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Margi Grein, Executive Officer

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Industry Expert Witness Program Proposed

The Nevada State Contractors Board is looking for qualified professionals to act as "Industry Expert Witnesses" to assist our investigators in providing opinions involving substandard workmanship, instances of departures from plans and specifications and where project abandonment is alleged.

Expert witnesses may assist our investigations department in reviewing homeowners' complaints. To qualify as an industry expert witness, a person must have specific knowledge, skill, experience, training or education in areas related to residential construction.

An industry expert would be used in situations to:

Assist investigators in determining if there has been a violation of the contractors' license law.

Support violations of law when a citation is going to be issued.

Provide an opinion on violations and repair costs when considering a recovery fund claim.

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Two New Board Members Appointed By Governor Guinn

Gov. Kenny Guinn has appointed William "Bruce" King and Guy M. Wells to the Nevada State Contractors Board.

King is president of Pete King Nevada Corp., a North Las Vegas-based painting and drywall company licensed in 2000 and vice president of Pete King Corp., licensed since 1961.

Wells is president and chief executive officer of Wells Cargo Inc., a general engineering and building company based in Las Vegas and licensed since 1941. Wells Cargo has evolved into a diverse construction, mining, transportation, and land development company.

King has been in the construction business in Southern Nevada for 15 years. He is a graduate of Brigham Young University. He and his family moved to Nevada in 1989 from Phoenix, Ariz.

"I am excited about my appointment," King said. "The construction business has been a great industry, and I want to do everything in my power to keep it that way



Bruce King



Guy M. Wells

in Nevada."

King is a proud third-generation contractor. His father, Jerry, is semi-retired from the company. His grandfather, Pete, started Pete King Corp. in the 1940s. The company recently expanded to Reno in 2004, and employs 1,000 employees in North Las Vegas, Reno and Phoenix.

King has served on various construction industry associations

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36 Receive Residential Recovery Fund Awards

The Nevada State Contractors Board Residential Recovery Fund Committee awarded 36 homeowners a total of \$278,919.71 from the Recovery Fund in the first quarter of 2006.

The Residential Recovery Fund was established by the Nevada Legislature in 1999. It offers protection to Nevada owners of single-family residences who conduct business with *licensed* contractors for the performance of any construction, remodeling, repair or improvement. An

owner *must* occupy the residence to qualify. An applicant's eligibility to receive funds is determined after an investigation is conducted by the Contractors Board. The Fund was designed to assist in providing relief to homeowners, when they have been damaged by licensed contractors.

Contractors are required by law to provide information regarding the Residential Recovery Fund (NRS 624.400 – 624.560) upon

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Across The Board

July 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005

Investigations Division

Compliance Investigations Unit

Investigations Conducted	1,246
Investigations Closed	1,225
Licenses Revoked	34
Fines Assessed	\$120,900
Investigative Costs Assessed	\$232,423.24
Recovery Fund Claims Awarded	\$211,438.27

Special Investigations Unit

Investigations Conducted	892
Investigations Closed	865
Felony Cases Filed	59
Criminal Complaints Filed with District Attorney ...	531
Citations Issued	278
Convictions	214
Restitution Order by Court	\$577,507.69
Fines Assessed by Court	\$43,568

Licensing Division

New License Applications Received	1,226
New Licenses Issued	876
License Change Applications Received	2,631
Licensed Nevada Contractors	14,735



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Zech Leaves Board Having Set The Bar High

Mike Zech recently completed 12 years of service as a Nevada State Contractors Board member. As chairman, Zech raised the bar on customer service and efficiency.

Under Zech's leadership, the Board delegated more responsibilities to Staff during the licensure and disciplinary processes.

"It was Mike's leadership that brought the Board to where it is today," says Board Vice Chair Margaret Cavin. "He helped us come out of the 1960s mind set. He improved the time it takes to get a license, and helped make the classifications language more current."

Zech says he accepted his appointment, first by Gov. Bob Miller and again by Gov. Kenny Guinn, because he had reached a point in his professional career where he wanted to give something back to the construction industry. Having spent 37 years in Las Vegas as an ironworker at Steel Engineers Inc., where he rose from an apprentice ironworker to eventually owning the company, Zech was confident he could improve upon the process in which the Contractors Board operated.

"I wanted to make it friendlier towards both contractors and homeowners," the



Former Board Chairman Mike Zech

former Board chairman says. "I also felt there were a lot of contractors out there that shouldn't be contractors and wanted to do something about that."

Zech pointed out that the Board has become more and more proactive in recent

years. He praises Executive Officer Margi Grein for her tenacity in fighting for legislation to give the Board more authority, and also for her goal to make herself and staffers more accessible to the public.

Zech says the Board has also developed a good relationship with the courts. Currently, one attorney in the Clark County District Attorney's office handles all the Board's cases, which in turn are heard by one judge.

District Court Judge Stuart Bell worked with Zech in developing this relationship with the Clark County court system when he was district attorney.

"From my observation, there has been an elevation of the respect in the Contractors Board," Bell says of his and Zech's groundbreaking arrangement. "Now you are getting a better relationship with the judge and District Attorney's office. The (unlicensed contracting) cases are getting the attention they deserve."

Though Zech's tenure as chairman of the Board is often described as that of a highly respected professional, it did at times mirror episodes of lighthearted

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Manufactured Housing Licensing Process Streamlined Application Procedures for Class C Holders Reduced

**By Jerry Holmes, Investigator
Manufactured Housing Division**

Servicemen licensed with the Manufactured Housing Division are struggling to meet demand for their services. Many are booked up to five months in advance, creating increased business opportunities for new licensees.

