisions to support Nevada's pro-business climate.

If we've learned anything

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RAN ENDORSES IN NEVADA LEGISLATIVE RACES

COVID-19 HAS BROUGHT TO BEAR CHANGES TO

our way of life that will transform how we make a living, how we experience the physical world around us, how we engage in relationships, and how we manage our physical and mental health.

As business owners, how you manage and operate your business has undoubtedly changed. The Retail Association is no exception and we have been proud of the new ways we have found to communicate with our members and from that new dialogue it is clear our retailers are engaged and care deeply about their communities, their employees, and the future of Nevada.

During this time of tremendous turmoil RAN has continued our work to effectively advocate for Nevada's retailers by providing guidance and information to government agencies, elected officials, and multiple new Task Forces and Committees. Our association was honored to play a role in securing

the supply chain for Nevadans to ensure the efficient and necessary supply of groceries, medicine, and the millions of products our citizens use in their daily lives.

Contributing to the stress of the season is the heavily fought election battle raging on the presidential level. Polling, done by others and by RAN, show that most voters have made up their minds on who to elect as president. To expand the conversation beyond Washington D.C. and lend a new focus to the Nevada legislative races, the Retail Association of Nevada is endorsing candidates for office.

As members, you are familiar with our Legislative Matrix that is published at the conclusion of each regular session of the Nevada Legislature. The matrix looks at actual votes taken, and legislative activity conducted by each member of the Nevada Legislature on issues of key importance to our industry. It has been a useful and foundational part of RAN's government affairs advocacy for more than a decade and we will be continuing to publish

that report.

Our endorsements, on the other hand, serve a more forward-thinking purpose. Rather than as a grade for performance, these endorsements serve as tool to understand how the legislature could approach crafting solutions for the real and current problems confronting all Nevadans. The candidates we have endorsed have all proposed or crafted solutions to the problems we face, crumbling infrastructure, poor education funding, over regulation, and fiscal irresponsibility. They face new challengers in some cases who do not have ideas of their own and they face some who have been ineffective in office in crafting meaningful resolutions to these problems. We firmly believe, that if successfully elected, Nevada will be stronger, and positioned to come out of 2020 with leadership and a vision for a more prosperous future.

STATE SENATE

- Dina Neal,** Senate District 4
- Heidi Gansert,** Senate District 15
- Carrie Buck,** Senate District 5

- Scott Hammond,** Senate District 18
- April Becker,** Senate District 6
- Pete Goicoechea,** Senate District 19
- Josh Dowden,** Senate District 11

STATE ASSEMBLY

- Heidi Kasama,** Assembly District 2
- Jason Frierson,** Assembly District 8
- Steve Yeager,** Assembly District 9
- Tom Roberts,** Assembly District 13
- Mellissa Hardy,** Assembly District 22
- Glen Leavitt,** Assembly District 23
- Jill Tolles,** Assembly District 25
- Lisa Krasner,** Assembly District 26
- Steven Delisle,** Assembly District 29
- Jill Dickman,** Assembly District 31
- Alexis Hansen,** Assembly District 32
- John Ellison,** Assembly District 33
- Gregory Hafen,** Assembly District 36
- Robin Titus,** Assembly District 38
- Alexander Assefa,** Assembly District 42



PHARMACY UPDATES FOR NEVADA

By Liz MacMenamin

THE BOARD OF PHARMACY HELD THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED

meeting on September 3rd and 4th, 2020. Due to Governor Sisolak's COVID-19 directives regarding large gatherings, this meeting was held via zoom.

The board meeting on the 3rd was mostly discipline hearings with the bulk of the discipline being prescribers called before the board due to problematic dispensing habits and strong regulations of controlled substances. The state of Nevada has more lenient laws for this practice of dispensing controlled substances than other states. These prescribers are currently allowed by regulations to dispense the controlled substances out of their offices. This has been a problem in our state for quite a while.

The board meeting on the 4th was public hearings and workshop. During the public hearing the board passed an emergency and a permanent regulation, R142-20, that will permit the pharmaceutical technician to administer immunizations.



