



# NEVADA CONTRACTORS' BILLBOARD

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## Summary of Changes from the 2003 Legislative Session

Following is a partial list of significant legislation from the 2003 Legislative Session affecting the Nevada State Contractors Board and licensed contractors. The bills listed have been signed into law (chaptered) and become effective as noted. For a complete list of legislation enacted, please visit the Legislative Counsel Bureau's website at [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us).

### Assembly Bill 190 Effective October 1, 2003

AB 190 revises the circumstances in which construction fraud occurs; clarifies the circumstances in which the Executive Officer of the State Contractors Board may seek a cease and desist order; revises the circumstances in which the State Contractors Board may require a licensed contractor to post a bond for wages; provides that the State Contractors Board may suspend the license of a licensee who is prohibited from being awarded a contract for a public work and revises and clarifies the circumstances in which the State Contractors Board may take disciplinary action against a licensee.

### Assembly Bill 220 Effective June 9, 2003

AB 220 expands the authority of the Board to require a contractor to establish financial responsibility under certain circumstances; provides for the confidentiality of information compiled as a result of an investigation conducted by the State Contractors Board; authorizes the Board to conduct a background investigation of an applicant for employment with the Board; prohibits the Board from issuing a

private reprimand to a licensee; authorizes a district court in a proceeding for a judicial review of a final decision of the Board to dismiss an agency or person from the proceeding under certain circumstances; and establishes diversion of funds from a construction project as a criminal offense.

### Assembly Bill 262 Effective July 1, 2003

AB 262 provides for the inspection of, and the issuance of certificates of occupancy for, factory-built housing and manufactured buildings by the Manufactured Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry in certain counties under certain circumstances; authorizes the Division to establish certain fees; provides for the classification of mobile, manufactured or factory-built homes on leased land as real property for purposes of property taxes under certain circumstances; establishes liability for the unlawful removal of a mobile or manufactured home which has been converted to real property; authorizes certain dealers of new manufactured homes to contract with licensed providers of services to perform work pertinent to the sale, installation and occupancy of manufactured homes; revises provisions governing the licensure of limited servicemen who provide services relating to the installation and repair of manufactured homes; and clarifies the applicability of certain statutory provisions regarding deceptive trade practices to a mobile or manufactured home.

### Senate Bill 206 Effective Oct. 1, 2003

SB 206 relates to liens. It prohibits the waiver or modification of rights relating to mechanics' and materialmen's liens except under certain circumstances; prohibits certain provisions in a contract for a work of improvement; and makes various changes to the provisions relating to mechanics' and materialmen's liens.

### Senate Bill 241 Effective Aug. 1, 2003

SB 241 requires notice, a right to inspect, and a right to repair to be provided a contractor before an action for constructional defects may be commenced; establishes the State Contractors Board as a resource to answer questions and assist in resolving disputes concerning matters which may affect or relate to constructional defects; and makes various other changes



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## NSCB Appoints New Deputy Director of Investigations



Former Compliance Investigator, Gary Hoid has been appointed as Deputy Director of Investigations for the Nevada State Contractors Board in Reno. Gary has been with the Contractors Board for four years and is looking forward to leading the department.

Hoid will be responsible for investigations in Northern Nevada.

### New Compliance Investigators



Eric Brio

The Contractors Board is proud to announce two new compliance investigators, one in the Northern Nevada office and



Gordon LaPointe

one in the Southern Nevada office. Eric Brio (Reno) and Gordon La Pointe (Las Vegas) are welcomed additions that round out the investigative team.



## Staff Spotlight



Charlene Fitzharris

NSCB Investigative Aid Charlene Fitzharris is a key contact for both contractors and homeowners involved in the NSCB allegation process that is proving very helpful to both.

Charlene has been with the Contractors Board a little over six years. She comes from a retail service background. Charlene, though having been born in Lynwood, California, is a long-time Las Vegas. She lives in Las Vegas with her husband Bill. She has one son, one daughter, two step-daughters and eight grandchildren. Her interests include crafts and sightseeing.

For more information about NSCB's new allegation process, please see the article on page 9. If you receive a call from Charlene Fitzharris, know that she is doing her very best to help achieve a positive resolution that will not leave a mark on your record. Thanks Charlene!

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concerning constructional defects.

#### Senate Bill 250 Effective July 1, 2003

SB 250 enacts certain provisions that are applicable to all regulatory bodies that regulate occupations or professions in title 54 of NRS; provides that certain records of a regulatory body are public records; revises provisions relating to certain consent and settlement agreements; and enacts provisions relating to attorney fees and costs.

#### Senate Bill 310 Effective Oct. 1, 2003

SB 310 clarifies that certain occupational boards and commissions must act in the public interest; revises the

qualifications for the members of certain occupational boards and commissions; provides that the members of certain occupational boards and commissions must be provided with certain materials and training upon appointment; revises the authority of certain occupational boards and commissions to hire employees or contract with independent contractors; and revises the qualifications for executive director or executive secretary of certain occupational boards and commissions.



#### Senate Bill 437 Effective May 26, 2003

SB 437 requires construction managers or pool consultants to have a contractor's license; and clarifies certain provisions that prohibit contractors from acting as owners of certain companies, corporations and business entities, providing penalties.



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The Contractors' Billboard is designed for licensed contractors doing business in Nevada.

If you have any questions or concerns, please write to us. We'll try to address it in an upcoming issue.

### Mission Statement

The Nevada State Contractors Board is committed to promote the integrity and professionalism of the contracting industry in Nevada.