The Division has streamlined the process to obtain a license to work on manufactured houses, mobile homes and commercial coaches. A *general serviceman* license enables a company to do ALL work necessary on units, including installation, repair and reconstruction of structure or systems. A *specialty serviceman* is limited in the scope of work that may be performed (electrical, plumbing, etc.) Specialty licenses are available for most areas encompassed by Contractors Board Class C categories.

The recent resurgence of the manufactured home industry has created a critical shortage of licensees. Those mostly needed now are specialty servicemen for all categories including, but not limited to, electrical, heating, air conditioning, plumbing and roofing.

In order to encourage holders of Class C licensees to obtain a manufactured home license, the Division is providing reduced testing targeted to the specialty categories, along with a shortened application procedure.

The Division's supervisor of codes compliance will conduct a short orientation class designed to help holders of Class C contractor's licenses understand what is unique for manufactured houses and how to successfully complete the licensing process. Any holder of a Class C license should call the Division's educa-



tion officer at: (702) 486-4592 to attend a class and to obtain study guides and testing information.

To apply for a license with the Manufactured Housing Division, call the Division's licensing officer at: (702) 486-4590.

Editor's Note: The Nevada State Contractors Board requires any licensed contractor, who is planning to work on a manufactured home, to obtain the additional license from the Manufactured Housing Division.

New Board Members...

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including the Associated General Contractors, Association of Builders and Contractors, Nevada Subcontractors Association and the Coalition for Fairness in Contracting.

Wells is a third-generation contractor at Wells Cargo Inc., a Las Vegas company that was started by his grandfather, Howard Wells Sr., in 1935. Howard "Howdy" Wells Jr. headed the company until Guy took over as president and CEO in 2000.

"I was elated that the governor had enough confidence in me to name me to the Board," Wells says. "I think the past and current Board members have done a lot to get teeth put into the law, so that it can police the industry and protect the public."

Wells says he wants to continue to promote honesty, integrity and good workmanship through his position on the Board.

Wells began his career performing various duties at Wells Cargo in 1976 during his summer vacations from school. He attended Southern Utah University, and

earned a degree in construction management. He held various full-time supervisory positions at Wells Cargo before becoming vice president of operations and eventually president and chief executive officer.

Wells Cargo was instrumental in spearheading a number of major construction projects in Southern Nevada. The company built the first road into Summerlin from Smoke Ranch Road. It also built Tropicana and Rainbow boulevards and Spring Mountain Road. Currently, the company employs 300 employees, some of whom are second-generation employees.

Wells is a founding member and executive committee member of the Nevada Contractors Association. He was named NCA Contractor of the Year in



Back row, from left: David W. Clark, Guy M. Wells, Bruce King, Jerry Higgins and Spiridon G. Filios. Front row: Margaret Cavin and Randy Schaefer.

2001, Nevada State Contractors Board Silver Hammer Award honoree in 2002, Nevada State AFL-CIO Contractor of the Year in 2003, NCA Subcontractor of the Year in 2003 and NCA Heavy Highway Civil Project of the Year award winner in 2005.

The Board consists of seven members appointed by the Governor – six are licensed contractors, and one member is a representative of the public.

Industry Expert Witness Program ...

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Respond to questions concerning constructional defects.

Provide testimony at a hearing when an issue is contested, and determine the condition of a job and/or the cost to complete and correct the condition.

An industry expert must *not* have had multiple complaints filed against him or her, and must be willing and available to

be a witness if subpoenaed.

Training will be provided by the Board.

The Nevada State Contractors Board will be conducting public hearings in the near future to implement the Industry Expert Program.

Thomas Fico Sentenced To Nevada State Prison

Thomas Fico, a Southern Nevada unlicensed landscape contractor who at one time was on the Nevada State Contractors Board Top 10 Most Wanted list, was sentenced March 27, 2006, to serve concurrent terms in the Nevada State Prison of 18 to 48 months for the felony crimes of



contracting without a license and 28 to 72 months for *diversion of funds and obtaining money under false pretenses*.

Fico's cases were investigated by the Special Investigations Unit of the Nevada State Contractors Board, and he was arrested by Henderson police on the outstanding warrants.

Unlicensed contracting is a crime in Nevada. The first offense is a misdemeanor, the second a gross misdemeanor and the third a Class E felony.

Recovery Fund...

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contracting with a homeowner. To be considered for the Fund, a complaint must be filed with the Contractors Board within four years after the completion of work.

A single claim cannot exceed \$35,000 and claims against a single contractor cannot exceed



\$400,000. Additional information regarding the Residential Recovery Fund and other services provided by the Nevada State Contractors Board may be obtained by calling: (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada, or (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada.

Information is also available on the Contractors Board website at:

www.nscb.state.nv.us

Mike Zech...

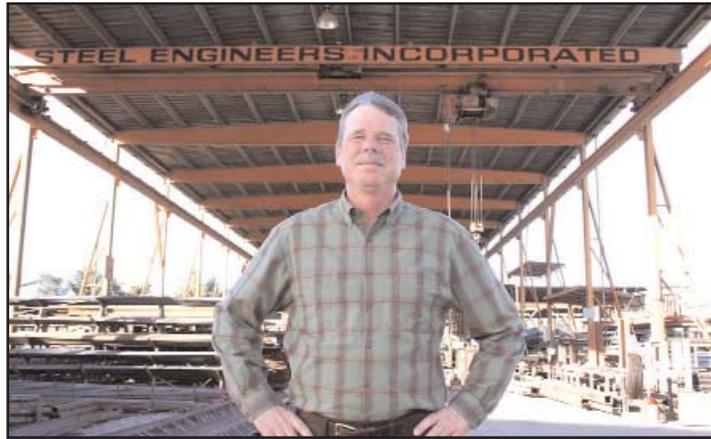
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amusement. Margaret Cavin remembers one time when a Board decision failed to satisfy a disgruntled contractor.