Liz MacMenamin

This regulation is needed to move the state forward not only for the upcoming COVID-19 vaccine but for all lifesaving vaccines. The pharmacy has proven to be the most convenient location for immunizations and this regulation will be important to allow the state to safely administer the vaccinations on a large scale.

The emergency and permanent regulation modifies the law in the following ways:

"A pharmaceutical technician under the direct and immediate supervision of a pharmacist may administer immunizations under the conditions prescribed in NAC 639.2971 if he or she has received the training required by NAC 639.2973 and the

continuing education required by NAC 639.2974."

Furthermore:

"A pharmaceutical technician may administer immunizations by an intranasal, intramuscular or subcutaneous injection under the direct and immediate supervision of a pharmacist who has subscribed to a written protocol established by a physician if the pharmacist has determined, in his or her professional judgment, that the patient should be immunized. A record of each immunization administered by the pharmaceutical technician must be maintained in the

manner prescribed by NAC 639.2977."

The emergency regulation was signed by Governor Sisolak on September 14, 2020. The Legislative Commission heard the regulation on September 18, 2020 and it passed unanimously.

RAN members appreciate the governor and the board members, as well as the staff at the board, for moving so quickly to gain approval for this change in our laws.

RAN supported this regulation at the Legislative Commission hearing. ■





GOVERNMENT WARNS OF FAKE OPIOIDS

THE U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION HAS ISSUED

warning letters to 17 website operators for illegally selling unapproved and misbranded opioids online in violation of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. Misbranded opioids include those offered for sale without a prescription, as well as opioids that lack adequate directions for use.

The opioids offered for sale include products such as tramadol and oxycodone. These are prescription drugs that have significant risks of addiction, abuse and misuse, which can lead to overdose and death, and should only be used under the supervision of a licensed health care provider.

These warning letters are a continuation of the FDA's commitment to take action against the illegal sale of opioids over the internet.

"Those who illegally sell opioids online put consumers at risk and undermine the significant strides we have made to combat the opioid crisis," said Donald D. Ashley, director of the Office of Compliance in the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research.

"We remain committed to using all available tools to stop the illegal sale of

opioids online to help protect consumers from these potentially dangerous products."

The warning letters were issued to:

- alpharoyalpharmacy.com
- beststeroidstore.net
- bluepillmedications.com
- buydrugsmedsonline.com
- genericpharmacyusa.com
- globalpharmacystores.com
- greenrxpharmacy.com
- klasiekpharmacy.com
- lekapharma.com
- mega-pillspharmacy.com
- melanopharmacy.com
- roidsforce.com
- rxeasymeds.com
- skylimitpharmacy.com
- ThomasMeds.com
- uspharmacyshop.com
- xsteroids.com

In addition to the significant risks of addiction, abuse and misuse, opioids can cause life-threatening respiratory depression (breathing problems), which can lead to overdose and death, and withdrawal symptoms in newborn babies. When taken with other central nervous system depressants, including alcohol, the use of opioids may result in coma or death.

Opioid addiction is a serious public health issue in the United States, and the sale of unapproved and misbranded opioids may pose heightened dangers to consumers who purchase

those products over the internet. Unlike drugs approved by the FDA, there has been no FDA evaluation of whether unapproved products are safe and effective for their intended use, or whether they have dangerous side effects or other safety concerns.

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Additionally, several of these websites offer opioids online without a prescription, posing significant risks to consumers. Illegal online pharmacies can also pose other risks to consumers, including credit card fraud, identity theft and computer viruses.

The FDA is committed to addressing the national crisis of opioid addiction on all fronts, with a significant focus on decreasing

exposure to opioids and preventing new addiction; supporting the treatment of those with opioid use disorder; fostering the development of novel pain treatment therapies and opioids more resistant to abuse and misuse; and taking action against those involved in the illegal importation and sale of unapproved and misbranded opioids.

The FDA, an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, protects the public health by assuring the safety, effectiveness, and security

of human and veterinary drugs, vaccines and other biological products for human use, and medical devices.

