

FAIR CROWD



JIM GRANT/NEVADA APPEAL

Nearly 200 people attended the Carson City School District's job fair on Tuesday afternoon.

Rolling lane closures on 395 in northern Washoe Valley

NDOT

Daytime lane closures will take place today through next week on Alternate 395 in Pleasant Valley as the Nevada Department of Transportation fills road cracks.

Sections of Alternate U.S. 395 between Mt. Rose Highway and the Bowersville area in northern Washoe Valley will be reduced to one lane weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. through December 10. As part of routine roadway maintenance, NDOT maintenance staff will fill cracks in the highway surface to reduce water erosion and provide a smoother driving surface prior to a planned full road resurfacing next year. Southbound traffic will be repaired first, followed by northbound. One lane in each direction will remain open at all times. Work is subject to change based on weather.

Updated state road conditions and construction information are available online at nvroads.com or dialing 775-888-

“It is a much better, fine-tuned instrument.”

— **Dr. Wilfredo Torres**
Obstetrician/gynecologist

the system puts less strain on the body.

“I tell patients I can see a lot better, I have better dexterity and there seems to be less pain after surgery,” said Torres.

The robotic system is first being used for gynecological surgery because it's well suited for it and several ob/gyn doctors at the medical center were already trained on it.

Next, once surgeons in other specialties are trained, the system will be used for general surgery starting with urological work.

EXECUTION

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general's office lawyers say they're drafting an appeal to the state high court of Togliatti's order that the state Department of Corrections must remove a disputed paralytic, cisatracurium, as the third drug in a protocol using high doses of the sedative diazepam and the potent opioid fentanyl.

“You could have proceeded. He could be dead today,” the judge told attorney general solicitor Jordan Smith on Wednesday, noting that he said the state would appeal instead.

The judge added that she felt Supreme Court review of the three-drug cocktail will be important if the state wants to use it in future executions.

Togliatti canceled a Dec.

7 hearing, and made it clear that Dozier will have to wait at least several months for the execution he has said repeatedly he wants carried out.

She set a Jan. 17 hearing on a bid from the attorney general and Clark County district attorney's offices to proceed using just diazepam and fentanyl. A medical expert witness called by federal public defenders challenging the case said those two drugs should be enough to kill the inmate.

She also is being asked to decide if federal public defenders should continue to represent Dozier in a review of the state's proposed execution protocol.

Dozier, appearing by videoconference from Ely State Prison, did not say he wanted attorneys David Anthony and Lori Teicher to stop representing him.

Togliatti barely contained exasperation over what she termed “manipulation of the court process,” and asked the inmate if a flurry of filings in recent days meant he was asking for a “do-over” of the lengthy proceedings that began in July and required almost daily action in the run-up to the scheduled execution date.

Dozier called the months of hearings that made his case a topic of national interest “vital,” noted that they led to revisions of the protocol, and said he feels now “like I had to take a less-than-ideal option because that was the only option available.”

Dozier, 47, has been on death row since 2007 for convictions in separate murders in Phoenix and Las Vegas.

Jonathan VanBoskerck, a

chief Clark County district attorney, has said that prosecutors have an interest in seeing the penalty that Togliatti imposed years ago carried out. He said Tuesday that other arguments are irrelevant since Dozier is not challenging his sentence process.

“The bottom line is choice,” VanBoskerck told the judge.

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