"Mike got into this discussion with this little guy who challenged Mike to step outside and resolve the dispute cowboy style," Cavin says laughing. "Now, here's Mike – this big strapping guy who's an ironworker – and it just seemed so funny. But Mike kept his composure and handled the situation very professionally, like he always did."

"He was always professional and dignified," Las Vegas attorney Rex Bell remembers. "Mike was always fair, but he was tough. I find all the board members fair."

Current Board Chairman Randy Schaefer has known Zech for six years. He considers his former colleague not only a



Mike Zech, owner of Steel Engineers Inc., began as an apprentice and went on to buy the company.

personal friend, but mentor as well and credits him for many of the innovative changes that have taken place at the Contractors Board in the last six years.

"Mike is just a great guy," Schaefer says. "He is true to his convictions. He was always up front and to the point."

Zech says he was humbled to have been a part of the Nevada State Contractors Board for the last 12 years.

His parting advice to not only the current Board members, but all staffers throughout the state, is to continue promoting good customer service and to keep up the license assistance program.

"I just can't say enough about the staff, and how they have risen to what the Board has thrown at them," Zech says. "There are people on that staff who I feel are some of my closest friends. I will miss working with them."

Administrative Citations 7/01/05 - 12/31/05		All paid Investigative Costs	Expert Air	37489	\$250.00	Paul L. Henderson	58071	\$1,000.00
Respondent	License	Fine	Extreme Finish	58275	\$1,500.00	Pete Shields Stucco	46279	\$500.00
ABC Seamless of Las Vegas	35050	\$650.00	Fast Glass, Inc.	15323	\$250.00	Powerhouse Lawn and Landscape	33895	\$500.00
Advanced Architectural Metal	45072	\$1,000.00	Floor Works	58966	\$500.00	Price Landscaping Company	33916	\$1,250.00
Alco Landscape Co	46336	\$500.00	G C Electric, Inc.	43778A	\$500.00	Quintin Durham Landscape	51545	\$1,000.00
Amtch Elevator Services	43575	\$500.00	Georges Concrete	50778	\$1,000.00	R 2 W Inc	57629	\$1,000.00
Apex Painting Company	33126	\$1,500.00	Glasoe Construction of Nevada	31479	\$1,000.00	Schouten Electric Company, Inc.	35444	\$1,000.00
Aquarius Landscape	19009	\$1,000.00	Global Pacific Construction	55534	\$1,500.00	Short Line Express		\$500.00
ASSAP Appliance	42550	\$300.00	Great Basin Drilling	47333	\$1,000.00	Silver Tree Construction	42607	\$1,250.00
Better Roofing Systems	50237	\$500.00	Harris Air Systems	45710	\$500.00	Smart Pools, Inc.	40768A	\$1,000.00
Brazilian Pavers	56436	\$500.00	High Desert Iron Works, Inc.	59231	\$500.00	Spring Mountain Construction	49520	\$1,000.00
Brimont Construction Inc	43759	\$500.00	Home Air Conditioning & Heating	51994	\$1,000.00	T & Y Air Conditioning & Heating	57453	\$1,500.00
Brussell Consulting & Construction Management	45384	\$1,000.00	Iceberg Air Conditioning & Heating	41715	\$550.00	T L Smith Inc	36221	\$500.00
Carrier Corporation	10600	\$600.00	Kim Troyan Construction	30588A	\$1,000.00	Tahoe Homes Construction	48277	\$250.00
Casey Inc.	50755	\$2,000.00	Lakeside Fixture co	34936	\$500.00	Factory of New York	42339	\$100.00
Catlin Construction Company	51001	\$750.00	Leisure Lawn	59951	\$500.00	Thomas Dube Construction & Development	41872	\$500.00
City Plan Development	44035	\$500.00	Medco Construction Inc.	33770	\$500.00	Titan Interiors LLC	61170	\$2,000.00
Classic Homes	48608A	\$1,000.00	Mission West Pools and Spas	37040	\$500.00	Trademaster Construction	46242	\$1,000.00
Colorado Structures Inc.	20104A	\$2,000.00	Montez & Associates	54235	\$1,550.00	Triton Drywall Systems	56088	\$1,000.00
Concrete Cowboys	56992	\$250.00	Nevada Plastering	57177	\$500.00	Ultimate Electronics	39950	\$1,150.00
Cooper Custom Homes, Inc.	50604	\$1,000.00	North Shore Dolomite	36465	\$350.00	United Custom Pools & Spas	52771	\$600.00
Creative Outdoors	51886	\$650.00	P B Framing, Inc.	55678	\$2,100.00	USA Plumbing & Electrical	56599	\$550.00
Custom Pool Plastering	51162	\$550.00	P S E Inc.	46524	\$1,000.00	Valdez Construction	56034	\$500.00
Eastern Sierra Landscaping	47798	\$500.00	Paragon Contractors Corp	53846	\$250.00	Vincent Development Company	16170	\$1,000.00
Evolution Construction	59261	\$1,000.00	Parks Construction	46571	\$550.00	Water Creations	49447	\$1,500.00
			Patio Designs by Charles	51339	\$1,000.00	Weather Master Products	43289	\$500.00
			Patio Designs by Charles	51339	\$750.00			

Contractors Are Urged To Call Before Digging

Some contractors forget that underground utility lines are conduits for essential services. If you don't know where these lines are located, you could end up severing natural gas pipelines, or telephone, electricity and television cable lines.

It's important that you call the Underground Service Alert toll-free number: 1-800-227-2600 at least two working days before you dig.