The agency also is responsible for the safety and security of our nation's food supply, cosmetics, dietary supplements, products that give off electronic radiation, and for regulating tobacco products. ■



THE NEVADA RETAIL ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS BALLOT QUESTION 1

BALLOT QUESTION 1 ALSO KNOWN AS THE "NEVADA

Higher Education Reform, Accountability, and Oversight Amendment," will provide accountability and transparency to higher education governance and deliver a system that Nevada's taxpayers and students deserve.

It ensures that the higher education bureaucracy and the Board of Regents are accountable to the other branches of government, just as K-12 education, the Department of Motor Vehicles, and every other taxpayer-funded entity in Nevada, are held accountable. And it ensures academic freedom remains strong in Nevada's higher education system.

Higher education governance in Nevada is broken. There is no accountability or transparency. Century-old law prevents the people's branch of government from checking and balancing the Board of Regents, leading to government waste and mismanagement. Time and time again, even with bipartisan consensus for reform, accountability, and transparency, the Board of Regents has remained insulated from any real

accountability and typical checks and balances. As a result, the Board of Regents continually thumbed its nose at conducting itself in an appropriate fashion—including misleading the people of Nevada about taxpayer resources. Voting YES on Ballot Question 1 this November – will restore accountability and oversight to higher education in Nevada.

States with similar populations, including Virginia, have five times the number of colleges, but about one-third the number of employees at the system level compared to the Nevada System of Higher Education.

Even now, in the midst of one of the most fiscally challenging times in our state's history, the Board of Regents approved a large six-figure salary and yearly allowances in the thousands of dollars for housing, a car, and a "host account" for the new chancellor. By the terms of the contract, the "host account" can be used for meals and lodging

(including for spouses in some cases) when "representing" NSHE.

Meanwhile, even though Nevada spends \$1 billion per biennium on higher education, placing it 16th nationally in per-student funding, we rank 46th in student attainment. And the graduation rates at all of Nevada's colleges are below the national average.

Question 1 will not change the day-to-day operation of higher education. Nevada law will



still require that the Board of Regents be elected and oversee higher education. But it will

provide accountability and transparency through independent oversight.

With better accountability and transparency in place, Nevada will be better able to refocus on the priorities of higher education in our state: serving students, economic diversification, creating a 21st century workforce, and advancing the pursuit of knowledge.

Question 1's accountability, transparency, and

oversight provisions are supported by a broad coalition of Nevadans.

Question 1, then AJR5 of the 2017 legislative session, passed overwhelmingly with broad bipartisan support.

We join many other business groups including the National Federation of Independent Businesses, the Vegas Chamber, the Nevada Manufacturers Association, the Nevada Contractors Association, and the Nevada Farm Bureau Federation, with more to come.

It is supported by prominent Nevadans across the state such as in Elko, Fallon, West Winnemucca, Carson City, Reno, and Las Vegas. And it is supported by former higher education officials, such as former college presidents, current faculty, students, and alumni who personally understand the stakes.

This coalition is so broad because at its core, Question 1 simply restores fundamental principles of American government.

We urge a vote in favor of Quest of Question 1.

For more information, please visit <https://www.yeson1forhighereducation.com>. ■



Nevada Notes

NEVADA'S FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

Nevada has been through an economically damaging lock down, and the state is looking to reopen safely. Nevada will no longer use stages 1 through 4. Rather, the state will now use a county by county approach based upon infection rates, hospitalizations, and so forth.

The governor called this approach a mitigation approach rather than a suppression of the virus as reflected in the stage 1–4 approach previously used. This may be due to realizing the problem to be a long lasting one, which will only be truly addressed once a vaccination is available. No matter the intention or approach, the business community seeks clear communication and straightforward *expectations*

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NEVADA COMMERCIAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

Nevada provided a Commercial Rental Assistance Grant (CRAG) throughout the state, which made \$19 million in Coronavirus Relief Funds available for commercial rental relief for Nevada small businesses (including non-profits, sole proprietorships, independent contractors and those that are self-

employed) which have lost revenue as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM

As part of the Federal Cares Act, monies were made available for the support of small businesses. As a result, NACO (Nevada Association of Counties) is administering the grant program. Small businesses who might qualify were encouraged to apply.

