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A Reno Fourth of July parade is led by an honor guard made up of different branches of the military in this file photo. The parade is set to return for America's 250th anniversary. TIM DUNN/RENO GAZETTE JOURNAL FILE

Trump disparages pope after remarks on Iran war

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A tacit disagreement between President Donald Trump and Pope Leo XIV broke out into the open April 12 when Trump lashed out over the pontiff's criticism of the U.S.-Israel war with Iran – and then posted a photo depicting himself as Jesus.

The pope has been vocal about his opposition to the war for weeks, imploring on Easter Sunday, "Let those who have weapons lay them down. Let those who have the power to unleash wars choose peace."

Trump called the pope "weak" on crime and "terrible" for foreign policy.

"I don't want a Pope who criticizes the President of the United States because I'm doing exactly what I was elected, IN A LANDSLIDE, to do," Trump wrote in a Truth Social post. "Leo should get his act together as Pope, use Common Sense, stop catering to the Radical Left, and focus on being a Great Pope, not a Politician."

A recent meeting the Chicago-born pontiff had with David Axelrod, an adviser to former President Barack Obama, also appears to have irked Trump.

"Leo's Weak on Crime, Weak on Nuclear Weapons, does not sit well with me, nor does the fact that he meets with Obama Sympathizers like David Axelrod, a LOSER from the Left," Trump wrote on Truth Social.

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Reno moves to revive parade downtown

Idea began as a way to honor country's 250th anniversary

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Reno is getting a Fourth of July parade this year, for the first time in decades.

The Reno City Council voted 4-3 Wednesday to take over planning for the Fourth of July parade, committing to spend \$105,000 through city funds or other funding sources.

Reno mayoral candidate George "Eddie" Lorton first spoke about the parade idea to the council in February, hoping to plan the parade as a way to honor the 250th anniversary of the birth of the United States. Council agreed at the meeting on April 8 to make it happen.

The parade is expected to start at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 4. The route would go down Fourth Street, starting at the Vine Street intersection, and head east on Fourth Street, ending at University Way.

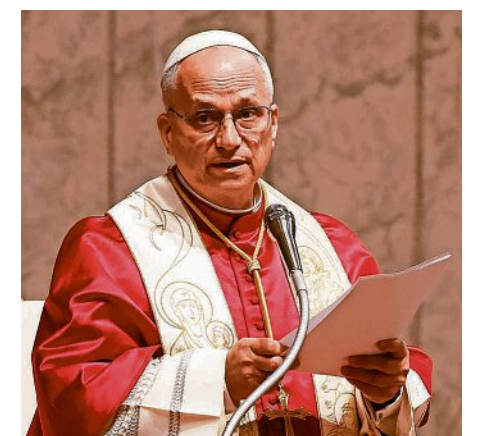
The flat city service costs for a parade like this are estimated at \$30,000, including police, fire, rental and street closures, according to Director of Parks and Recreation Nathan Ulyot. Staff presented three options:

- Covering the \$30,000 city services instead of getting reimbursed by the private event planner
- Co-leading the event, which could cost \$30,000 or more depending on how much the city wants to put into it

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A performer dressed in patriotic attire entertains children seated along a downtown Reno sidewalk during a Fourth of July celebration in this file photo. RGJ FILE PHOTO



During a prayer service at St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on April 11, Pope Leo XIV said, "Enough of the idolatry of self and money. Enough of the display of power. Enough of war."

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UNR education dean placed on leave after faculty no-confidence vote

Siobhan McAndrew Reno Gazette Journal USA TODAY NETWORK

In a letter sent to campus Monday, University of Nevada, Reno President Brian Sandoval said Donald Easton-Brooks, dean of the College of Education and Human Development, has been placed on administrative leave.

Sandoval did not provide information about what led to the leave.



Easton-Brooks

Reached by the RGJ, the university said it could not comment on confidential personnel matters.

Jannet Vreeland was named acting dean, Sandoval said.

Vreeland spent more than 30 years at UNR and agreed to step out of retirement to serve in the interim role.

"Dr. Vreeland possesses a distinguished record of academic leadership, extensive experience in educational administration, and a deep commitment to the mission and values of the university," Sandoval wrote.

In March, Easton-Brooks, who has led the college for the past seven years, received a no-confidence vote from College of Education faculty.

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