Board Disciplinary Actions: 7/01/05 - 12/31/05

Note: Actions do not include contractors' suspended licenses for failure to maintain surety bonds
(Please refer to the NSCB website for a list of violations)

IC=Investigative Costs

Ltr of Rep=Letter of Reprimand

F=Fine

R=Restitution

Respondent	License	Disposition
Nevada Heating, Air Conditioning and Plumbing, Inc.	34910A	\$500 Fine
Summit Homes	47992	\$2,000 F; IC
C P S Concrete & Landscaping	43793	Revoked
T N T Roofing	43684	\$1,500 F; IC
B M B Electric, LLC	55805	Revoked
Southwest Prohome, LLC, dba Prohome of Las Vegas	50010	\$1,500 F; IC
Louis Foster	54969	Revoked
Chabot, Inc.	56683	Revoked
The Gardener Did It	44111	Revoked
Hacienda Builders	54005	Revoked
Greg Hess Plumbing Heating & Air; Greg Hess Electrical Services; Greg Hess Restoration Services	45500; 45832; 58254; 55683	Revoked
Dynamic Diversified Dev.	25493	IC
Ram-Builders	44360	Revoked
Superior Overhead Door	55132	Revoked
R D A, Inc.	24553; 24560	Surrendered both licenses
Rivette Construction	46718	License Surrendered
Mac Mar, Inc.	29332; 29333	Suspended; \$7,200 F; IC
Progressive Landscaping	56879	Suspended; \$800 F; IC
Talley & Sons Concrete,	41911A	Revoked
Florys General Contracting	42202	Revoked
J & R K M S Custom Flooring, Inc., dba K M S Custom Flooring	53092; 53093; 53094; 53361	Revoked
Southern Electric, Inc.	16032	Revoked
Beck Industries, Inc.	40846	Revoked
J M Gair & Associates	26789A	Revoked

Respondent	License	Disposition
Dlaco Resurface	54100	License Surrendered; IC
Silver State Consultants, Inc., dba Silver State Signs	54108	Revoked
Silverado Construction Corp.	20952	Revoked
R A S Builders, Inc.	26599	Revoked
Gil Robison Constr & Dev	27770	Revoked
Lynn House Moving	51611	Probation; \$1,400 F; IC
Erickson Roofing	41776	Licensed Surrendered; One year probation
Desert Roofing	47976	Revoked
American Concrete	57980	\$500 F; IC
Custom Care, Inc.	56025	\$250 F; IC; Ltr of Rep
A New Beginning Floor Design Corporation	54565; 56340	IC
Gary J. Morrison Holding, Inc., dba Anderson Closets and Cabinets Anderson Kitchen and Bath	52616	Revoked
Finishes Unlimited	49592	Revoked
Stoeckinger Construction	48951	Revoked
M H Barnett Constr.	28315	License placed inactive; IC
Creative Design Group	49111	IC
David L. Fence Contractor	42851	Suspended; \$1,600 F; IC
Cornerstone Roofing Co.	55659	\$4,250 F; IC; R
Gerald Bryan	47543	Revoked
Sunrise Painting Co.	17587	Revoked
Innovative Concrete LLC	58954	\$1,000 F; IC; R
D.K. Jensen Construction Inc.	20829	Revoked
C M C Construction	44571	\$800 F; IC
Advantage Awning Co.	50871	Revoked

Criminal Cases Prosecuted: 7/01/05 - 12/31/05

By Nevada law, the Nevada State Contractors Board has the authority to issue citations and pursue prosecution of individuals for violations ranging from contracting or advertising without a license to fraud. The following are the convictions and penalties imposed by the courts from July 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

AA=Administrative Assessment IC=Investigative Costs F=Fine R=Restitution PB=Plea Bargain