The Nevada State Contractors Board has the responsibility to promote quality construction by Nevada licensed contractors through a regulatory licensing system designed to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the public

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## Across the Board

January 1, 2003 - June 30, 2003  
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### Investigations Division

#### Compliance Investigations Unit

Investigations Conducted	1,152
Investigations Closed	1,144
Board Meetings	16
Licenses Revoked	34
Fines Assessed by the Board	\$112,634
Investigative Costs	\$143,754
Recovery Fund Claims	23

#### Special Investigations Unit

Investigations Conducted	761
Investigations Closed	753
Criminal Complaints Filed with Court	313
Convictions	156
Citations Issued	257
Restitution	\$160,328
Fines Assessed by Court	\$45,946

### Licensing Division

Applications Received	938
New licenses Issued	765
License Changes	1,650
Licensed Nevada Contractors (as of 9/12/03)	13,960

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## Attorney Richard Peel Delivers with Free Legal Seminar for Licensed Contractors

Attorney Richard Peel, managing partner of Peel, Brimley and Spangler and author of Nevada's new lien laws and Right to Stop Work legislation, shared some very valuable information with licensed contractors at a recent seminar at the Contractors Board. The two and a half hour seminar was videoconferenced between the Henderson and Reno offices of the Board.

Over 125 were in attendance as Peel covered everything from contracts and subcontracts to lien laws (Senate Bill 206) to a contractor's right to stop work - including when an owner or builder should terminate a contract.

The seminar included ample question and answer sessions as well as substantial take-away literature. Contractors in attendance were very pleased with the opportunity. "It was a great presentation and very informative" (Ted Hakimi, Reliance Fire Protection) and "This was an excellent seminar" (Tony Gandha, Panda Refrigeration) were among the comments from contractors.

Licensed contractors can look forward to more informative seminars through the Contractors Board. Check the Board's website ([www.nscb.state.nv.us](http://www.nscb.state.nv.us)) often for updates.



## Colleen Wilson-Pappa Named New Clark County Building Division Administrative Services Manager.



Phil Rosenquist, director of the Clark County Department of Development Services, recently announced that Colleen Wilson-Pappa has joined the department in the new position of administrative services manager.

This position serves to facilitate communication with the department and contractors for a better understanding and streamlining of current systems.

Wilson-Pappa will be working with the director and assistant directors for the various divisions of the department to continue to improve processes, an important commitment made to the public, customers and the County Commission when the Development Services Department was created last year.

## NSCB Attends Roofer's Convention

The Nevada State Contractors Board was represented at the recent Western Roofing Expo at the Paris Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. The annual expo is hosted by the Western States Roofing Contractors Association and includes exhibitors and attendees from across the nation.

Thanks to the generous contribution of a cordless drill from Fasteners, Inc., the NSCB booth featured an exciting drawing. Steve Jacobsen, a Nevada contractor affiliated with Beyond Limits Construction was the lucky winner. Congratulations Steve!

The Nevada State Contractors Board thanks Fasteners, Inc. for its continued support in the Board's industry outreach efforts.



Nevada Contractor, Steve Jacobsen



## Pres. George H.W. Bush to Open 2004 International Builders' Show

Former President George H.W. Bush will kick off the 2004 International Builders' Show in Las Vegas, as the opening ceremonies keynote speaker on January 19 at the Orleans Hotel Arena.

"As a fellow Texan, I am particularly honored to welcome former President Bush back to open our show next year," said Kent Conine, National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) president and a builder/developer from Dallas.

Produced by NAHB, the International Builders' Show (IBS) is considered the housing industry's premier event of the year. The largest home building and light construction conference in the world returns to the Las Vegas Convention Center, Monday, Jan. 19 through Thursday, Jan. 22, 2004 and is expected to draw more than 90,000 attendees from 100 countries.

Mr. Bush was the first sitting President to address an NAHB convention audience when he opened the 1990 International Builders' Show in Atlanta; he was also the keynote speaker at the 1995 convention in Houston.

The IBS is known for its vast selection of educational seminars targeting all segments of the residential and light commercial construction industry. Attendees can choose from over 200 sessions on topics ranging from architecture and interior design, to land development and environmental regulation, and organization and business management.

Also home to the industry's largest new product showcase, IBS attracts more than 1,300 exhibitors that display the latest in home building products and occupy more than 715,000 net square feet of exhibit space.

Once again, techHOMEExpo is co-located with the IBS. This "show within the International Builders' Show" highlights the latest in

cutting-edge technologies and groundbreaking products for construction, management and consumer applications. TechHOMEExpo hosts a "Discovery Day," Tuesday Jan. 20, where attendees can take advantage of education seminars that introduce the latest innovations in home building technology.

The 2004 International Builders' Show is an annual trade show for residential construction professionals. It is not open to the general public.

Visit [www.BuildersShow.com](http://www.BuildersShow.com) for additional, up-to-date information on the show; to register; or to tour the Builders' Virtual Trade Show at [www.BuildersShow.com/VTS](http://www.BuildersShow.com/VTS), which features the virtual booths of more than 1,300 suppliers who will exhibit live at IBS.

### Upcoming Network: Las Vegas Trade Shows 2003 - 2004

The Las Vegas Business Press will be hosting a series of four trade shows from 2003-2004 entitled, Network: Las Vegas. Network: Las Vegas will be a business-to-business networking event with an emphasis on real estate, business development and construction. September 25, 2003 will be the debut of this event. It will present an opportunity for businesses to market directly to local business leaders and residents. The September 2003 event will take place at the UNLV Stan Fulton Bldg. on Flamingo and Swenson. Call (702) 871-6780 for more information.

## Water Smart Contractors in the South Seeing a Boom in Business

The Southern Nevada Water Authority's Water Smart Contractor program is a big success and has been a boon to the businesses of participating landscapers. The SNWA puts these contractors through a training process after which they are recommended to the public as those who can help them with the latest, most effective techniques of water conservation.

