



Fresh off the press! The Herald is back! As Nevada State High School students begin to settle into their spring classes, the Herald members present a collection of fun articles to get you excited for the celebrations of February. We interviewed students about the best gift they've received in honor of Valentine's Day, and our writers introduce celebrations taking place on the other side of the world during this time of year. Our Black History Month article introduces a significant African American figure from our very own Las Vegas valley. Also, as we approach the one year anniversary of COVID-19 in the United States, our writers bring you updates about vaccination locations and the virus variants ravaging the world.

Celebrations Around the World: February Edition

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Lunar New Year

As a Taiwanese American, I celebrate New Years twice: on January 1st, and again on Lunar New Year (February 12th). Taiwan, along with other Asian countries, dedicates this holiday toward the year's first new moon. While my family in Taiwan is enjoying their month-long vacation, I honor the new year by buying chicken, rice cakes, and fish. The Chinese phrase, Nian Nian You Yu, is a play on the word "fish," which sounds the same as "surplus" in Mandarin. The idea is to not finish the fish in hopes of having a surplus of success in our lives the coming year. Taiwanese also distribute money-filled red envelopes to children, enjoy the dragon dance displays, and light firecrackers. From my family to yours: Happy Lunar New Year!

Mable Hoggard and Helen Anderson Toland

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Helen Anderson Toland

As we are all well aware that February is Black History Month, when asked to write this article, I didn't want to do the names that most people know of- Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Malcolm X, Madame C.J. Walker, Wilma Rudolph, etc. I wanted to inform our audience of local educators and give these important founders the recognition they deserve.

When we think of Hoggard Elementary School or soon-to-be Toland Elementary, we never consider the names of those behind the school's establishment and what obstacles they had to overcome in order to gain the recognition they deserved. Mabel Welch Hoggard was the first licensed African American educator in the Clark County School District. Helen Anderson Toland was the first African American woman principal for the Clark County School District.



Mabel Welch Hoggard

Mabel Welch Hoggard was born in Pueblo, Colorado, in 1905. Although there are not many interviews with Ms. Hoggard, there are many documented instances of the racial injustice she faced as the first African-American teacher within the Clark County. As Las Vegas was regarded as the "Mississippi of the West" (due to the racial ideals it was founded on), it makes sense that Ms. Hoggard was an essential member of the local NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People); she had been an activist since her teenage years. Ms. Hoggard was an active participant in the Zion Methodist Church. I had the pleasure of talking to current members of the Zion Methodist Church who recalled Ms. Hoggard's fierce passion for sticking up for others and her kind soul. Members stated that "Ms. Hoggard was someone everyone loved and had respect for."

A Metropolitan Eden

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If there's no such thing as a true paradise, I'd say Singapore is the closest there is to it. I was amazed by the city in so many ways, including the efficiency and cleanliness of the city. My favorite place in Singapore was the Gardens by the Bay, which is a large botanical garden located right by the marina. This place was probably filled with as much vegetation as there are stars in the sky. It felt like I was walking in the Garden of Eden. Towering over my family and I were the extraordinary supertrees, mechanical trees with the ability to provide solar energy to the garden. I had never seen anything like it. Parts of the Gardens were located in two identical domes. As I walked in the first dome, the rush of air conditioning felt so refreshing, and I felt rejuvenated after being torched by the humidity of Singapore's atmosphere. I then saw a sea of flowers, many of which I had never seen

Philippine Flower Festival

As we welcome a new year, a small country in the East hurries to prepare for a lively tradition in February: the *Panagbenga* Festival. *Panagbenga*, the annual Philippine flower festival, is a Kankanaey (South-Central Cordilleran dialect) term meaning “season of blooming.” The festival celebrates the culture and traditions of the Cordilleras--a flourishing region in the Philippines. While it only celebrates one region, locals, along with tourists all over the world, come to see the month-long festivities. The festival consists of landscape exhibition competitions, float parades, street dancing, and the honoring of horse trainers. The festival is concluded with closing ceremonies during the night of the last day of the festival, where people gather to watch a fireworks display and award the winners of the competitions.



Artwork by Joshua Zaragoza, the 2021 *Panagbenga* Festival's artist for the annual festival's official website.