Southern Nevada			
Acevedo, Demetrio dba Bermuda Landscape	IC	Leon, Carlos dba C & H Soda Blasting	\$600 R; IC
Aleksije, Lekic	\$500 F; \$220 R	Lopez, Cesar M. dba Three Amigos	PB
Anderson, Richard dba Rick's Tile and Marble	\$500 F; \$1,200 R; IC	Lyons, Art dba Lyons Excavation	PB; IC
Aragon, David dba Total Renovations, Inc.	PB; 1 day Jail	Machado, Noe dba Associate Contracting	PB
Arenas, Juan dba Custom Cabinets	\$500 F	Machado, Noe dba Manner Roofing	\$400 R; IC
Atlacco, Rafael Reyes dba Star Landscape	IC	Magbual, Erik Sigson dba Erik "Da" Handyman	PB; IC
Aure, David Salazar	\$5,900 R; IC	Males, Tim dba Green Valley Window & Door	\$500 F; \$550 R; IC
Balfe, Robert dba Pro Craft Home Improvement	PB; IC	Marino, Vincent dba Maverick Garage Door	IC
Barbarin-Arechiga, Marcelino	Conviction	Martin, Gary R.	Conviction
Baston, Dario dba Sunset Landscaping	Conviction	Martinez, Magdaleno dba Servicios de Construction	\$500 F
Beasley, David dba Carpet EFX & Carpet Do	\$3,300 R; IC; 60 hour Jail	Martinson, Jeffrey dba Desert Designz	Conviction
Benza, Tommy dba Tommy Built Handyman Service	\$500 F; \$1,500 R; IC	Matarazzo, Maria	IC
Berkowitz, Ted dba Buddy's Handyman & Cabinets	Conviction	McAuley, Ken dba K M Services	\$200 F; \$300 R; IC
Bezinover, Edward dba Around the Clock	PB	McFall, Paul dba Corvette Curbing	\$200 F; IC
Bland, Leonard dba Len Air	\$1,400 R	McGaffick, Mace L. dba	PB; IC
Bollenbecker, Peter dba PMB Development	PB; IC	Meeks, Mark dba Westcoast Cabinets	\$7,000 R; IC
Bowen, Eric dba Got Paint?	PB; \$100 F; IC	Mejia, Jose	PB; \$500 R; IC
Brailey, James S. dba Brailey Landscape	PB; \$100 F; IC	Melendrez, Miguel Angel	PB; IC
Brian, David Kenneth	PB; IC	Mote, John dba Senna Tree Company	IC
Brown, Jason dba Western Challenge Building	PB; IC	Murphy, Douglas dba D D M Backhoe Services	PB; IC
Brown, Thomas Milton	IC; Conviction; 2 days Jail	Natale, Phil dba Pro Quality Painting Co.	PB; \$500 F; \$300 R
Burton Brian dba All Weather Roofing	IC	Neagle, George dba Putting Greens Direct	PB
Cabrera-Castro, Louis dba L C Lawn Care	\$250 F; IC	Newsome, Charles E. dba Made in the Shade	PB; IC
Callahan, Jesse dba Jesse's Tile & Marble	\$600 F; IC	Nixon, Kristin dba The Outdoor Experience	PB; IC
Candido, Israel	PB; IC	Oliveros, Gerardo dba Stucco & Concrete	PB; IC
Cavarra, Daniel C. dba A F G, Inc.	PB; IC	Olsen, Theodore dba Absolute Pool Service	PB
Cervantes, Arturo dba Cervantes Garage Door	PB; IC	Olszewski, Joseph dba The House Repairman	\$200 F
Choi, Hong S. dba From House to Home Repair	\$500 F; \$10,000 R; IC	O'Neil, James	\$400 R; IC
Colon, Ray dba Putting Greens of Nevada	PB	Pavlovski, Robert dba Rob's Rescue Repair	\$225 R; IC
Conte, Chris dba Electrosonic Systems, Inc.	PB; IC	Payson, Tony dba The Appreciated Painter	PB; IC
Copeland, James dba Electrician	Conviction	Perez, Cande dba CJN Maintenance	\$500 F; IC
Cristarella, Joseph dba Accurate Patio	PB; IC	Perez, Rolando Fernandez dba Perez Landscape	\$1,200 R; IC
Dahlquist, Gary dba G & G Ornamental Iron	PB; IC	Peterson, Leo dba Custom Cabinets	\$200 F; IC
Davis, Michael dba M D of Handyman	PB	Petrosie, Bryan dba Petrosie and Son's	IC
De Virgilia, Daniel dba Handyman Dan	Conviction	Pounders, Tim dba Custom Tile and Stone	PB; IC
Demos, David Harold dba Electric Services	PB; IC	Pratt, David dba Westside Landscaping	\$250 F; IC
Deniz, Francisco	PB; IC	Pritchett, Corey dba Sunrise Handyman Service	IC
Denny, Richard	\$2,260 R; IC	Ramirez, Russell	PB; IC
Diaz, Sergio G. dba C R Masonry	IC	Ramos, Agustine dba Eden Babylonia Landscape	PB; \$300 F; \$1,750 R
Dobson; Jason K. dba Magnolia Home Theatre	PB	Riffard, Alfred	PB; \$2,000 R
Dow, Woerner dba Mold Doctor	PB	Rodriguez, Ernesto	\$300 F; IC
Downey, Daniel E.	PB; IC	Rogers, John	\$2,850 R; IC
Duff, Roy dba Grout America of Las Vegas	\$200 F; \$1,000 R; IC	Rogina, David Lewis dba Dave's Home Repair	\$100 F
Dykes, David dba Daveco Handyman	\$6,400 R; IC	Roldan, Angel M. dba European Craftsman	IC
Eaton, Al dba A & M Cleanup	\$107 F; IC	Saavedra, Maria dba Sign Industries	\$107 F; IC