"We sell about 80% of those that call us from the list," says Franco Volpone of Chip n Dale's Custom Landscaping of Las Vegas.

Contractors must complete eight hours of training over a two-day period. The training includes efficient irrigation, codes, xeriscape retrofits and SNWA rebate programs. Contractors must be licensed and in good standing with the Nevada State

Contractors Board.

With Southern Nevada in the midst of a devastating drought and new watering restrictions taking effect, many consumers are looking for more ways to save water and money. More consumers are learning that xeriscape is also a varied and aesthetically attractive alternative. The SNWA provides a list of their Water Smart Contractors to interested consumers on its helpline and its website. Landscapers may also submit photos of their work that are included on SNWA's award-winning site. Participating contractors are also identified by a vehicle decal.

Water Smart Contractor classes are scheduled every quarter. For more information and a schedule of classes, call 702-358-2777 or log on to [snwa.com](http://snwa.com).

## BOARD DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS 3rd &amp; 4th Qtr. 1/1/03 - 6/30/03

Note: Actions do not include contractor's licenses suspended for failure to maintain a surety bond

IC=investigative costs  
Ltr of rep=Letter of Reprimand

Respondent	Lic.No.	Disposition	Violations
Alba Construction	32878	Revoked	624.3012(2)
Keneti F. Afuhaamango Construction	49350	Revoked	624.3017(1), 624.3013(5)
Grizzly Construction	42743 & 42742	Revoked	624.3014(2)(b)(c)(d), 624.305(1)(2), 624.3011(1)(b)(1)
Landscape Creations by Executrim Inc. & Landscape Creations LV Inc.	48547, 54075	2-yr ltr or rep; \$3500 fine; IC	624.3011(1)(b)(1), 624.3017(1), 624.3017(3), 624.3014(1), 624.640(5), 624.520(1), 624.3018(2)
S & N Builders	37462, 36298	perm ltr of rep, \$750 fine	624.3017(1), 624.3013(5), 624.301(5), 624.520(1), 624.3018(2)
Excel Concrete	51387	Revoked	624.3017(1), 624.3013(5), 624.520(1), 624.3013(5)
The Island Company	35356	Summary Suspension	
Dwellings Construction Co.	41699	Revoked	624.3012(2), 624.3013(4), 624.3013(3)
Allied Homes Corporation	46245	Revoked	624.3015(2), 624.640(5), 624.302(6), 624.3016(7), 624.3016(8), 624.285
Darryl Banks	25817, 25817A	Revoked	624.3017(1), 624.3013(5), 624.3011(1)(b)(1), 624.3012(3),
Westside Maintenance & Construction	46280	probation	624.3016(2), 624.265(1)(a)
Jaehn Construction West	19223	\$1000 fine; IC	624.3011(1)(a), 624.3011(1)(b)(1), 624.3013(1), 624.3015(3), 624.302(6)
Panda Refrigeration	26472	\$1250 fine; IC	624.302(1)(b), 624.3015(2)
Sage Professional Painting Co.	31864	\$3500 fine; IC	624.3015(2), 624.640(5), 624.302(6), 624.3016(1)
Advanced Constr.	46361	\$3000 fine; IC	624.3017, 624.3013(5), 624.3011(1)(a)
Best Contr.	39364	\$1000 fine; IC	624.301(1), 624.301(5), 624.3013(5)
Tomahawk Construction Inc.	40775	Revoked	624.3012(2), 624.3013(3)
Aaccess Services of Nevada Inc	47881	Revoked	624.3012(2), 624.3013(3), 624.302(5), 624.285(1)(2)(3)(4)

## KEY - Grounds for Disciplinary Action and Related Statutes

- NRS 624.301 Abandonment or failure to complete or prosecute diligently a project for construction; willful failure to comply with terms of contract or written warranty
- NRS 624.3011 Disregard of plans, specifications, laws or regulations; failure to respond to claim arising out of construction defect
- NRS 624.3012 Diversion of money; failure to pay for materials or services
- NRS 624.3013 Failure to keep records or maintain bond; misrepresentation; failure to establish financial responsibility or comply with the regulations of Board
- NRS 624.3014 Misuse of license; evasion of law
- NRS 624.3015 Acting beyond the scope of a license; contract with unlicensed contractor
- NRS 624.30175 Suspension of license for failure to pay child support or comply with certain subpoenas or warrants
- NRS 624.3016 Fraudulent or deceitful acts
- NRS 624.3017 Substandard workmanship; incomplete advertising
- NRS 624.3018 Certain persons prohibited from serving as officer; director; associate or partner of licensee
- NRS 624.305 Unlawful use, assignment or transfer of license; revocation of license
- NRS 624.288 Lack of display name and license number on motor vehicle
- NRS 624.520 Contractor to notify owner of rights related to the Residential Recovery Fund
- NRS 624.720 Unlawful advertising
- NRS 624.600 Required disclosures by general building contractor
- NRS 624.302 Contracting if license is suspended, etc.
- NAC 624.670(4) Application for increase in monetary limit on license; submittal of bid before approval of application. (4) A licensee who has complied with the requirements of subsections 1 and 2 may submit his bid for the project before the boards acts upon his application if he submits with the bid a statement that the bid is contingent upon the approval of his application by the board. The board may deny the application if it determines that the licensee has submitted his bid without submitting the statement required pursuant to this subsection.
- NAC 624.695-
- NAC 624.697 Contracts for construction of residential pools and spas and effect of failure to comply with requirements of law

For more information, see the "State Contractors Board Handbook."