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PAYROLL TAX RELIEF EXECUTIVE ORDER INFORMATION

On August 8th President Trump signed an executive order directing the Treasury Secretary to allow payroll taxes to be deferred. Specifically, this means Nevada employers may stop withholding the tax.

Of note, this is not a forgiveness of the tax. Rather, it is a forbearance of the tax for a certain period of time.

Ostensibly, citizens might likely have more money to spend now. Businesses throughout Nevada have the option to participate or not. It is widely thought many will not as uncertainty to who will end up paying taxes at year end will be borne by the business or the employee.

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NEVADA'S MITIGATION & MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE

Nevada recently switched from a phased system of recovery to a mitigation system of recovery. Reasons for the switch were not immediately forthcoming.

However, it is widely assumed the change is due to longer term control verses shorter term suppression of the virus. In other words, the virus is here to stay and we have to manage it as best as possible. Nevada initially flattened the curve and slowed the initial spread, but doing so severely damaged the economy. Mitigation, on the other hand, appears to embrace keeping businesses open, albeit with restrictions.

Every Thursday the Mitigation and Management Task Force now meets. A published agenda gives way for department heads and counties an opportunity to report on current realities.

During this time decisions are made that lead to maintaining, restricting, or opening things up to allow additional business opportunities. For example, the task force, when asked, refused to allow bars in certain communities to reopen. The task force, then, has real teeth and operates at the pleasure of the governor in the fight against COVID-19.

As an example, at the

September 10th meeting, the Mitigation and Management Task Force allowed bars to reopen in Nye County, and approved plans to reopen Washoe County bars, taverns, wineries, and distilleries no later than Wednesday, September 16th.

Openings in both counties require patrons and employees to wear face coverings and restrict capacity to 50 percent of capacity.,

Nye county will be subject to closure if conditions deteriorate, and Washoe County will have to work with the task force on other restrictions in order to open on the 16th.

To find information on future meetings go to: <https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/covid-task-force-assessments/> RAN

CLARK COUNTY'S SMALL BUSINESS STABILIZATION AND SMALL BUSINESS PROTECTIVE RETROFIT GRANTS ARE BACK!

Clark County grants are back and can provide up to \$10,000 in working capital and up to \$5,000 for public health & safety modifications. The grants allow for some retroactive costs. Applications were received until September 15th to small businesses with less than 20 employees in Clark County. RAN



National Notes

KROGER WORKS TO MAKE SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING

Kroger has committed to making its packaging on its branded products sustainable. The company has stated it wants to employ 100 percent sustainable, compostable and/or reusable packaging by 2030. In addition, the company aims to boost recycled content in their packaging, and raise awareness regarding managing product packaging.

Lastly, the company has committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 30 percent by 2030.

Super Market News

WHAT'S NEXT FOR FOOD RETAIL SELF-CHECKOUT?

Contactless checkout has gotten a boost from the pandemic as consumers embrace ways to check-out without making physical contact. This includes a wave of innovation in the food retail space.

According to RBR, a consultancy firm, global shipments of self-checkout terminals increased 52 percent year over year in 2019, with that growth driven by the U.S. market, including food retailers. Consumers have had mixed reactions. These concerns have included crowding at some pay stations and

the impersonal feel of contactless self-checkout.

Retailers are taking consumers concerns seriously and are working to address any potential issues. Researchers know, however, that 97 percent of consumers are willing to use self-checkout machines if they think the consumers staffed check-out lanes are too long. *Chain Store Age*

RETURNABLE CONTAINERS IN GROCERY STORES

Reusable containers are starting to make a comeback in grocery stores. In some places, products like Häagen-Dazs ice cream come in durable, reusable packaging. Consumers pay a deposit for the containers, which is refunded when they are returned.

Tom Szaky, the chief executive and founder of TerraCycle, imagines a world where shoppers take their trash with them to the grocery store.