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Southern Nevada			
Eaton, Billy	\$500 F	Sadler, Michael David	\$100 F; IC
Edwards, Ray dba Direct TV	PB; IC	Salazar, Mario dba Angels Iron Works	PB
Enriquez, Omar dba Simply Perfect Landscaping	PB; IC	Salcido, Manuel Moreno	IC
Espinoza, Rosendo Torres dba Landscaping	PB; IC	Sanders, Eric dba EGS Enterprises	PB; \$7,361 R; IC
Esquivel, Ed dba Esquivel Designs	\$250 F; IC	Sandoval, Oscar dba O & J Golf Course	PB
Everet, Robert Walter	\$200 F; IC	Satchell, Michael	\$507 F; \$600 R
Ferreri, Thomas dba Accurate Patios	PB; IC	Sayegh, Tim dba Island Scapes	\$500 F
Flores, Daniel dba All Around Maintenance	PB	Schoonmaker, Richard dba Colonial Chimney	PB
Fox, Michael dba Fox & Sons	PB; \$1,200 R	Sells, Daniel dba Slide Rite of Clark County	\$500 F; \$100 R; IC
Freidrich, Bill	PB; IC	Sharman, Jason dba All American Landscape	PB; IC
Fuller, Marlowe dba S O S Repair Tech	\$500 F; IC	Silva, Patrick dba Home Remodel Inc.	Conviction
Garcia, Gerardo	Conviction	Skvarek, Charles F. dba Par 4 Restore You	PB; IC
Garcia, Leonardo dba Garcia's Landscaping	PB; IC	Slight, John dba Pioneer Plumbing	PB; \$50 F; \$750 R; IC
Gibbs, Sharon dba Gotcha Covered	PB; \$500 R; IC	Smith, Dennis dba Louie's Lawn Care	\$500 F
Gibson, Kevin dba T K O Concrete	\$310 R; IC	Smith, Larry Lynn dba Larry Smith Painting	PB; IC
Gonzalez-Castillo, Alfredo dba	IC	Smith, Shawn dba Curb-A-Lawn	IC
Gonzalez-Mendoza, Francisco J.	\$500 F	Smookler, Robert dba the Backyard Experience	Conviction
Grimmet, Travis	PB; IC	Soltis, Charles dba We Get it Done	Conviction
Guerrero-Molina, Humberto	\$500 F	Sorenson, Russell Dedrick dba Sorenscape	PB; IC
Guzman, Alejandro	PB; \$1,500 R; \$391 IC	Stanger, David W. dba The Artificial Turf	\$410 F
Habib, Ezedin dba US Carpet Services	\$1,100 R; IC	Stewart, Lance A. dba L V P S, Inc.	PB; \$657 R; IC
Hagar, Curtis Randall dba Drywall, Install	\$250 F	Tadeo, Florencio	\$700 F; IC
Hall, Farnk dba Curtis Construction	\$355,906 R; IC	Talamantes, Joe dba Joe's Reliable Lawn Care	PB
Hancock, Adele dba Sundance Enterprises	PB; \$600 R; IC	Tapia, Blas dba Results Landscape Service	\$500 F
Hanlon, Tim dba Greencare Lawn & Landscape	Conviction	Tena, Daniel	IC
Hanna, Daryl Bryan dba Visionscapes	\$1,276 R	Thurston, Steve dba Comtech	PB; IC
Hart, Joe	\$3,627 R; IC	Torres, Juan M. dba J & J Glass, Inc.	PB
Heath, Roselia C. dba Floors 4 Less	PB; IC	Tully, Michael dba Tully Lawn Care	PB; IC
Heath, Terence D.	Conviction	Tyler, Ryan William dba R & R Construction	IC
Herbert, Victor Arthur	PB	Tyner, Hugh dba Tyner Landscape & Design	\$2,118 R
Hernandez, Arturo	PB	Van Horne, Curtis dba Dependable Handyman	PB; IC
Hernandez, Herbert Donald	\$500 F; IC	Vargas, Luis Manuel dba Vargas Ironworks	PB
Hernandez, Kryshnu	\$21,000 R	Vega, Nicacio H.	IC
Hernandez, Ramon Ayala	\$395 F; IC	Villa, Gustavo	PB
Horn, Ray dba Moonlite Cabinets and Louis	IC	Villar, Nick dba High Desert Water Products	PB; \$250 F; \$3,182 R; IC
Howard, John C.	\$500 F	Wants, David R.	Conviction
Iverson, Kevin M.	PB; IC	Weathers, James	IC
Jacobs, Michael	\$1600 R; IC	Weathers, Willie dba Weathers Construction	\$1,000 R; IC
Johnson, Robert	Conviction	Weed, Daniel T. dba Custom Iron Gates and Fences	PB
Jovetic, Petar dba Painter & Handyman Services	Conviction	Weir, Gary	PB; \$24,590 R; IC
Kelley, Brandon Dow dba Kelly Plumbing Service	PB; IC	Wellington, Marcus A. dba Workwright Construction	Conviction; IC
Kellog, Shirley	PB; \$200 R	Wells, Gerald dba Sterling S Dev	\$1,500 R
Kimball, Derek dba Ridgeway Development	Conviction	Wever, Randel W.	PB; IC
Kirkpatrick, Linda dba Perspective Homes	PB; IC	White, Antonio dba Cutting Edge Landscape	\$500 F; \$1,700 R; IC
Koli, Mavae dba Top Quality Work	\$200 F	White, Mike dba L & W Construction, Inc.	PB; \$4,000 R
Krahenbuhl, James B. dba Amazon Landscape	PB; IC	Williams, Jimmie	\$250 F; IC
Krizman, John dba Affordable Custom Paint	PB; IC	Wilson, James dba Maxpro	PB; IC
Landeros, Alfredo dba New Heaven Desert	IC	Wittway, Richard dba R. W. & Associates	\$250 F; IC

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Contractor Comes To Homeowner's Rescue

When Karen Zeitoun gave William Reiser \$3,000 as a down payment towards building a backyard patio and he failed to hammer even one nail on the project, she suddenly realized she had fallen victim to a vicious scam.

Zeitoun would soon learn that Reiser, operating under the business name of Southern Environmental, is listed on the Nevada State Contractors Board's "Ten Most Wanted" for contracting without a license, diversion of funds, use of a false permit and using the license number and name of another licensed contractor to solicit business. In all, Reiser had more than 20 criminal complaints lodged against him.

Because Zeitoun had hired an unlicensed contractor, she was not eligible to receive financial compensation from the Board's Residential Recovery Fund. All that investigators could tell Zeitoun is that they would catch Reiser, but the chances of getting any money back would be a decision of the court.

Shortly after a story on Zeitoun's plight ran in the Las Vegas Review Journal, a Nevada licensed contractor decided to come to her rescue. Polar Shades Sun Control of Las Vegas, license number 53194, said they would build the patio cover for the balance of \$3,180 that she would have paid Reiser to finish the job. This also included pouring



Steve Mevius, Karen Zeitoun and Robert Haynie

the cement pad. Zeitoun was overwhelmed by Polar Shades' generous offer.

"It's the right thing to do," Steve Mevius, Polar Shades owner, said. "As a

company, we have been very fortunate in this (Las Vegas) Valley. There is nothing that upsets me more than these people who are unlicensed. I said here is a perfect example of someone without a license ripping someone off."

