

SENATORS CROWN ROYALTY



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LEFT: Jill Beglin and Jack Dudley were crowned Homecoming King and Queen during Friday night's football game against Damonte Ranch. For more on the festivities, see page A11.

ABOVE: Carson High quarterback Blake Menzel evades two Damonte Ranch defenders during the Homecoming football game Friday night. Damonte Ranch defeated Carson, 70-7. For more coverage, see page B1.

Housing shortage impacting workforce, forum told

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The Economic Forum was told on Thursday the shortage of housing in western Nevada, particularly Reno, is making it harder and

harder to draw the people to fill jobs created by the area's booming economy.

Brian Bonenfant of the Center for Regional Studies at UNR said the Reno-Sparks and surrounding area have added almost 10,000

new jobs every year for the past five years, 40 percent of them in the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center. He said unfortunately, the area just isn't building enough new homes and apartments to house workers to fill those jobs.

Mike Kazmierski of the Economic Development Authority of Northern Nevada said simply, "we've run out of people."

As a result, Bonenfant said the average single family home is now selling for nearly \$400,000.

That means a family's household income has to be at least \$80,000 to afford an existing home, \$90,000 to buy a new home.

But median family income is

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