Next year Retailers including Kroger Co. next year plan to make space in stores for Loop, TerraCycle's refillable packaging platform. Tesco PLC in the U.K. and Carrefour SA in France also are planning to install in-store Loop "corners"—areas of a store designed for products packaged in Loop's containers—in the next twelve months. Loblaws Inc.

in Canada and Woolworths Group Ltd. in Australia will bring Loop stations to stores sometime in 2022.

Aeon Co., Japan's largest supermarket group, plans to introduce Loop corners to 16 stores in the greater Tokyo area next March.

WSJ

TARGET POWERS DRIVE UP GROCERY

Target is investing in drive up grocery. This is due to the momentum gained during the pandemic.

Online grocery growth is no surprise to anyone and Target is taking full advantage to gain a bigger market share. Within the space, Target is trying to offer more fresh and frozen food, something they put on hold during the heat of the pandemic.

Target already has 1,500 stores offering the service with plans to with plans to expand the service by the holidays. *WSJ*

FOOD WASTE COALITION LAUNCHES WITH 14 MANUFACTURERS AND RETAILERS

Led by CEOs at 14 of the biggest retailers and manufacturers, the Consumer Goods Forum organized a group to tackle food waste. The goal of the Coalition of Action on Food Waste is to cut in half global food loss per

capita by 2025. The initial members include CPGs such as General Mills, Kellogg Company, Barilla, McCain Foods and Nestlé. Retailers joining the group include Ahold Delhaize, Tesco and Walmart. *Grocery Dive*

WATCH OUT, AMAZON AND WALMART — KROGER IS COMING

Kroger may be positioning itself to become a major retail technology platform.

Kroger, known as a food retail leader, is expanding into general merchandise in order to compete more fully with the online giant and Walmart who has expanded its online space.

Kroger Ship delivers private-label and center-aisle groceries, household essentials and bulk merchandise through third-party carriers. Additional goods will be offered across multiple categories, including natural and organic, international food, specialty items, housewares and toys. Kroger plans to officially launch its expanded third-party assortment in fall 2020. *Chain Store Age*

WALMART TO ADD MAMAVA LACTATION SUITES TO 100-PLUS STORES

Walmart is marking National Breastfeeding Month with an effort

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U.S. STILL FLOODING WITH OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS FROM PRESCRIBERS

This article based on a larger NPR article

D OCTORS, DENTISTS, AND OTHER HEALTHCARE

providers are still flooding the U.S. with opioid prescriptions. This is according to NPR and government studies. In fact, there are enough prescriptions for one half of the U.S. population.

The U.S., just five percent of the world population, consumes 80 percent of the world's prescription opioids. And, its not just a few healthcare providers that are responsible. It is now a culture of the medical community, according to Jonathan Chen, a physician and researcher at Sandford University Medical Center.

Critics say it exposes patients to addiction, overdose, and death. Some doctors and researchers have begun to sound the alarm. According to the CDC, in 2018 one in five Americans had an opioid prescription filled, and approximately 40 Americans died each day as a result.

Big Pharma made the pills and has taken much of the blame for the resulting problems. However, healthcare providers wrote the prescriptions; something that often goes undetected in the quest to address the problem. This despite a CDC warning to healthcare providers in 2016. As a result, many states have enacted

some sort of regulation to address the situation. Regardless, the problem continues.

Dentists are also part of the problem. They routinely prescribe opioids for pain after oral procedures, pain that could be treated equally well with other pain medication.

Many of these prescriptions go to younger and more vulnerable people who have greater risk of addiction, this according to a Michigan study.

Despite other crisis's which demand media attention, the opioid crisis continues to rage on. In some parts of the rural south, enough

prescriptions are being written each year for every person to have one.

According to the CDC some parts of the country write opioid prescriptions between two and six times the national average. Much of this, some say, is due to pressure some healthcare providers experience as their workloads increase. Others are not so sure and say the reasons are complicated.

What remains is widespread debate as to why it continues and how to stop over-prescribing. Information for this article came from NPR.

