



City News For Your Information November 19, 2009

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Death Threat Made Against City Manager

At 7:14 p.m. on Saturday, November 7, a man who identified himself as Gregory Eugene Thomas left a threatening voicemail message for City Manager Vicki Mayes. The message was left on the city manager's office phone at city hall. The caller stated that he was going to rape and murder the city manager and then kill her husband as well. He also stated he was going to come to the city council meeting on November 10, and if anyone tried to stop him he would kill them too. The voicemail message was discovered when the city manager arrived for work at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, November 9.

Investigation quickly revealed that Boulder City Patrol Officers had come in contact with Gregory Eugene Thomas the previous week when he was trespassed from a business in the city. At that time he spoke to the officers about his personal website where his photo was posted. He gave the officers the website address and told them it included an ad indicating he was looking for a roommate.

When Thomas became a suspect in the death threat against the city manager, his physical description and the photo from his website were distributed to the on-duty patrol officers. Within two hours he was observed walking on Nevada Highway near Starbucks. Other officers responded to the location and Thomas was interviewed regarding the threatening phone call. Thomas was returned to Boulder City Police Headquarters where he was ultimately charged with Threats/Harassment and two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia. He was booked into the Henderson City Jail on \$25,000 cash bail or \$250,000 bond.

Thomas' laptop computer, which was in his possession when he was located, was turned over to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's Cyber Crimes Unit for a forensic examination. The final report is due this week. Thomas remains in the Henderson City Jail awaiting a pre-trial conference on November 24.

Thomas' threats toward the city manager seem to stem from his frustration over not finding an affordable place to live in the city. He made statements indicating that he felt that city government should provide assistance to those who want to live in Boulder City. Prior to his arrest he resided in an apartment in Las Vegas.

"Lest They Be Forgotten"

On Saturday, November 21 at 1 p.m., the movie "Lest They be Forgotten" will be presented in the City Council Chambers of City Hall. This event is sponsored by the Women's' Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 31. The film is the ninth in a series of stories from World War II by Larry Cappetto and sponsored by Palm Mortuary. This documentary features first-hand accounts from

World War II veterans living in the Las Vegas area and includes a segment by Boulder City's Wayne Putz.

City Council and RDA Meetings on Demand

If you want to watch a City Council or RDA meeting and can't watch it on BCTV or don't have Cox Cable, you can watch it any time you wish on your home computer by clicking on the "City Council Video Channel" on the City website, www.bcnv.org. The City Council Video Channel link is located on the home page of the website, left-hand side of the page below the opinion poll section. All of the City Council and RDA meetings from July of 2008 through the present are available there for viewing.

No Trash Pick Up on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day

There will be no trash pick up on Thanksgiving Day, November 26 and Christmas Day, December 25. Trash will be picked up on your next regularly scheduled pick up day.

Vehicle vs. Bicycle Crash on Gloria at Jeri

On Tuesday, November 10, at approximately 8:08 a.m., Boulder City Dispatch received several 911 calls reporting a child riding his bike was struck by a vehicle on Gloria at Jeri. Police and Fire were dispatched to the scene where they located an injured 6-year old child laying in the roadway next to his damaged bicycle. The red pickup truck that was involved in the crash immediately stopped at the scene. The crash temporarily closed both Gloria and Jeri.

The vehicle involved in the crash was a red 2-door, 2003 Ford F-150 pickup, driven by a 19-year old Boulder City resident. The vehicle and driver were located at the scene on Jeri just off of Gloria. The driver said he did not see the child until the child struck his vehicle. He said that sun glare and other obstructions kept him from seeing the child.

Witnesses reported observing the red Ford pickup truck traveling southbound on Gloria attempting to make a left turn onto Jeri. They also observed the child riding his bike northbound on the sidewalk on Gloria. The witnesses reported seeing the Ford start to make the left turn after waiting for a group of children to cross the intersection on their bikes. Witnesses said another child riding his bike then entered the intersection from the sidewalk and the child and the truck collided. The child was knocked off his bike, resulting in him striking his head on the pavement. He was not wearing a helmet.

The child was treated at the scene and ground transported by Boulder City Rescue to Sunrise Hospital with undetermined injuries. Speed is not believed to be a contributing factor in this crash, and the investigation is still ongoing.

What To Do When You Have the Flu

From Family Doctors of Boulder City

The "flu" or influenza, whether H1N1, "swine flu," or regular seasonal flu, is, for the most part, a self-limited illness. The vast majority of healthy people will recover within several days without any serious health effects. Our immune systems attack the virus, clearing it from our bodies; but we

need to give our body what it needs to be successful. Your body needs energy to get better. Get enough rest and do not push yourself if tired. Get enough nutrition and stay well-hydrated.

How can we protect others? First, avoid spreading the virus. If you are sick with the flu, stay home until your fever is below 100.5 for more than 24 hours and your energy level has sufficiently recovered. Cough into your sleeve instead of your hands to avoid transferring the virus from your hands to shared surfaces. Wear a mask if you have to be in public when still coughing significantly.

Who needs to seek medical attention? Those persons with severe symptoms such as trouble breathing, dehydration, lethargy, persistent vomiting, return of fever and worse cough after initially improving.