## BOARD DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS 3rd &amp; 4th Qtr. 1/1/03 - 6/30/03 CONTINUED

<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Lic.No.</u>	<u>Disposition</u>	<u>Violations</u>
American Sons Construction Inc.	49920	Revoked	624.3017(1), 624.700(3), 624.302(5), 624.520(1), 624.3012(2), 624.3013(3)
Stalzer General Contracting LLC	49619	Revoked	624.3015(1), 624.302(5), 624.640(5), 624.520(1), 624.3013(3), 624.640(3)
Over the Top Inc.	51296	Revoked	624.3013(3), 624.3013(4), 624.302(5)
Beans Greens	47224	Revoked	624.3014(2)(a)(b)(d), 624.3015(3), 624.640(6), 624.640(3)
Construction Unlimited Inc dba Monument Construction	46423, 46616, 46617	\$5000 fine; IC	624.3011(2), 624.640(5), 624.520(1), 624.3018(2)
R & Z Construction, R and Z Construction	40858, 47197	\$700 fine; IC	624.640(5), 624.3015(1), 624.600, 624.3018(2), 624.3014(2)(a)(b)(d), 624.3015(2), 624.640(6)
Yack Construction Inc.	28092	\$1750 fine; IC	624.3012(2), 624.640(5)
The Island Company	35356	\$800 fine; IC	624.3013(2), 624.640(3), 624.3016(7), 624.285(1)(2)
Carpet Warehouse & Tile, Inc.	45276	\$2200 fine; IC	624.3017(1), 624.700(3)(a), 624.640(5), 624.3015(1)
All Seasons Concrete	40313	Revoked	624.3017(1), 624.3013(5), 624.3015(2), 624.3016(1), 624.3012(3)
Tri-Shamrock Contractors, Inc.	38203	Revoked	624.3017(1), 624.700(3)
Bartholomew Painting	41145	1-yr. Ltr of rep; Restitution	624.3012(2), 624.302(5)
Landgraphics, Inc.	38139, 52695	Revoked	624.3012(2), 624.302(5), 624.3013(3), 624.3013(4), 624.3018(2)
Eagle Plastering	46703	Revoked	624.3017(1), 624.700(3), 624.640(5), 624.3013(3), 624.520(1)
Total Land Concepts Landscape Design & Installation	51991	Revoked	624.3017(1), 624.700(3), 624.640(3), 624.3015(1), 624.3012(3), 624.640(5), 624.520(1), 624.3012(2), 624.3013(3), 624.302(5)
Brown Roofing	51325	Revoked	624.263(3), 624.640(3), 624.3013(3)
Wood & Tile Flooring, Inc., Craftsman Flooring	45868, 43512	Revoked	624.3012(2), 624.302(5), 624.3015(1), 624.3011(1)(2)(3)(4)(5), 624.302(6), 624.720(1)(2), 624.640(5), 624.520(1), 624.3013(4), 624.3018(2)
Skyhigh Bldrs	20587	\$3500; IC	624.3017(1), 624.3013(5), 624.3011(2), 624.3015(1), 624.3015(2)
Home Works	31708	IC	624.3017(1)
Legends Studio	43023	Revoked	624.301(1)
Cornerstone Masonry & Cornerstone General Contracting	31202, 41425	perm ltr of rep, IC	624.3012(2), 624.3013(3), 624.302(5)
Westview Concrete Systems	33883	Revoked	624.3013(3), 624.302(5), 624.3013(4)
Wythe Enterprises	47573	Revoked	624.3013(3), 624.3012(2)
Cheyenne Construction, Inc.	33804	Revoked	624.3013(3), 624.3013(4), 624.302(5)
Panther, Inc.	50137	Revoked	624.3012(2), 624.3013(3), 624.302(5)
Commercial Installations, Inc.	47956	Revoked	624.3012(2), 624.3013(3), 624.640(3), 624.640(3), 624.302(5)
Desert Valley Tile and Marble, Inc.	49927, 49928	Revoked	624.3012(4)(5), 624.3013(3), 624.302(5), 624.520(1), 624.640(5), 624.640(3)
Delfino Electrical Contractors, Inc.	36505	Revoked	624.3012(2), 624.3013(3), 624.302(5), 624.3013(4), 624.640(30)
Capitol Builders and Development, Inc.	40101	Revoked	624.3017(1), 624.700(3), 624.301(1), 624.640(3), 624.600(1)(a)(b)(2), 624.640(5), 624.302(5), 624.3015(1), 624.520(1), 624.3011(1)(b)(1)

## CRIMINAL CASES PROSECUTED 1/1/03 - 6/30/03

By Nevada law, the Nevada State Contractors Board has the authority to issue citations and pursue prosecuting individuals for violations ranging from fraud to contracting or advertising without a license. The following convictions and penalties were levied in the second half of the fiscal year 02-03 from January 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003.