To read the article in its entirety go to:

<https://www.npr.> ■

IMPORTS SPIKE AS ECONOMY CONTINUES RECOVERY AND RETAILERS STOCK UP FOR HOLIDAYS

NRF

WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 – IMPORTS

surged to unexpected high levels this summer and may have hit a new record as the

U.S. economy continues to reopen and retailers stock up for the holiday season, according to the monthly Global Port Tracker report released today by the National Retail Federation

and Hackett Associates. "It's important to be careful how much to read into these numbers after all we've seen this year, but retailers are importing far more merchandise for the

holidays than we expected even a month ago," NRF Vice President for Supply Chain and Customs Policy Jonathan Gold said. "Some of these imports are helping

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RAN'S ENDORSEMENTS FOR JUDICIAL RACES THROUGHOUT NEVADA

THE RETAIL ASSOCIATION OF NEVADA IS PLEASED

to announce its list of endorsements for judicial races throughout Nevada.

Most judicial elections occur every six years, and 2020 is one of those years. As a result, voters will face a large number of judicial candidates on the ballot this November.

In order to help our membership, RAN has determined to endorse certain judicial candidates.

In making these endorsements, RAN looks to several key principles.

First, the judicial candidate should be independent, impartial, fair and ethical.

Second, the judicial candidate should be well-versed in the law, prepared, and treat all parties with dignity and courtesy.

Third, the judicial candidate should be dedicated to the betterment of his or her community.

With those guiding principles in mind, RAN is pleased to endorse the following judicial candidates for November 2020:

NEVADA SUPREME COURT SEAT D

Doug Herndon

NEVADA SUPREME COURT SEAT B

Kristina Pickering

COURT OF APPEALS SEAT 3

Bonnie Bulla

2ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (WASHOE COUNTY)

DEPARTMENT 10

Elliot Sattler

8TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (CLARK COUNTY)

DEPARTMENT 1

Bita Yeager

DEPARTMENT 2

Richard Scotti

DEPARTMENT 4

Phil Aurbach

DEPARTMENT 5

Terry Coffing

DEPARTMENT 6

Jaqueline Bluth

DEPARTMENT 8

Trevor Atkin

DEPARTMENT 15

Joe Hardy Jr.

DEPARTMENT 17

Michael Villani

DEPARTMENT 18

Mary Kay Holthus

DEPARTMENT 19

William "Bill" Kephart

DEPARTMENT 20

Eric Johnson

DEPARTMENT 21

Jacob Reynolds

DEPARTMENT 22

Susan Johnson

DEPARTMENT 28

Alexandra Beth McLeod

DEPARTMENT 29

David Jones

DEPARTMENT 31

Joanna Kishner

DEPARTMENT 32

Rob Bare

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replenish inventories that started to run low after consumers unleashed pent-up demand when stores reopened. But this is the clearest sign yet that we could be in for a much

happier holiday season than many had thought."

"The economy has come into sharp focus, and for good cause," Hackett Associates Founder Ben Hackett said. "The previous

yo-yo pattern of import levels reached a peak in July that appears to have extended into August. Nonetheless, data from around the globe is a mix, with a weak recovery as

Europe struggles with rising COVID-19 numbers but China's exports remain solid. Will this last? A lot of uncertainty is in play." ■



Important Information for SIG Members

NRS requires all existing members of a self-insured group to be notified of all new members. NRNSIG new members are listed below.

Bighorn NV LLC dba Big O Tire #28094

Black Star Hospitality Group

Clearly Blue LLC

Dynamic UTV & Off-Road LLC


Las Vegas CP1 LLC dba Core Progression

NRNSIG members who wish to register a negative vote on a new group member, please write NRNSIG at 575 S. Saliman Road, Carson City, NV 89701, indicating which member and the reason(s) for the negative vote.

Did You Know?...

Some Halloween Rituals Used to Involve Finding a Husband

During the 18th century, ladies would follow Halloween traditions that would “help” them find a romantic match. According to History.com, women would: Throw apple peels over their shoulder hoping to see their future husband’s initials, competitively bob for apples at parties because the winner would be the first to get married, and stand in a dark room with a candle in front of a mirror to look for their future husband’s face. Thankfully, those traditions have died out.





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meant to better serve its breastfeeding shoppers and associates.

