State ranks 47th nationwide for active physicians

Jessie Bekker | Las Vegas Review-Journal

LAS VEGAS – Nevada’s population continues to balloon, but since 2005 its physician-to-patient ratio has remained “pretty darn flat” despite efforts to attract more doctors to the state.

That’s according to Tabor Griswold of the University of Nevada, Reno, School of Medicine, who also is coauthor of a June report that examined the state’s medical provider workforce.

Griswold, a health services research analyst with the state medical board, warned.

“The rate of physicians coming into the state was very similar to the rate of the population,” said Griswold, a health services research analyst with the University of Nevada, Reno, School of Medicine, who also is coauthor of a June report that examined the state’s medical provider workforce.

He found the number of physicians practicing full-time in the state grew just 1.7 percent when adjusted for the population increase from 2005 to 2015.

“Of course, it would take at least 2,561 more physicians just to bring Nevada up to the national average,” Griswold said, compared with 303 per 100,000 on average in the U.S.

The report was based on federal data that Griswold said closely matched the state medical board’s numbers.

If Clark County continues to see rapid population growth – it increased almost 25 percent from about 1.69 million in 2005 to more than 2.1 million in 2015 – the doctor shortage could get worse, Griswold warned.

As is, there are just over 180 full-time doctors in southern Nevada per 100,000 residents, the report said, compared with 300 per 100,000 on average in the U.S.

See DOCTOR, Page 4A

Sergeant tries to curb vet suicides

In 2016, 130 veterans in Nevada took their own lives.

Sudhiti Naskar | Las Vegas Review-Journal

Long after they return home from war, veterans keep dying.

In 2016, 130 veterans in Nevada took their own life, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In fact, Nevada’s veteran suicide rate ranks among the highest in the United States.

Master Sgt. Christopher Jachimiec, a Las Vegas-based Air Force veteran, wants to change that.

He founded a Las Vegas-based initiative to reach out to veterans and their families surviving the trauma of suicide. He’s doing it all outside of his formal responsibilities as an information technology executive with the Air Force.

About 35 veterans and their families are now meeting every second Wednesday of the month at the Rainbow Library in Las Vegas. They are calling themselves Military and Veterans Survivors of Loved Ones to Suicide. It’s a peer-led outreach effort to stop the vicious cycle of suicide deaths among veterans and their families.

See SUICIDES, Page 4A

State’s Dems hope Latinos can propel them to victory

Michelle L. Price | Associated Press

LAS VEGAS – As temperatures topped 110 degrees last week outside a Latin American grocery store in Las Vegas, 19-year-old Diara Hernandez bounded up to a table, greeting with a smile and the board to ask in Spanish if they’re registered to vote – or can vote.

Hernandez, a College of Southern Nevada political science student and aspiring immigration lawyer, is part of the Democratic Party’s battalion of volunteers working to register and engage Latino voters in this year’s midterm elections. Democrats hope to recreate the big wins the state’s Hispanic and immigrant community are credited with delivering for the party the two years ago.

Backlash against President Donald Trump’s tougher immigration policies may help Democrats, too.

State’s Dems hope Latinos can propel them to victory

Michelle L. Price | Associated Press

LAS VEGAS – As temperatures topped 110 degrees last week outside a Latin American grocery store in Las Vegas, 19-year-old Diara Hernandez bounded up to a table, greeting with a smile and the board to ask in Spanish if they’re registered to vote – or can vote.

Hernandez, a College of Southern Nevada political science student and aspiring immigration lawyer, is part of the Democratic Party’s battalion of volunteers working to register and engage Latino voters in this year’s midterm elections. Democrats hope to recreate the big wins the state’s Hispanic and immigrant community are credited with delivering for the party the two years ago.

Backlash against President Donald Trump’s tougher immigration policies may help Democrats, too.

See MIDTERMS, Page 4A

Better Hearing delivered for just $299!

The average hearing aid costs about $2,400. Why spend that much when you can buy a high quality hearing aid for just $299?

Hearing-in-a-Box offers state-of-the-art hearing technology with advanced features at an unbeatable price. You can get a quality hearing aid for less!

CUSTOM PROGRAMMING AVAILABLE! Ask us about it!

www.myhearinginabox.com

(775) 321-6121

Hearing-in-a-Box
Suicides

Continued from Page 1A

Why he does it

Jachimiec himself has battled the trauma of suicide for years, an Iraq War veteran, killed himself by firearm in July 2017. “That’s when I started to think how could I help others if I couldn’t help own brother?” he said.

“This was a hard time. I had this ball of emotions. This is when I realized we need to help others. Postvention is prevention,” Jachimiec said.

Jachimiec said reaching out to people who are going through the trauma of suicide of a friend or a family member can save them.

“Since most of the soldiers come from the big cities, they are seeing the network of friends and families of the big cities and profound grief of losing a loved one who could prevent further fatalities,” he said.

“I think it’s buried under a lot of fear, a lot of anxiety,” he later told The Associated Press.

Twenty-nine percent of people in Nevada are in the military, according to the 2010 Census.

“Currently, in the state of Nevada, the Department of Veterans Services is providing community outreach services in and around the area,” Jachimiec said, "to help prevent any mental health issues.”

Monica M. Hollingshead/Media & Community Engagement Director

Midterms

Continued from Page 1A

but the party is also running into headwinds from a diverse tape of community voices facing fear and uncertainty.

“I am a liberal, I’m not being asked about candidates. I’m not being asked about when the elections are,” said Astrid Silva, a 30-year-old woman in Las Vegas who moved to the U.S. without authorization in 2012.

At a Las Vegas kickoff of a Democratic Latina organizing initiative called “¡Mujeres Mobilized!” Silva, who has lived on a city block since she was 10, said she’s heard many people say they won’t vote because they don’t think it will make a difference.

“Socialism is there, I just think it’s buried under a lot of fear, a lot of anxiety,” she later told The Associated Press.

Still, the president’s harsh rhetoric, policy and publicly stated goals remain a roadblock for some Latinos who would otherwise vote Republican.

Christopher Silva, a 40-year-old Las Vegas gas-bakery driver and registered Democrat, said he’s become more attracted to Republicans because he thinks the U.S. government needs to change and to speak to more people.

But Silva said despite considering a vote for Trump, Silva said “I think a lot of it is Trump is doing is right. But he’s a racist guy.”

“I am thinking about maybe changing my vote,” he said. “Republicans are a little more straightforward about it.”

Home Security System applications to provide up to 15 sensors free for pre-wired homes or up to 7 wireless sensors free. No substitutions allowed. Labor charges may apply. New customers only. See details below. 

We're HERE to help protect your home!

Your home security system is monitored by ADT®. ADT is a registered trademark of ADT LLC.

$100 VISA® Gift Card from Protect Your Home!

$27.99 *per month, with 3-year contract.* Up to a $850 Value with Free Installation.*

Holiday Savings: Up to 15 sensors free for pre-wired homes or up to 7 wireless sensors free. No substitutions allowed. Labor charges may apply.

Home Security System for just $27.99* per month. Try it for 60 days risk free. 

GET your Home Security System now!

FREE Month when you sign up with ADT Protection.

UP TO A $850 VALUE with Free Installation.

Monthly Savings: Up to 15 sensors free for pre-wired homes or up to 7 wireless sensors free. No substitutions allowed. Labor charges may apply.