AA=administrative assessment

R=restitution

IC=investigative costs

## Southern Nevada

Agencies, John W dba Vegas Valley Lock Inc.	\$300 F; \$318 R
Andrews, Keith P dba All Around Custom	\$250 F; IC
Avery, James dba Designs by Jay	\$250 F; IC
Baca, John dba Stucco John's Stucco Systems	\$750 F
Bass, John dba Contemporary Iron	\$350 F; IC
Bassford, Bob dba A.P.H. Service Co.	\$350 R; \$150 F; IC
Bassford, Robert dba A.P.H.	\$250 F; IC
Bell, Ron dba R & B Maintenance	\$500 R; \$250 F; IC
Bdsho, Scott dba Mission West Pools	\$1400 R; \$250 F; IC
Bodley, Thomas William dba Desert Comfort	\$2717 R; \$250 F; IC
Bower, Donnie F dba Concept & Development	\$500 F; IC
Bower, Thomas dba Precision Maintenance	\$1710 R; \$250 F; IC
Brandon, Maggie dba Magdalena's Home Furn.	\$15435 R; \$500 F
Braverman, Steve dba BMB Electric	\$500 F; IC
Brenn, David dba Brenn Plumbing Co. Inc.	\$250 F; IC
Carinaldes, Jose Manuel dba Lawn Care Services	
Cazor, A James	\$250 F; IC
Cervantes, Rena dba Rancho Tile & Stone	IC
Cervani, Derek dba Bedrock Landscape Supply	\$250 F; \$2500 R; IC
Dillingham, Russ dba United Home Center	\$300 F; IC
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Doolin, Peter Lynn dba Concrete Impressions	IC
Epperson, Ken	\$5617 R; \$250 F; IC
Escoto, Pete dba Professional Concrete	\$6727 R; \$150 F
Fico, Tom dba Sunscape Landscaping	\$1341 R; IC
Fortivia, Michael dba Plumbing For Less	\$2367 R; \$250 F; IC
Fortivia, Michael dba Plumbing For Less	\$157 R; \$250 F; IC
Fortunoff, Joe dba Able Awnings	\$1000 F; IC
Fortunoff, Joseph dba Able Awning	\$400 R; IC
Galindo, Christopher dba Christopher Landc.	\$500 R; IC
Garcia, Vicente	\$250 F; IC
Golsinger, Stacey dba Side Job Masonry	\$500 R; IC
Gennaro, Vincent	\$2664 R; \$250 F; IC
Gleason, Scott dba Gleason Fine Woodworking	\$500 F; IC
Gonzalez, Martin dba Custom Rock	\$1600 R; \$250; IC
Green, Donald dba Clark County Mechanical	\$350 F
Guajardo, Armando dba Desert Drywa	\$500 F; IC
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Hahn, Rudy dba Canvas Constructor	\$500 F; IC
Hause, Tim dba Technica Maintenance	\$600 R; \$500 F
Houli, Nathan Troy dba Excelsior Landscape	\$250 F; IC
Hennefer, Stewart dba A-L Sals Ite	\$250 F; IC
Higgins, James dba The Maintenance Connection	\$350 F; IC
Humayan, Sharif dba Marble & Granite Wreth.	\$1000 F; \$2000 R; IC
Jaco, Ricc	\$250 F; IC
Kapono, Michael Joseph	\$1100 R
Kecziara, Victor	\$200 R; \$250 F; IC
Kerolos, George dba Kerolos Construction	\$250 F; IC
Lancaster, Chris	\$725 R; \$250 F; IC
Lauro, Noñe	\$250 F; IC
Leamons, Robert W	\$250 F; IC
Lee, Chaeul Sou dba Golden Valley Int. Co.	\$250 F; IC
Males, Tim dba Green Valley Window & Door	\$1300 R; \$250 F; IC

Males, Tim dba Green Valley Window & Door	\$200 F; IC
Mephosa, Thamba	\$250 F; IC
Mephosa, Thamba	\$250 F; IC
Mephosa, Thamba	\$250 F; IC
Mephosa, Thamba	\$250 F; IC
Merlin, Justin dba The Pool Consultants	\$250 F; IC
Messo, John dba El Sol de Mexico	\$2000 R; IC
Milligan, Jeffrey dba Clarion Pool & Deck	\$1000 F
Mitchell, Charles H dba Mitchell Handyman	IC
Mott, Norman Lee dba Nevada Discount Exit	\$250 F; IC
Nowman, Jack dba Smart Pools	\$4950 R; \$150 F; IC
Noroga, Jesse	\$600 R; IC
Orozco, Mendocino dba Genera Contractor	\$1000 R; \$250 F; IC
Owens, James Bryant dba Global Lin. Services	\$800 R; \$250 F; IC
Pedrovese, David Wayne dba POC&E	\$1100 R; \$250 F; IC
Hollock, Richard dba HPCR Inc.	\$2500 R; \$250 F; IC
Pope, Michael dba Samaritan Maintenance	\$250; IC
Prach, Edward	\$2400 R; IC
Preston, Don	\$350 F; IC
Prita, Fulakesi	\$2500 R; IC
Pula, Fulakesi	\$8802 R; IC
Ramos, Jr. Arlindo dba A.R Services	\$4700 R; \$250 F; IC
Reed, Don dba Landscaping, Patis & More	\$5500 R; \$500 F; IC
Reed, Don dba Landscaping, Patis & More	\$1000 R; IC; warrant
Reed, Don dba S B Co. Inc.	\$4000 R; \$500 F; IC
Reed, Don dba S B Co. Inc.	\$1035 R; IC
Reed, Don dba S B Co. Inc.	\$1000 R; IC
Reed, Donald dba Landscaping Patis & More	\$600 R; IC; warrant
Rickenbach, Ken dba Thompson Mechanical	\$500 F; IC
Ridgeway, David Trentor	IC
Rupe, Scott John dba The Ripple Effect	\$250 F; IC
Rodriguez, Johnny A dba Borrow a Mar	\$217 R; IC
Schafale, Michael John dba LV Scapes	\$250 F; IC
Seis, Dan W dba Slide Rite of Clark County	\$300 F; IC
Silva, Ray dba Easy Off Tile	\$250 F
Smith, Ronald Dale dba Construction Consul	\$8000 R; IC
Stamat, David dba H-20 Concrete International	\$250 F; IC
Taylor, John William dba Pravisle Pools I	\$250 F; IC
Thompson, David dba Price Rite Painting	\$1600 R; \$100 F; IC
Thurman, Shane dba Rock On Landscape	\$400 F; IC
Todd, Tiger dba Tiger Technologies	\$250 F; IC
Tuase, Benny dba Landmark Commercial	IC
Turner, Thomas Dean dba Scapes & Stones	\$250 F; IC
Waldman, Tim dba Tim the Toolman Handyman	\$250 F; IC
Warren, Mikedba Warren Energy Group Inc.	\$250 F; IC
Wesvel, Troy Allen dba Nevada Air Cond.	\$2480 R; \$250 F; IC
Wiegler, Tom dba Marine Tile and Coatings	\$500 F; IC
Yencz, Ricardo	\$3500 R; \$250 F; IC