Mevius said he would normally charge between \$4,200 and \$4,600 to build a patio cover similar to what he did for Zeitoun. The cost for pouring a cement pad would be extra. But to make up for what Reiser did and to restore Zeitoun's confidence in licensed contractors overall, he decided to do the job for less.

"They were in and out, and I didn't even know they were here," Zeitoun said. "They were great. This is exactly what I wanted."



William Reiser remains on Top Ten Most Wanted for contracting without a license.

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The Nevada State Contractors Board is proud to co-sponsor the following educational courses with the Associated General Contractors, Las Vegas Chapter:

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p.m., AGC Training Room, 150 N. Durango Drive. \$25 per person.

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Oct. 11-12 – OSHA 10-Hour Course, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., AGC Training Room, 150 N. Durango Drive. \$100 per person.

To register and for information, contact: Linda Gibson, Safety Director, Associated General Contractors, (702) 796-9986; (702) 796-1629 (fax); e-mail: linda@agclv.org

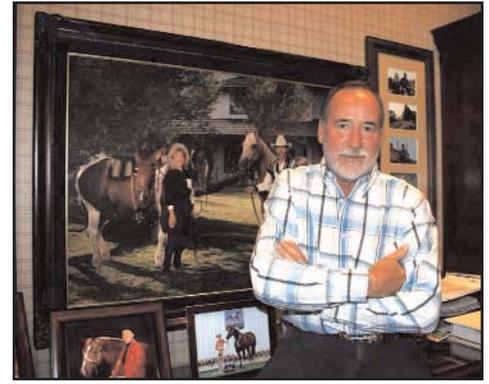
Ford Contracting Reaching New Heights In Las Vegas

The next time you drive down the Las Vegas Strip, pay special attention to the Luxor Hotel Sphinx, South Coast Hotel, Hilton Grand Vacations Club, Harrah's and Panorama Tower 2. All of these properties were just a few of the many projects Ford Contracting Inc. of Las Vegas has had the opportunity to add its special expertise. The company specializes in the application of drywall, metal stud framing, painting, wall covering and plaster finishes.

Tommy Ford built Ford Contracting Inc., located at 5865 S. Valley View Blvd.,

in 1977. In the last 29 years, Ford Contracting President Tommy Ford has either witnessed or taken part in much of the transformation of Southern Nevada's skyline. Born in Corona, Calif., in 1945, he moved to Las Vegas by way of Reno in 1955. When he was 18 years old, he started working as an apprentice for the Painters Union, Local 159.

"There's no other place in the country that someone can say that they have built a Sphinx," Ford said. "I enjoy looking around and seeing all of the things that



Tommy Ford

my company has built." After graduating as an apprentice in

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Southern Nevada			
Laris, Jose R. Jr.	PB; IC	Wolfe, Jon dba Desert Wolfe Flooring	PB; IC
Latham, Charles dba Chuck Latham's Paint	Conviction	Zigich, Michael dba Graystone Home Service	\$500 F; \$140 R
Laudensack-Rondeau, Linda dba Fantasy Kitchen	PB; \$55,172 R	Zugal, Anthony dba Buddy's Handyman	IC
Lebreton, Beau dba Xero Grass	IC		
Northern Nevada			
Adams, Perri Joseph dba Mr. Gutter	\$320 F; IC	Murdoch, John Douglas	\$410 F
Adkins, Courtney C. dba Adkins Custom Service	\$635 F; IC	Murry, Thomas dba Logan Meadows Construction	IC
Barlow, Frederick Andrew	\$632 F; IC	Napier, Frank	\$91 F; IC
Birdsall, Ronald C. dba Pinnacle Stone	\$350 F; IC	Nye, Mark K. dba Nye's Lawn & Landscapes	\$1,270 F; IC
Brimm, Andrew R. dba Ponderosa Property	\$300 F; IC	Perez-Vasquez, Victor H. dba Chase Western Custom	\$600 F; IC
Brozyna, Douglas R. dba Your Handyman Co.	\$632 F; IC	Peters, Michael Albert dba Mike Peters Co.	\$183 F; IC
Burt, Rodney Whitman	\$635 F; IC	Sauer, Wayne Leo dba Desert Cabinet & Fix	\$167 F
Courtney, Mark Mason dba M.C. Lawncare	\$635 F; IC	Scully, Tim Sean dba Scully Steel Construction	\$77 F
Cox, Randy dba Ludy Greenhouses	\$632 F	Singh, Baldwinder	\$970 F; IC
Degolyer, Steven A. dba Outwest Wood Production	\$107 F; IC	Smith, Dale dba Sierra Shade & Patio	\$1,132 F; IC
Duncan, Mark dba Tech Fast Self Storage	\$635 F	Smith, John T. dba J. T. Builders	\$1,132 F; IC
Estes, Steve dba Clean Lawns	\$200 F; IC	Sprouse, Gary Frank dba Blue Diamond Estates	\$201 F
Felker, Theodore R. dba Concrete Cutting	\$635 F	Sumner, Randy E. dba	IC
Gilkeson, Steve	\$630 F; IC	Szczypski, Steven James	\$635 F; IC
Glasgow, Robert Roy dba Sierra Decorative	IC	Talamo, Dino Martin dba DMT Handyman Services	\$635 F; IC
Glider, Richard L. dba Easy Pure Water Filter	\$635 F; IC	Tellez, Rafael dba Building & Maintenance	\$1,000 F; IC
Jacoboni, Ronald A. dba Jacoboni Plastering	\$635 F; IC; 30 days Jail	Tuamoheloa, Enele Angaaetua	\$635 F; IC
Kaufusi, Taniela Matakaiongo	\$745 F; IC; 30 days Jail	Tuipulotu, Peni dba JSM & Associates	\$220 F; IC
Kenison, Nathan R. dba AAA Turf Services	\$87 F; IC	Umphres, Ross dba Down to Earth Landscaping	\$410 F; IC
Lynn, Ralph	\$297 F	Weltman, Sonny	\$635 F
MacPherson, Bruce E. dba Durabuilt Storage	IC	Wences, Leonardo Q. dba Leo's Awnings	\$630 F; IC
Mason, Oscar E. dba S. Diamond Steel Inc.	\$615 F	Winfield, Jon G. dba Western States Equipment	\$183 F; IC
Mejia-Iniguez, Genero dba Mejia's Hauling	\$632 F; IC	Wood, Josh dba	\$235 F; IC
Meneses, Francisco dba Chase Western Custom	\$600 F; IC	Wood, Patrick F. dba Shadow Mobile Home	\$635 F; IC
Miller, Douglas Lee dba DLM Home Maintenance	\$107 F	Ziska, Chad V. dba Concrete Management	\$632 F
Morones, David W. dba All Kleen	\$635 F; IC		

