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Waiting goes on for medical pot

Pesticide rules thwart growers, dispensaries and customers

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Nevadans might not be able to buy marijuana in legal dispensaries until summer — or later — as a legal tangle contin-

ues over pesticide rules.

The delay means continued frustration for patients and lost money for businesses that once hoped to begin selling medical pot in January.

It could be months until

workable pesticide limits are in place — and even longer before the first significant marijuana crops are ready.

“Nobody can start growing until it’s resolved,” said Shane Terry, CEO of NuVeda, a com-

pany that plans to open dispensaries and grow operations.

The problem centers on a Nevada regulation that says marijuana tested in state-licensed labs must meet the “most stringent acceptable standard for an approved pesticide chemical residue in any food item” under federal rules.

Read literally, that means

marijuana can’t have any more residue than milk or meat, which are not treated with pesticides.

“If anybody uses a regulated pesticide on a plant, it’s going to fail, because the levels would be almost impossible to achieve,” said Savino Sguera, a

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9,000 already have patient cards

Pair of shooting deaths justified

Incidents involved Red Rock rangers, Henderson police

By **CASSANDRA TALOMA**
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The Clark County district attorney’s office Friday announced that two officer-involved shooting deaths were justified, including the killing of a man at Red Rock Canyon.

Bureau of Land Management rangers shot and killed 20-year-old Los Angeles resident D’Andre Berghardt on Feb. 14, 2014. The BLM had received calls about Berghardt harassing bicyclists on State Route 159, near Red Rock. A Nevada Highway Patrol trooper was also on the scene, but did not fire his weapon.

Berghardt pulled a flat-head screwdriver from his pocket and resisted officers’ attempts to detain him, the DA’s report said. A previous Review-Journal story reported that authorities found the screwdriver after Berghardt was dead.

The man was heard saying, “Just shoot me in the head,” the DA’s report said,

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BLM rangers fired 13 times

SHOWING THEY CARE



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 Russell Squillante, left, and other volunteers from KB Homes fill wheelbarrows with mulch during a landscape cleanup Friday at the Las Vegas Rescue Mission, 480 W. Bonanza Road. The event was part of HomeAid Southern Nevada’s Care Day.

Man gets two life sentences for killing maid in 2003

Perry Monroe, shown in 2003, for years was treated at a state facility.



By **DAVID FERRARA**
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Nearly 12 years after Ladonna Milam’s dismembered body was found in a Boulder City fishing pond, her killer, who has been behind bars for nearly as long, was sent to prison.

It took more than a decade for the court system to determine that Perry Carl Monroe, now 41, was competent to stand trial. He spent years being treated at Lake’s Crossing Center, the state’s only maximum-security psychiatric facility, and when he was returned to Las Vegas,

he often refused to leave his cell for court appearances, according to court records.

In December, after doctors deemed him competent, he pleaded guilty to one count of

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Maid was delivering towels to room

Before Maddux and Harper, there was ‘Wheezer’

David W. Toll had made a name for himself in Nevada as a writer and publisher. He’s written with unabashed affection about the state and its people for decades.

But this time of year he finds himself serving as the unofficial president of the Wheezer Dell Fan Club.

Don’t know Wheezer Dell? Then you don’t know a spitball about native Nevadans who made it all the way to the Big Leagues.

There have been plenty. Some acquitted themselves with distinction. Others whiffed in baseball’s rarified air.

John L. Smith
 COMMENTARY



Hall of Famer Greg Maddux is without question the most famous baseball player associated with Nevada, but he was born in California. Long before Las Vegas native and Washington Nationals star Bryce Harper filled headlines and airwaves, there was “Wheezer” Dell.

In fact, none can best William George Dell in one category. He is the first Nevada native to ascend to

Major League heights. Toll starches the uniform of Dell’s memory in his entertaining “NevadaGram” blog at nevadatravel.net, a Silver State-loving website that logged more than 1.4 million visits last year.

Perhaps best known as the author of “The Complete Nevada Traveler,” Toll in the 1970s published the Gold Hill News near Virginia City and in 1983 served as the first acting director of the Nevada Tourism Commission. He’s written and contributed to a stack of books and magazines. (Among his many other books is his co-authorship of brothel baron Joe Conforte’s memoir,

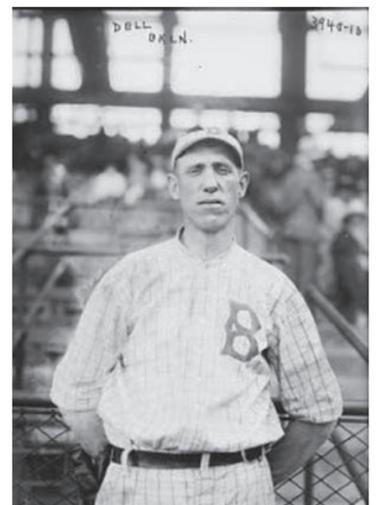
“Breaks, Brains & Balls.”)

He’s also a Dell devotee.

Dell was born June 11, 1886, in Tuscarora, a mining outpost northwest of Elko that in the late 1800s reportedly produced \$40 million in silver. It appears to have produced only one big leaguer.

Dell was a tall right-hander, 6-foot-4 and 210 pounds. Starting with the lowly Butte Miners in 1909, he climbed through the minor-league ranks and later distinguished himself in the Pacific Coast League with Vernon and Seattle. He pitched more than

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Toll won’t let us forget Dell



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 William George “Wheezer” Dell was the first Nevada-born player in Major League Baseball history.

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