## Northern Nevada

Beardman, Ken	\$500 F; \$105 AA; (s)
Bohenier, Thomas A. dba Furniture Barn	sentence deferred
Carpenter, Mark dba Ross Construction	\$500 F
Christensen, Steve dba Commercial Solut	\$500 F; \$105 AA; IC
Cordelia, Richard	\$141 F; IC
Dagher, Mark	\$410 IC
Farley, James Thomas	\$615 F; IC; 5-mo. J
Farley, James Thomas	\$415 F
Finay, Michael dba F Concrete	\$615 F; IC
Finay, Michael dba F Concrete	\$615 F; IC
Finay, William	\$1005 R; \$280 F; IC
Finay, William Tom	\$250 F; \$70 AA
Frankenfeld, Karl F	\$615 F
Humphill, Carl Lee	\$250 F; \$70 AA
Holby, Larry Dean	\$415 F
Hopkins, Gregory Noah	\$280 F; IC
Hopkins, Gregory Noah	\$280 F; IC
Howard, Gordon dba Plumbing/Heating/Resair	\$200 F; \$70 AA
Hoyes, Michael John	\$170 F; IC
Hoyes, Michael John	\$170 F; IC
Hoyes, Michael John	\$170 F; IC
Hoyes, Michael John	\$170 F; IC
Killoni, Aunofe Helakanga	\$250 F
Koch, Harry Joseph dba A Shine Service	\$160 F; IC
Krill, Larry George	\$615 F (s); IC
Lachara, Gary dba Gary P. Achara	\$141 F; IC
Lorenzo, Mark Anthony dba M&E Truck	\$615 F
Martenis, William dba H & M Custom Concrete	\$170 F; IC
Martenis, William dba H & M Custom Concrete	\$74 F (s); IC
Martenis, William dba H & M Custom Concrete	\$170 F (s); IC
Martenis, William dba H & M Custom Concrete	\$74 F (s); IC
Max, Tali	\$1115 F
Meyer, Stone M.	\$615 F
Meyer, Stone M.	\$615 F (s); IC
Nikoutz, Jeffrey Frank dba Vrai-N-Green	\$150 F; IC
Montelongo, Jeanne M dba Great Escape	\$615 F (s); IC
Montelongo, Jeanne M dba Great Escape	\$615 F (s); IC
Moore, Michael	\$300 F; \$105 AA
Murphy, Mickey Garner	\$615 F (s); IC
Orrlund, Ray Clay	\$300 F
Potter, Keith Everett	\$500 F; \$105 AA
Rae, Thomas F dba Tom's Home Owners	\$615 F
Sembrano, Joseph dba Sol Services	\$500 F; \$105 AA; IC
Sembrano, Joseph dba Sol Services	\$500 F; \$105 AA; IC
Simpson, Allen Lee	\$615 F; IC
Smith, Steven G. dba CS Enterprises	\$615 F
Sweeney, William Clark dba T.O.M. Services	\$615 F (s); IC
Tamayo-Rosas, Samuel dba Sam's Lawn Service	\$615 F; IC
Tiede, Madilyn	\$200 F; IC
Tuupola, Per	\$2261 R; \$272 F
Tuupola, Per	\$2267 R; \$272 F
Tuupola, Per	\$2267 R; \$272 F
Vaas, Aaron dba Gorilla Jems	\$3201 F
Vaas, Aaron dba Gorilla Jems	\$3800 F; 1 yr. 45 days J
Weatherhead, Todd dba T&T Automation	\$330 F; \$70 AA
Wetshknif, Hebe T. J. dba Wine Piping	\$141 F



## Loan Your License, Lose Your License

*License Loaning is the Most Serious of Contractor Violations*

By George Lyford, Director of Investigations

A Nevada State Contractor's License is a valuable accomplishment, one that can be a source of pride. Not only is it a sign of a true industry professional, it provides a living for many throughout our state who build and repair the structures in which we all trust for our families.

As a contractor, you know that obtaining a contractor's license is no easy task. Continued success requires references, establishment of financial responsibility, passing trade and law tests, obtaining insurance, establishing a business, assuming responsibility for the actions and work of employees, and establishing good character and reputation in the community.

However, there are some contractors who do not have a clear understanding of licensing laws and others who attempt to work around them. This can result in the lending of a contractor's license to friends, family, business associates or other unlicensed

individuals and places that contractor's livelihood in jeopardy.

Allowing anyone else to use your license to submit bids, pull permits, advertise, or perform work can result in loss of your license. It is simply not acceptable to permit someone to use your license even if they have a license pending or if it is "only a little job." There are no exceptions to the law.

The Nevada Revised Statute 624.305 provides for the automatic revocation of a license that is used by any other person than the person to whom it is issued. The loaning of a license is the most serious violation a contractor can commit and will result in the automatic loss of the license.

Protect your livelihood and your family. Don't loan your license.

## Allegation Period Helps Contractors, Homeowners

A new allegation period implemented by the NSCB is helping contractors maintain a clean complaint record. The 14-day period allows would-be complaints to be resolved without a scar on the contractor's record by resolving issues through mediation.