Best Valentine's Day Gift Received

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Happy Valentine's Day
Renegades! Since it is the season, I questioned two Nevada State High School

Helen Eileen Herndon, turned Helen Anderson Toland, was born May 3, 1926, in Marceline, Missouri. Ms. Toland is undoubtedly a determined woman, moving to Las Vegas from Los Angeles with her late husband, Jim Henderson. Ms. Toland began as a speech therapist, as she got her master's degree in speech corrections/therapy at the University of Southern California. She became a principal at Kit Carson Elementary School within a year. Ms. Toland was the principal for seven years until she returned to Los Angeles after her husband's passing. In an interview she did with Claytte D. White, Ms. Toland explained that when she returned to Las Vegas after her second husband, Elton Toland, passed away in 1980, she returned as a speech therapist because “the school system had changed a great deal and speech therapy at that point was less stressful.” Speech therapy was her occupation until she retired at the age of 67. Helen Anderson Toland is now 94.

The great women behind these schools are why Las Vegas is the city it is today. Without their undeniable bravery and passion, we would probably still be referring to Las Vegas as the “Mississippi of the West.” Thank you, Ms. Mable Welch Hoggard and Helen Anderson Toland, for your extraordinary contributions.



Helen Anderson Toland

Patterns in COVID

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According to Google News, approximately 26,472,780 cases of COVID-19 have been reported in the United States alone. Out of those millions of cases in America, 446,641 deaths are only one of the results of this unforgiving pandemic. Many have the misconception that the numbers between COVID deaths to total cases are large; arguing that out of all those spiraling cases, 26 million people have survived. Although their argument may be partially true, most do not look at the underlying health issues afflicting many due to this virus.

Symptoms in COVID vary. Some may be completely fine, while others may be deeply affected for the rest of their lives. I know those with COVID who have ended up with permanently damaged motor abilities and breathing patterns. I also know people with the new COVID strain, which is infamous for being more deadly and contagious. My friend's father, who is a doctor, had hiccups for nearly two weeks after contracting it. He was put on an oxygen tank, temporarily lost his ability to walk, and developed

invade my sight. I don't believe I had ever seen so many colors as that day as I walked through the dome and into the next one, which featured a waterfall so large I couldn't believe I was still indoors. The rush of the water falling was very loud but pleasing at the same time. For the first time, I started to appreciate how beautiful the nature of the world is.



Renegade Rec

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Lupin

Lupin is a French Netflix Original Series that debuted this year, and has already accumulated over 70 million viewers, and has become one of Netflix's biggest shows. The cleverness, talent, and acting are astronomical and I encourage all of you to watch it. Lupin is about a man named Assane Diop that is inspired by a book character, Arsene Lupin, the gentleman thief. Although I can't say much without spoiling the show, I'll say if you like heists, mysteries, thrillers, and an intriguing show centering around a brilliant dynamic character, then Lupin is the show for you! The only con about this show is that it only has five episodes. Fortunately

Summerlin Juniors, Jade Ramirez-Barraza and Angelina Flores, about the best Valentine's Day Gift they've ever received from a loved one. Flores stated how the best gift she ever received was from her mother, who gave her a ring that has a cat and a heart on it. On the other hand, Jade tells us how the best present she's ever gotten was from her close friend, and it was a vase that she uses to keep her flowers in. Look on our Instagram, @nevada_state_herald for the recorded interview!



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Renegades! Noah Varao here, one of the managers of the official Nevada State Herald Instagram! If you're interested in frequent updates about the newsletter as well as information on how your own stories could be featured in future issues, please give us a follow! Please make sure to spread the word, and keep the Renegade spirit!

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pneumonia during that exhausting time. Thankfully, he has completely healed and is back saving lives.

It is past the time to come together. This matter should not be political nor fought against. Not wearing a mask and gathering in large crowds does not help prevent the spread of COVID - no more games of Russian roulette, because the next person who contracts it will be another's loved one.

