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Kavanaugh hearings start

Supreme Court nominee expected to be grilled, but confirmed

By Gary Martin
Review-Journal Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Senate confirmation hearings begin this week for Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, providing a glimpse into the jurist who upon con-

firmation would tip the ideological balance of the bench and reshape the court as a more conservative panel for decades to come. Republicans are pushing for confirmation of Kavanaugh, 53, citing his lengthy tenure on the U.S. Court of Appeals for

the District of Columbia, a court long viewed as a stepping stone to the Supreme Court. President Donald Trump called Kavanaugh one of the country's best legal minds on July 9 when he nominated the jurist for the seat being vacated by Justice Antho-

ny Kennedy. Kennedy, who stepped down in July, was often seen as the swing member of the court, siding with conservatives on some issues and the liberal wing on social matters. Kavanaugh, like



Brett Kavanaugh

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Cashman gets fitting sendoff

Randy Pagel, from left, Heather Houchens, Matthew Christian, David Jackson, John Albanese and Emily Casale sing Monday during the 51s' final game at Cashman Field. The team will move to a new stadium in Summerlin next season. Right: Las Vegas players mob Peter Alonso after his walk-off two-run home run Monday gave the 51s a 4-3 victory.

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Builders bash bigger-backyard plan

By Michael Scott Davidson
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Dennis Lytle's backyard is a fraction of the half-acre he once owned in Indiana, but the 79-year-old homeowner has made it his own. Since moving to Spring Valley in 1999, Lytle has filled the 37 feet between the back of his two-bedroom house and its rear property line with grass, small statues of angels, and trees bearing oranges, apples and kumquats. He enjoys it all from a shaded patio large enough to hold a couple of chairs and a couch. "Most people buying homes today would kill to have a yard this big," Ly-



Dennis Lytle, 79, who moved into his Spring Valley-area home in 1999, stands in his backyard on Aug. 27.

Richard Brian
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tle said. "I wouldn't want to have anything smaller than this. For one thing, we have a lot of privacy here, and with that much square footage of backyard you can do just about anything you want." Lytle's yard is about twice the length of current re-

quirements under Clark County code. In the unincorporated county, where he lives, the minimum distance required between the back of a single-family home and its rear property line is 20 feet. That requirement can

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Missing boy dead; parents arrested

Body found in area near Lake Mead

By Max Michor
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Las Vegas police on Monday arrested the mother and father of a 3-year-old boy reported missing after finding the child's body in a remote area near Lake Mead National Recreation Area. Metropolitan Police Department homicide Lt. Ray Spencer said Daniel Theriot was found dead early Monday morning after his mother, 20-year-old Cassie Smith, reported him missing about 8:45 a.m. Sunday at Sunset Park.



Daniel Theriot

Smith told arriving officers that she had taken the child to the park to feed the ducks when her phone rang. She said she turned her back on Daniel and when she turned around, he was gone. But Spencer said officers began to doubt her account after no one at the park recalled seeing the woman and child together. As officers searched the immediate area, some officers went to check the apartment where the child lived and made contact with Smith's boyfriend, 40-year-old Joshua Oxford, and Smith's other son, who was being supervised by Oxford. Child Protective Services took Smith's other son, who is 2 years old, into custody and transported him to Sunrise Hospital, where medical staff discovered signs of

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