When a workmanship or money-owing grievance comes in to the Board from a homeowner or supplier, it is now initially registered as an allegation. A call is made by a Board representative to both parties informing them that there is an issue to be resolved and that there are 14 days to resolve it before it becomes a formal complaint. Upon receipt of a call from the complainant informing the Board that the issue has been resolved, the allegation is closed and does not appear anywhere.

The allegation period has proven to be a win-win approach to resolving issues with contractors. The contractor has the opportunity to rectify any situation before it becomes a full-fledged complaint and can maintain a good record. The homeowner has a forum to voice concerns and get issues addressed in a timely manner.

According to Deputy Director of Investigations, Chris Denning, the process also helps to lighten the considerable caseloads of Board investigators.

Contractors and homeowners alike appreciate the level of personal service that makes this program work. "I check back with them (both parties) regularly to make sure everything is going okay throughout the whole two-week process." Charlene Fitzharris, a board representative involved with the allegation process, remarks on its effectiveness and how all parties involved are praising its success.

## Residential Recovery Fund

The 1999 Legislature enacted legislation establishing the Residential Recovery Fund, to reimburse homeowners who have been financially damaged by errant contractors. The law requires all residential contractors to contribute to the fund and also requires all residential contractors to provide a written notice to homeowners in compliance with NRS 624.520

The written statement must be in substantially the following form:

### RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION RECOVERY FUND

Payment may be available from the recovery fund if you are damaged financially by a project performed on your residence pursuant to a contract, including construction, remodeling, repair or other improvements, and the damage resulted from certain specified violations of Nevada law by a contractor licensed in this state. To obtain information relating to the recovery fund, you may contact the State Contractors Board at the following locations:

State Contractors Board  
9670 Gateway Dr., Ste. 100  
Reno, Nevada 89521  
Tel. Number: (775) 688-1141

State Contractors Board  
2310 Corporate Circle, Ste. 200  
Henderson, Nevada 89074  
Tel. Number: (702) 486-1100

The Board may impose an administrative fine of \$100.00 for the first offense and \$25,000 for the second or subsequent offense on the contractor for failing to give appropriate notice.

To assist in compliance with the above statute, residential contractors may provide the above disclosure when the bid or proposal is submitted, when it is signed, at the time of walk-thru, at closing or when the project is completed.

# A Positive Sign

Young Electric Sign, license #780 Since 1945



Photograph by W. R. Hannapple  
From "The Magic Sign"  
ST Publications Cincinnati, OH

No matter which way you look in Nevada, there are sure signs of a winner. It has been that way for a good long time. Young Electric Sign Company, YESCO, licensed contractor since 1945 and provider of quality signs since 1920, is a key player in shaping the Las Vegas and Reno cityscapes as well as those of many others throughout the country.

Young Electric Sign is the company that brought us Vegas Vic, the Hard Rock Guitar, the innovative flickering neon sign atop the Mint and so much more.

Young Electric Sign is very much a family business. It was founded by accomplished sign artist, Thomas Young, was run by his son, Thomas Young, Jr., and is now in the capable hands of his grandchildren. The YESCO family

doesn't stop there; it includes each of many loyal employees that are proud to be a part of a tradition of quality. It reflects another tradition, which is to treat each individual as the important member that they are to the YESCO family.

On March 20, 1920 with a \$300 loan from his father, Young opened his own sign business in Ogden, Utah. He later changed the name to Young Electric Sign Company. By 1929, he had hired 27 full-time employees.

The Roaring Twenties brought neon. When neon became available, companies were doing good business and needed the flashy new signs to attract customers. Later, during the Depression YESCO's business continued to grow as movie theaters around the country were popular. Signs from Young were springing up all around the western landscape.

By the early 1930's Young Electric Sign Company became one of the first sign companies in the region to manufacture neon tubing. Many businesses throughout the West benefited from this technology. By 1932, YESCO began servicing a remote railroad stop where gambling had been made legal Las Vegas.

After having opened a branch office in Las Vegas in 1945, Tomas Young designed the Boulder Club sign, the first neon spectacular sign in Las Vegas. It started a frenzy among club owners for bigger and more fantastic signs. Las Vegas exploded into "the most razzle-dazzle city in the world."

Plastic was the rage in the 60's. It offered a new medium for sign

makers limited only by the imagination of talented artists. This versatile material nearly took over the demand for neon.

Tom Jr. took over Young Electric Sign in 1969 and promised to grow and prosper his father's business. The company expanded to eight branch offices and 300 employees. Two years later, Thomas Young passed away.

The eighties saw the installation of the first of many massive, four color electronic message centers like the one at Caesar's Palace, as well as more and more challenging, multi-faceted designs. YESCO acquired its first computerized cutting machine in 1986, ensuring its craftspeople the latest, cutting edge technology with which to design.



In 1988, Michael T. Young was elected president of YESCO, Paul Young was elected executive vice-president and

Jeff Young was elected vice-president and secretary. Mike, Paul and Jeff had taken up where their father had left off.

Among Young Electric Sign's modern triumphs are the four-block long canopy and graphic display system that contains the Fremont Street Experience in downtown Las Vegas, being selected as the official signage vendor of the Salt Lake City Olympic Winter Games, creating the "message globe" at NBC in New York City and the list goes on and on.



Tom Young Sr. was elected to the Gaming Hall of Fame, joining an impressive list of business people and entertainers like Donald Trump, Frank Sinatra and Siegfried & Roy. Young Electric Sign has made many invaluable contributions to the neon capital of the world - and to the whole world in general. And new signs are popping up all the time.