Staff Spotlight

Shyne Takes Pride In Helping People

The Nevada skyline has changed tremendously over the last 20 years. Just ask Phyllis Shyne, who has witnessed much of this transformation working at the Nevada State Contractors Board.

Shyne works in the Reno office's Criminal Investigations Department, located at 9670 Gateway Drive, Suite 100. She takes pride in answering homeowners' questions, including those who want to know the procedure for filing a complaint. In her spare time – which isn't much – the energetic Shyne also assists the Board's Special Investigations Unit.

Sometimes people want to know what it takes to become a licensed contractor in Nevada. Shyne either gives them an application to fill out, or directs them to the Board's website at:

www.nscb.state.nv.us where an application can be easily downloaded.

For homeowners who are in a hurry to hire a contractor, Shyne's best and only advice – “hired a licensed contractor.”

“Most homeowners are becoming more aware and realize that some people may defraud them,” Shyne says. “The



Phyllis Shyne at her desk in Reno

public is learning to check with us first. And now Consumer Affairs is referring people to us.”

Originally from Massachusetts, Shyne first touched down in California via a career as an airline stewardess. She found the West Coast lifestyle very appealing and went to work for H.M. Byars Construction in Reno as an executive



secretary. She stayed at Byars for 13 years, until the Nevada State Contractors Board hired her in November 1985.

Outside of work, Shyne enjoys spending time with her three daughters and four grandchildren. Some of her hobbies include decorating and reading. Traveling is also a favorite pastime, visiting such places as France, Italy, Australia, New Zealand and the Mexican Riviera.

“I enjoy my job!” Shyne says. “I have really enjoyed the people that I work with. I enjoy my work in investigations. It does take patience, and you have to like people and like dealing with the public. I hope that I have helped someone along the way.”

You have Phyllis. The Board is proud to have you as one of its long-standing employees and to also feature you in this issue of the Contractors' Billboard.

Ford...

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1963, journeyman Ford worked at M. J. DiBiase in Las Vegas until 1975.

“We got him to quit working with the contractor he was with and had him come work with us,” said Claudine Williams, chairman of the board at Harrah's Hotel and Casino. “I think it was the best decision we could have made.”

In 1977, Ford filed for a C-4 painting and decorating license. Five years later in 1982, he received his general builder's license.

“He is one of the most fair, honest people that any one could come in contract with,” Williams said. “I don't think he has ever quit working with the casino.”

Ford said that he has worked with Harrah's since 1977.

Of all the business transformations Las Vegas has gone through, Ford said the most noticeable has been the development of a more corporate mentality. In past years, Ford recalls business deals being made on only a handshake. Now, he said, signing contracts are how transactions are done.

Ford Contracting Inc. also specializes in EIFS finishes applied to high-rise exteriors up to 50 stories in height. The “single” panels are two stories in height. These exterior pieces are assembled on site and trucked to jobsites, where they are hoisted by cranes and welded to the buildings. Currently, Ford Contracting Inc. is scheduled to commence work on the Palazzo Casino Resort, which will be attached to the Venetian Resort. Major construction on this project is due to begin in June.

Ford is quick to admit that his employees are a vital part of his company's success. Currently, he has 500 employees, many of whom have been with Ford Contracting for more than 15 years. Secretaries Sue Burpee has been at Ford since 1981, and Devi Tucker since 1986. Ford's son, Trevor, works as a safety director.

Ford lives in south Las Vegas with his wife, Judy, who is a member of the Silver State Paint Horse Association. She was recently appointed to the national board of directors of the American Paint Horse Association. Their daughter, Tia, lives in Las Vegas, and they have a son, Jamie, who resides in Texas.

Editor's Note: The Board is proud to congratulate Ford Contracting Inc. for its work in the construction industry.



Contractors...Did You Know?

- When a financial statement is requested by the Board, a contractor - whose monetary limit is less than \$1,000,000 - may submit a financial statement prepared by a certified public accountant, or may submit the financial statement on a form provided by the Board with an affidavit, which verifies the accuracy of the financial statement.
- A natural person who applies for a contractor's license must include his or her Social Security number in the application.
- Administrative fines for misuse of a license and/or acting as an agent, partner or associate of an unlicensed contractor can result in a fine of up to \$50,000.
- A felony conviction related to the practices of a contractor in another state can result in a disciplinary action against a contractor in Nevada.
- It is illegal for a contractor to provide service, replacement parts, equipment or repairs when the service, replacement parts, equipment or repairs are not needed.
- It is illegal for a contractor to make any false or misleading statement that is intended, directly or indirectly, to disparage the goods, services or business of another person.

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