Health Clinics Difficulty in Handling COVID

The recent handling of COVID by health clinics and departments has been concerning. A little over a month ago, my nearest health clinic for immunization and vaccine shots was shockingly closed. A lady behind the desk at the clinic next door, also closed, informed me that many smaller clinics have been closed for months. Additionally, she said patients were being redirected to the main health department/clinic at Sunrise Hospital.

This development is concerning for patients who require more attention for vaccines, immunizations, other shot types, or anything medical related from these small clinics, which are less accessible to them with these turn of events. Having only one large clinic open at Sunrise makes this situation even harder for elderly, handicapped, and sick people to get access to what they need. I plan to return to my local medical clinic sometime this month when it is expected, but not confirmed, to reopen. It is not so much a concern for me to receive a booster shot as it is for other patients to get what they need from their local clinics. As we are almost a year into COVID, it is shocking to see these clinics have such an inadequate response. We should be doing better with our accommodations to COVID. We can do better.

for us, Netflix just announced Lupin Part 2 is coming this summer, so you all have plenty of time to binge and fall in love with the series!



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Editorial

About the Editor

Hello, everybody! My name is Michaella Gazala and I am an editor for the Nevada State Herald. I was born in the United

States, though my family is from the Middle East, mainly the regions of Iraq, Yemen, and Israel. Though I grew up in Las Vegas, I carry my Israeli descent as a large part of my



identity and heritage. In general, I enjoy writing, reading, listening to music, watching television, hiking, taking photos, travelling... Truly, if I listed all that I love, I would need a few more pages to write on. Anything can be fun to do, especially if done with my friends and family. I like to read fiction, fantasy, and romance, and lately I've been particularly enjoying old literature. I mainly listen to indie, alternative, and rock, though I do enjoy the oldies and some pop, and a bit of everything else as well.

This is a large opportunity to speak about anything I want, so I'll use this chance to promote the things I love. This week, my favorite songs include "Falling in Love" by Cigarettes After Sex, *Comptine D'un Autre Été*, "Wish You Were Here" by SuperM, "Only Then" by Roy Kim, and "Long Shot" by Catfish and the Bottlemen. I'm obsessed with other languages and cultures, and a quarter of the songs I listen to are in Korean, Hebrew, Italian, and Turkish. Just like my music, the television I watch is mostly foreign, and honestly, mostly of the K-drama variety. In my future, I see myself as a writer who has traveled and will continue to travel around the world and experience different cultures, including the places and peoples I fell in love with through my beloved music and shows.

I'm glad I have the opportunity to contribute to sharing knowledge and entertainment to everybody through the Herald during my last year of high school. Thank you all for reading!

About the Writer

Hey Renegades, my name is Taylor Ward, and I am a writer for this fantastic publication. I tend to write the Herald



interviews alongside some very talented people like Layout Editor Jay Lundberg and Writer Lukas Hu. I joined this publication initially because I figured it would look good on college applications;

however, it has allowed me to forge beautiful relationships with like-minded peers and engage with members of my community. Moving on, because although this is technically *about me*, I live a somewhat dull life. In an effort to come across as fascinating to my audience, I have compiled a list of my more exciting hobbies.

For one, I am completely enthralled by the many forms of communication, from music to learning different languages. I listen to all types of music, although I favor Jazz, R'n'B, and Soul. I am a huge Seventeen stan, and I own that. From the iconic Etta James and The Originals (that honestly sound better on vinyl) to more modern listens such as SZA, Kali Uchis, and Raveena, music is one of my love languages. Speaking of language, I know and can effectively communicate, if necessary, in about five: English, Spanish, French, Korean, and Laos, and I am currently attempting (heavy on the attempting) to learn Arabic. Besides being a music fiend, a good book and poem hold an extraordinary place in my heart. James Patterson is one of my favorites, hands down, with Tana French as my number two. I also adore poets Nizar Qabbani and Khalil Gibran. In addition to my fascination with music, books, and the like, I have developed a slight television problem which has progressed since my entrance into the anime world last October (*Erased* on Netflix one of my favorites).

Like many of my peers, I hold high hopes; I am going to college to get a degree in psychology with the intention to open a clinic for abused children where they will be provided with the emotional stability they deserve to grow and learn.

Thank you so much for supporting our newsletter, and I cannot wait for you to see what is in store!

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