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## NSCB to exhibit at ISH North America Trade Show in Las Vegas

*Licensed Contractors can Call for Free Tickets*

ISH North America, a consolidated trade event for professionals in the kitchen & bath, plumbing, PVF, heating, hydronics and air conditioning industry sectors will take place October 1-3, 2003 at the Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino Convention Center in Las Vegas. The show will offer hundreds of new products and services from over 500 Canadian, U.S., and other international manufacturers on a 346,000 square foot gross exhibit floor. Over 15,000 attendees from across the globe including wholesalers and distributors, contractors, reps, builders, engineers, designers, architects and industry trades people are expected to attend this event.

The show features a multi-track seminar program centering on the following industry segments:

- Hydronics
- HVAC
- Kitchen & Bath
- Plumbing Pipes
- Valves & Fittings
- Environmental (Green) Systems
- and Business Management/Marketing.

Other attractions include:

- **New Product Showcase** featuring the new trends and designs from the industry



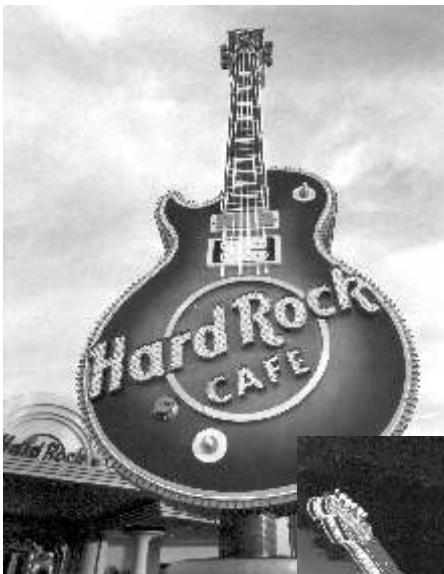
- **PHCC International Apprenticeship Contest**
- **SmartHouse** a European display of networked house and building technology
- **DesignPlus Awards** presented to leading manufacturers at the recent ISH show in Frankfurt, Germany, and other special displays and events.

The show also features the annual conventions of the America Supply Association (ASA) and the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors National Association (PHCC), two of the ISH NA show partners. The Radiant Panel Association and The Canadian Institute of Plumbing & Heating (CIPH) join international trade show organizer Messe Frankfurt, Inc. as the other three show partners.

For information on attending this trade show, visit the NSCB website at [www.nscb.state.nv.us](http://www.nscb.state.nv.us) or visit [www.ish-na.com](http://www.ish-na.com) (click on North America). Licensed Nevada Contractors may obtain free admission tickets by calling (702) 486-1100 x1139 or (775) 688-1141 x1139. Bring your staff and crew and let them enjoy one of this year's largest trade events.

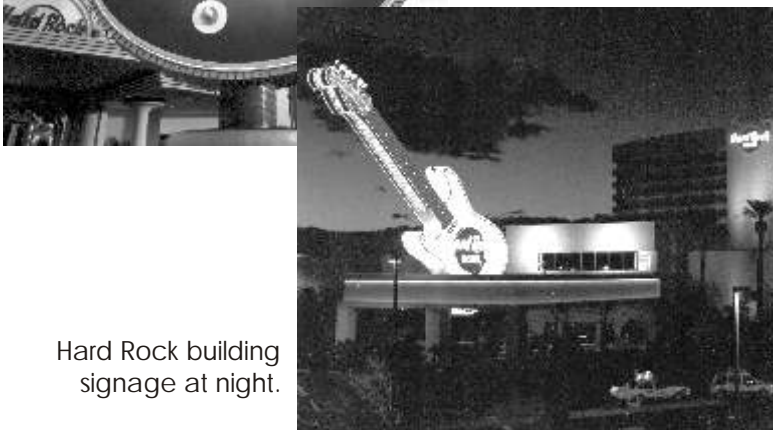
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(Photos courtesy of YESCO)



YESCO's works of art include the Hard Rock Café Guitar.

YESCO's Graphic Display System at the Fremont Street Experience requires 121 individual computers and 97 gigabytes of memory. The canopy helps make downtown Vegas a "must see" destination.



Hard Rock building signage at night.



From YESCO Interiors, Golden Lotus, Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada



# Fire Safety in the Workplace

Excerpts from OSHA Guidelines for Construction

OSHA guidelines for fire safety in the workplace include but are not limited to the following considerations. Employers should train workers about fire hazards in the workplace and about what to do in a fire emergency. If you want your workers to evacuate, you should train them on how to escape. If you expect your workers to use firefighting equipment, you should give them appropriate equipment and train them to use equipment safely.

Every workplace must have enough exits suitably located to enable everyone to get out of the facility quickly. Considerations include the type of structure, the number of persons exposed, the fire protection available, the type of industry involved, and the height and type of construction of the building or structure. In addition, fire doors must not be blocked or locked when employees are inside. Delayed opening of fire doors, however is permitted when an approved alarm system is integrated into the fire door design. Exit routes from buildings must be free of obstructions and properly marked with exit signs.

Not every employer is required to have an emergency action plan. When required, employers must develop emergency action plans that:

- Describe the routes for workers to use and procedures to follow.
- Account for all evacuated employees.
- Remain available for employee review.
- Include procedures for evacuating disabled employees
- Address evacuation of employees who stay behind to shut down equipment
  - Include preferred means of alerting employees to a fire emergency.
  - Provide for an employee alarm system throughout the workplace.
  - Require an alarm system that includes voice communication or sound signals such as bells, whistles or horns.
  - Make the evacuation signal known to employees.
  - Ensure emergency training.
  - Require employer review of the plan with new employees and with all employees whenever the plan is changed.



For a complete list of OSHA guidelines for construction workplace safety, visit [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

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Henderson	Oct. 28, 2003
	Nov. 25, 2003
	Dec. 16, 2003

NSCB BOARD HEARINGS

NEVADA CONTRACTORS' BILLBOARD

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