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Races taking place this weekend in Reno Page A5

ONLINE POLL

Would you be in favor of a wind farm in the mountains east of Washoe Valley?

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Senators best Wooster

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McCain: 'I work for you'

BY ROBERT BARNES The Washington Post

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Sen. John McCain of Arizona completed a long and often improbable journey to the Republican presidential nomination Thursday night...

In a speech to the Republican National Convention that was interrupted by boisterous applause and occasional protests...

MORE COVERAGE

ONLINE: Lt. Gov. Brian Krolicki at the convention.

INSIDE: Palin continues swinging at Democrats, A9.

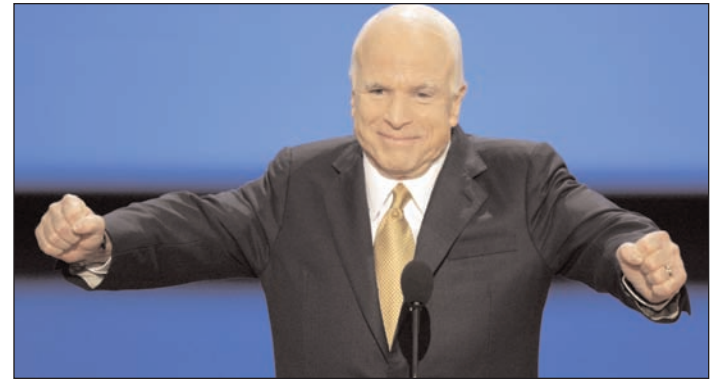
ous applause and occasional protests, McCain said his record demonstrates a dedication to remaking Washington and an

instinct for putting the people's interests over party loyalty.

"Let me offer an advance warning to the old, big-spending, do-nothing, me-first, country-second Washington crowd," he said in his speech.

McCain has often taken pride in crossing swords with the party that on Thursday night finally accepted him as its standard-bearer.

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Republican presidential nominee John McCain finishes his acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minn., Thursday. FOR MORE COVERAGE OF THE RNC VISIT WWW.NEVADAAPPEAL.COM.

WIND FARM PROPOSAL



A whirlwind of questions



McClellan Peak, seen at the top left of the ridge, is the southernmost point of a proposed wind farm stretching north along the Virginia Range to Geiger summit.

Wind farm project could be first in state, but historic district has concerns

BY KAREN WOODMANSEE Appeal Staff Writer

Rich Hamilton of Reno is planning to sow the wind; now he may reap the whirlwind.

Hamilton is proposing a wind turbine farm on Bureau of Land Management property along the ridgeline of the Virginia Range, just east of Washoe Valley and west of Virginia City.

The whirlwind, if it comes, could be from officials and residents of Storey County, especially the Comstock Historic District, who aren't crazy about modern wind turbines being in view of the 1860s-era communities of Virginia City, Gold Hill and Silver City.

Storey County Manager Pat Whitten said he became aware of the wind project on Wednesday and, although the county

is supportive of green energy, there's a proper place for everything.

"Large windmills overlooking the Comstock Historic District might not be a good thing," he said.

Whitten said the county had not been approached by anyone and officials would withhold judgment on the overall project until they know if it would be seen from the historic area.

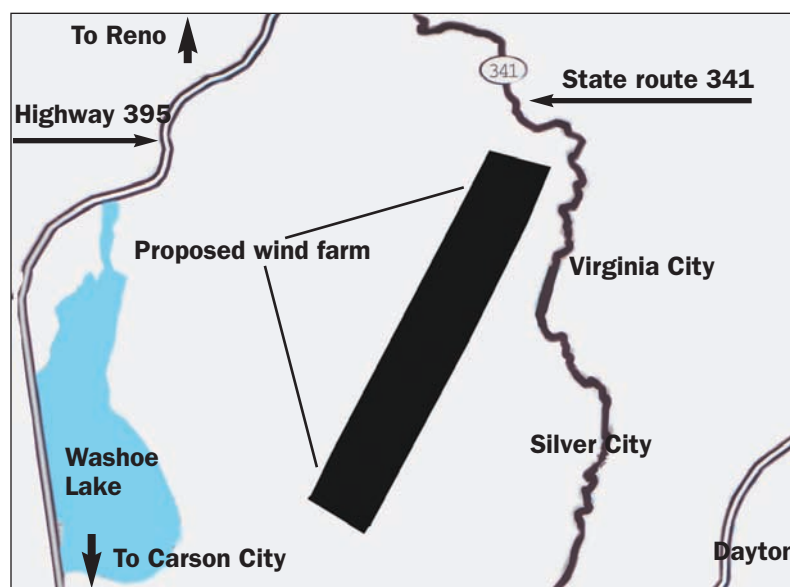
Silver City resident Ron Reno, a history enthusiast, said he is strongly opposed to the project.

"It will have an adverse effect on the integrity of the national landmark district and historic district in the viewshed."

Storey County Commissioner John Flanagan said he believes the turbines would be visible from Silver City, Gold Hill, Virginia City and possibly as far as Dayton.

Hamilton said he had planned to work with the community on the project, but couldn't until he was sure it was feasible.

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"It will have an adverse effect on the integrity of the national landmark district and historic district in the viewshed."

RON RENO Silver City resident

"I'm sorry we have taken so long to engage the local community, but you have to have a project before you do that."

RICH HAMILTON wind turbine farm developer

Officials search for family of man found dead on side of road

BY F.T. NORTON Appeal Staff Writer

A body found on the side of Spooner Summit on Aug. 10 has been identified, but officials are no closer to finding the man's next of kin.

An autopsy revealed that Nathan Israel Frank, 79, died in his sleep of natural causes at least two days before a motorist spotted his remains in a ravine on the northbound side of Highway 50 West...

According to Alan Glover, administrator and clerk recorder for Carson City, all he knows about Frank is his name, date of birth and date of death.

At first glance when his body was found, Frank's situation appeared to be typical of any number of transients who make their home in the wilderness surrounding the capital city.

YOU CAN HELP

Anyone with information on Nathan Israel Frank is asked to call Alan Glover at 887-2260.

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Investigator: Gibbons' tax break OK

BY BRENDAN RILEY Associated Press Writer

A Nevada Ethics Commission investigator concluded Wednesday that there's no evidence to support a claim by a state Democratic Party official that Republican Gov. Jim Gibbons pressured a local assessor to get an unwarranted property tax break.

Investigator Michel Vavra filed the report in advance of a Sept. 11 Ethics Commission hearing on the complaint over the \$39.71 tax

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