What medication should I take? The only medications specifically effective against the influenza viruses are certain antiviral drugs prescribed by doctors. They are only modestly effective, are only helpful for the very sick and are prone to rapidly develop resistance. They are only helpful if started within 48 hours of the onset of symptoms. They are recommended to treat sick people, such as children younger than two years old, persons 65 and older, pregnant women, persons of any age with certain chronic medical or immunosuppressive conditions and persons younger than 19 who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy and others who are more likely to get serious flu complications. Over-the-counter medications can be helpful for discomfort from fever, pain or excessive cough.

In addition to the information above, Fire Chief Kevin Nicholson appears on BCTV throughout the day with information on how to take precautions against the flu.

Boulder City History on YouTube

The other day, Erik Pappa, Director of Public Communications for Clark County, sent me an e-mail notifying me that the County has placed videos of Boulder City's history on the County's new YouTube page. This page includes other videos of historic vignettes around Clark County. When I last looked at this page, the video that got the most "hits" of all the videos posted was "History of Boulder City." To view the Boulder City videos or any of the other historic pieces about Clark County, go to <http://www.youtube.com/ClarkCountyNV>.

Boy Scout Troop 7 Celebrates 60 Years of Service

The month of December will mark the 60th Anniversary of the Boy Scout Troop 7, sponsored by the Boulder City Elks BPO 1602. Troop 7 was chartered on December 1, 1949 and remains the longest continually chartered troop in the Las Vegas Area Council.

The boys of this troop develop hundreds of hours to service at the Nevada State Veterans' Home, Scouting for Food, the Boulder City Parks & Recreation Department, Art in the Park, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management and local schools.

In addition to local service projects, Troop 7's legacy of Eagle Scout projects are seen throughout the city. Eagle projects have included re-landscaping the entrance to the Veterans' Home, restoring the statue of Frank Crowe at Frank Crowe Park and providing hardscaping for Martha P. King School. Troop 7 has produced more than 53 Eagle Scouts since its inception.

As part of the 60th Anniversary Celebration, the troop invites all past and present members of Troop 7 and the Elks Club and all supporters to attend the three-day celebration beginning with a no-host reception at the Boulder Dam Brewing Company on Friday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m.

The troop will show its appreciation of 60 years of Elks' sponsorship with a major clean-up at the Elk's Club on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 9 a.m. Then at 3:30 p.m., supporters of Troop 7 will be part of the Santa's Electric Night Parade.

On Sunday, Dec. 6 at 5 p.m., there will be a formal Court of Honor Ceremony and dinner at the Elks Lodge, 1217 Nevada Highway. To RSVP for the dinner, e-mail info@troop-7.net or mail to BSA Troop 7, c/o Boulder City Elks, 117 Nevada Highway, Boulder City, NV 89005 or go to the website at <http://www.troop-7.net/>. You may also contact Alan Goya at 702-592-5731.

Upcoming Activities, Events and Meetings

- ✚ Torme' Sings Torme' on November 20 at 7 p.m. and November 21 at 4 p.m. at the Boulder Theatre, 1225 Arizona Street. Steve March Torme' presents an evening of great jazz to honor the life and music of his father, the late Mel Torme'. He will be accompanied by a big band and special guest appearance by Desi Arnaz, Jr. Tickets are \$35 and benefit the Boulder City Ballet Company. Cal 293-1161 today for tickets.
- ✚ On Saturday, November 21 at 1 p.m., the film "Lest They Be Forgotten," will be shown in the Council Chambers of City Hall. This film is the ninth in a series by award winning filmmaker, Larry Cappetto, and sponsored by Palm Mortuary. This showing is sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 31 in Boulder City.
- ✚ The Parks & Recreation Commission meets on Monday, November 23 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The public is invited to attend.
- ✚ The Historic Preservation Committee will meet on Monday, November 23 at 7 p.m. for the month of November.



- ✚ The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting takes place on Friday, December 4 at 6 p.m. in Frank Crowe Park.
- ✚ St. Jude's hosts a free, open house holiday celebration on Friday, December 4 and Saturday, December 5 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the ranch. The event also serves as a fundraiser where guests are invited to donate for photos with Santa, hay rides, s'mores and enjoy hot chocolate, cider

and chili. Sponsorships, in-kind and monetary donations are also accepted. Call 294-7102 for further information.

- ✚ The Annual Doodlebug Bazaar takes place Saturday, December 5 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Boulder City Parks & Recreation gyms, 900 Arizona Street. Call Phyllis Holsey at 293-4381 for more information.

✚ Join Santa and Mrs. Claus on the 7-mile train ride from the Nevada Southern Railway Museum, 600 Yucca Street, Boulder City, to Railroad Pass along the revitalized historic Boulder Branch line On December 5 and 6. The train departs at 10 AM, 11 AM, 12 noon, 1, 2 and 3 PM. Please arrive 30 minutes before departure. Tickets may be purchased in advance: see www.NevadaSouthern.com. You may also go to the ticket office at 600 Yucca Street on Saturday and Sunday. Call 486-5006 for more information.

✚ Santa's Picture Party takes place on Saturday, December 5 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in Bicentennial Park.

✚ The Annual Santa's Electric Night Parade begins on Saturday, December 5 at 4:30 p.m. beginning at Colorado and Nevada Way. Call the Chamber of Commerce at 293-2034 to obtain a float application today.



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