The retailer announced Wednesday that it would be rolling out Mamava’s lactation suites to more than 100 stores by year’s end. Mamava suites are free-standing pods that offer a private room to allow for breastfeeding or pumping.

Access is granted via the Mamava app, which opens the door and allows moms to customize lighting and airflow, as well as play soothing sounds. Walmart said it is the first retail to install the free-to-use Mamava pods in a store setting.

Drug Store News

FMI NOW PART OF U.S. PLASTICS PACT

FMI, or the Food Industry Association, has joined the U.S. Plastics Pact, a collaborative, solutions-driven initiative which seeks to effect change with a scalable solutions in a circular economy for plastics in the United States by 2025.

The first North

American pact of its kind, the U.S. Plastics Pact is a collaboration led by The Recycling Partnership, the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and the Ellen MacArthur Foundation.

As part of the pact, FMI acknowledges that significant, systemwide change is crucial to creating a circular economy for plastics. As such, the pact will unite more than 70 brands, retailers, NGOs and government agencies throughout the plastics value chain to bring a single voice to U.S. packaging via coordinated initiatives and inventive solutions for revamping products, packaging and business models.

As a founding activator of the U.S. Plastics Pact, FMI will collectively work toward the following goals:

- Define a list of packaging to be designated as problematic or unnecessary by 2021 and take measures to eliminate them by 2025.
- By 2025, all plastic packaging is 100% reusable, recyclable, or compostable.
- By 2025, undertake

ambitious actions to effectively recycle or compost 50% of plastic packaging.

- By 2025, the average recycled content or responsibly sourced bio-based content in plastic packaging will be 30%.

Progressive Grocer

WALMART INTRODUCES WALMART+

In a bid to compete with Amazon Prime, Walmart is rolling out Walmart+, a membership combining in-store and online benefits with the aim of saving customers money and time.

Available to all customers on Sept. 15, membership will cost \$98 annually, or \$12.95 per month, and includes a 15-day free trial period. Initial Walmart+ benefits are as follows:

- Unlimited free delivery: In-store prices as fast as same-day on more than 160,000 items, including tech, toys, household goods and groceries.

This service was

formerly known as Delivery Unlimited, a subscription service that allowed shoppers to order an unlimited number of deliveries for a low, flat yearly or monthly fee. Existing subscribers will automatically become Walmart+ members.

- Scan & Go: Using the Walmart app, customers can scan their items as they shop, and pay using Walmart Pay.

- Fuel discounts: Members will save up to 5 cents a gallon at almost 2,000 Walmart, Murphy USA and Murphy Express fuel stations, with Sam’s Club fuel stations soon to be added to the list.

- The benefits are in addition to Walmart’s existing customer offerings, including free curbside pickup and next-day and two-day delivery. The company will continue to provide delivery options with a per-delivery transaction fee so customers can select the service they prefer.

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over these past few years, it’s that Nevada businesses cannot continue to take for granted a pro-business legislature. This is something

we need to build and defend against a growing progressive agenda in Nevada. It’s not too late to join us now before Election

Day in November. Your contributions and your votes can make all the difference to ensure Nevada businesses are represented and listened

to when the Legislature convenes next year. ■



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COURTS HOLD AMAZON LIABLE IN TEXAS, WISCONSIN, AND PENNSYLVANIA FOR FAULTY THIRD-PARTY PRODUCTS

NEARLY 60
PERCENT
OF ALL
PRODUCTS

sold by Amazon come from third-party sellers.

Courts have rarely held Amazon liable from third-party products which cause harm to consumers.

Amazon has largely argued their relationship with third-party sellers absolves it of any liability.

However, that is starting to change as the giant online retailer has lost a handful of cases in Texas, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania.

At issue is whether

Amazon, or other online retailers, can be held liable for third party products sold on their sites.

A recently introduced California bill would have extended liability to online retailers if faulty goods were sold on their sites, similar to bricks and mortar retailers.

Amazon supported the bill with one exception; the liability would have extended to all online retailers, even those who do not warehouse and ship products from third-party sellers. As a result, the bill was withdrawn. ■

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