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SOCIAL MORES

## Fight to decriminalize prostitution in D.C. divides allies

By TIMOTHY WILLIAMS  
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WASHINGTON — Tamika Spellman, who is in her 50s, has worked as a prostitute since she was 14. The job, she said, is the most stable work she has had and helped put her son through college.

She has grown tired of people's moral qualms about what she does for a living, of police harassment, and of the dangers of the work. But she is doing more than stewing about it.

Instead, Spellman is one of the architects of a bill before Washington's City Council that would make it the first American city to decriminalize prostitution, placing the nation's capital at the forefront of a growing movement that seeks to permit the activities of prostitutes, as well as pimps and johns, and to allow bordellos. An initial hearing is scheduled for Thursday.

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### THE SUN'S MOST-READ STORIES

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**Police: Henderson woman stabs son, 7, then is shot dead by officer.**

A Henderson woman was fatally shot by police Monday after she repeatedly stabbed her 7-year-old son during a domestic dispute at an apartment complex in the 10700 block of South Eastern Avenue, authorities said.
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**Metro detective arrested on controlled substance count.**

Detective Lawrence Rinetti, 46, who has been with Metro since January 2006, faces counts of misconduct of a public officer and selling, transporting or giving away a controlled substance, both felonies, police said.
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**Hip-hop's Mally Mall pleads guilty in Las Vegas prostitution case.**

Hip-hop figure Jamal "Mally Mall" Rashid admitted that for more than a decade he operated escort businesses that "induced and enticed numerous women to engage in prostitution," U.S. Attorney Nicholas Trutanich said.
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**Golden Knights struggle without Fleury in net, fall to Flyers.**

Backup goalie Oscar Dansk, playing in his first NHL game in two years, gave up six goals on 37 shots to the Philadelphia Flyers, and the Golden Knights fell on the road at Wells Fargo Center, 6-2.
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**Juvenile, 11, brings loaded gun to Henderson school.**

An 11-year-old sixth-grader at Del Webb Middle School in Henderson has been charged with possession of a dangerous weapon on school property and minor in possession of a firearm.



CHRISTOPHER DEVARGAS

The Huntridge Theater is seen in this March 26 photo. Local developer J Dapper is awaiting approval from the Las Vegas City Council that would allow him to purchase the 75-year-old building that towers over the area near Charleston Boulevard and Maryland Parkway.

DOWNTOWN LAS VEGAS

## Huntridge Theater could become arts hub, 'definitely' not a movie house

By MIRANDA WILLSON  
A version of this story was posted on lasvegassun.com.

Like many fans of the shuttered Huntridge Theater, J Dapper grew up attending concerts there and has wanted for years to see it revived.

Now, as the local developer is on the cusp of buying the theater, Dapper plans to return the former movie theater to the way it looked and felt when it was built in 1943.

The streamlined style of architecture won't change, but the building will be used for something beyond a movie theater, such as a concert venue, a performing arts theater or a community arts space, Dapper said.

"There are a lot of things that have to fall into place to make it something specific. It's definitely not going to be a movie theater," he said.

A number of potential tenants have expressed interest in working with Dapper on the theater at Charleston Boulevard and Maryland Parkway, he said. In addition to reusing the theater, Dapper hopes to add accessory structures, such as restaurants, condominiums or office space, elsewhere on the four-acre parcel. The accessory structures will comple-



Developer J Dapper wants to transform the onetime movie theater into a venue for concerts, the performing arts or possibly community arts space.

SUN FILE (2015)

Dapper credited City Attorney Brad Jerbic in particular for being instrumental in the deal, which was publicly announced a week ago. He needed the city's help because of Huntridge's historic status — the property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places — as well as the building's structural and safety issues. Part of the roof is caved in and the state remains in litigation with owner

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NATION

## Why don't superrich people just stop working?



CHRIS PIZZELLO / INVISION / AP FILE (2016)

Larry Ellison, the billionaire co-founder of Oracle, visits with former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger at 2016 event in Santa Monica, Calif. Robert Frank, author of the 2007 book "Richistan: A Journey Through the American Wealth Boom and the Lives of the New Rich," said Ellison always felt competitive with Bill Gates and Paul Allen of Microsoft. "So when Paul Allen built his 400-foot boat, Larry Ellison waited until it was done and built a 450-foot boat. Larry Ellison would never be happy until he was No. 1."

By ALEX WILLIAMS  
The New York Times Company

"Billionaires should not exist," Sen. Bernie Sanders said last month. And, at the Democratic presidential debate this week, he said that the wealth disparity in America is "a moral and economic outrage."

"Senator Sanders is right," said Tom Steyer, a businessman from California who happened to be the only billionaire onstage that night (as far as we know).

"No one on this stage wants to protect billionaires — not even the billionaire wants to protect billionaires," noted Sen. Amy Klobuchar.

It's an idea that's going around. Mark Zuckerberg, the Facebook founder who is worth close to \$70 billion, is apparently open to it. "I don't know that I have an exact threshold on what amount of money someone should have," he said in lives-

treamed question-and-answer session with company employees in early October. "But on some level, no one deserves to have that much money."

Yet here we are, chugging into the 10th year of an extremely top-heavy economic boom in which the 1 percenters, by all statistical measures, have won, creating the greatest wealth disparity since the Jazz Age. This era, in length and gains, dwarfs the "greed is good" 1980s, that era of yellow ties, nigiri rolls and designer espresso machines that has come to symbolize gilded excess in popular imagination.

And yet the only thing we know in this casino-like economy — a casino that may, in fact, soon be shuttered — is that for those at the top, too much is never enough.

Many normal, non-billionaire people wonder: Why is that?

Studies over the years have indicated that the rich, unlike

the leisured gentry of old, tend to work longer hours and spend less time socializing. Tim Cook, the chief executive of Apple, whose worth has been estimated in the hundreds of millions, has said that he wakes up at 3:45 a.m. to mount his daily assault on his corporate rivals. Elon Musk, the man behind Tesla and SpaceX, is worth some \$23 billion but nevertheless considers it a victory that he dialed back his "bonkers" 120-hour workweeks to a more "manageable" 80 or 90.

And they continue to diversify. Lady Gaga makes a reported \$1 million per show in her residency at the Park MGM in Las Vegas, and has evolved from pop music to conquer film — but still also recently unveiled a cosmetics venture with Amazon.

Almost everything rich people touch makes money, but this current financial inferno has meant

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