

Casino fire sparks rooftop rescue

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Smoldering debris sparked by a welder's torch touched off a rescue of two workers from the roof of The Reserve Hotel Casino Tuesday morning.

Puffs of smoke slowly rose from behind two construction workers around 10:15 a.m. as they nervously waited for Henderson firefighters to raise a ladder to rescue them from the northwest tower on the roof of the casino.

Although fire officials indicated the fire was small and no lives were in danger, the incident marks the first threat at a high-rise hotel to which Henderson fire crews responded.

"They didn't know they were not in danger," Henderson Fire Chief Joe Hill said. "They just looked down and saw the smoke and climbed onto the roof."

Hill indicated the two men, who were not identified by Reserve or fire officials, had been welding when a spark fell into a pile of cardboard boxes below the main casino tower, sparking a small fire. Upon arrival, firefighters noted small flames and smoke on the tower. Officials called additional support, but the situation was controlled within five minutes of arrival.

"We ran down to try to stop it, but couldn't," one of the men told the *News* before being advised by his employer not to talk to the news media and taken away.

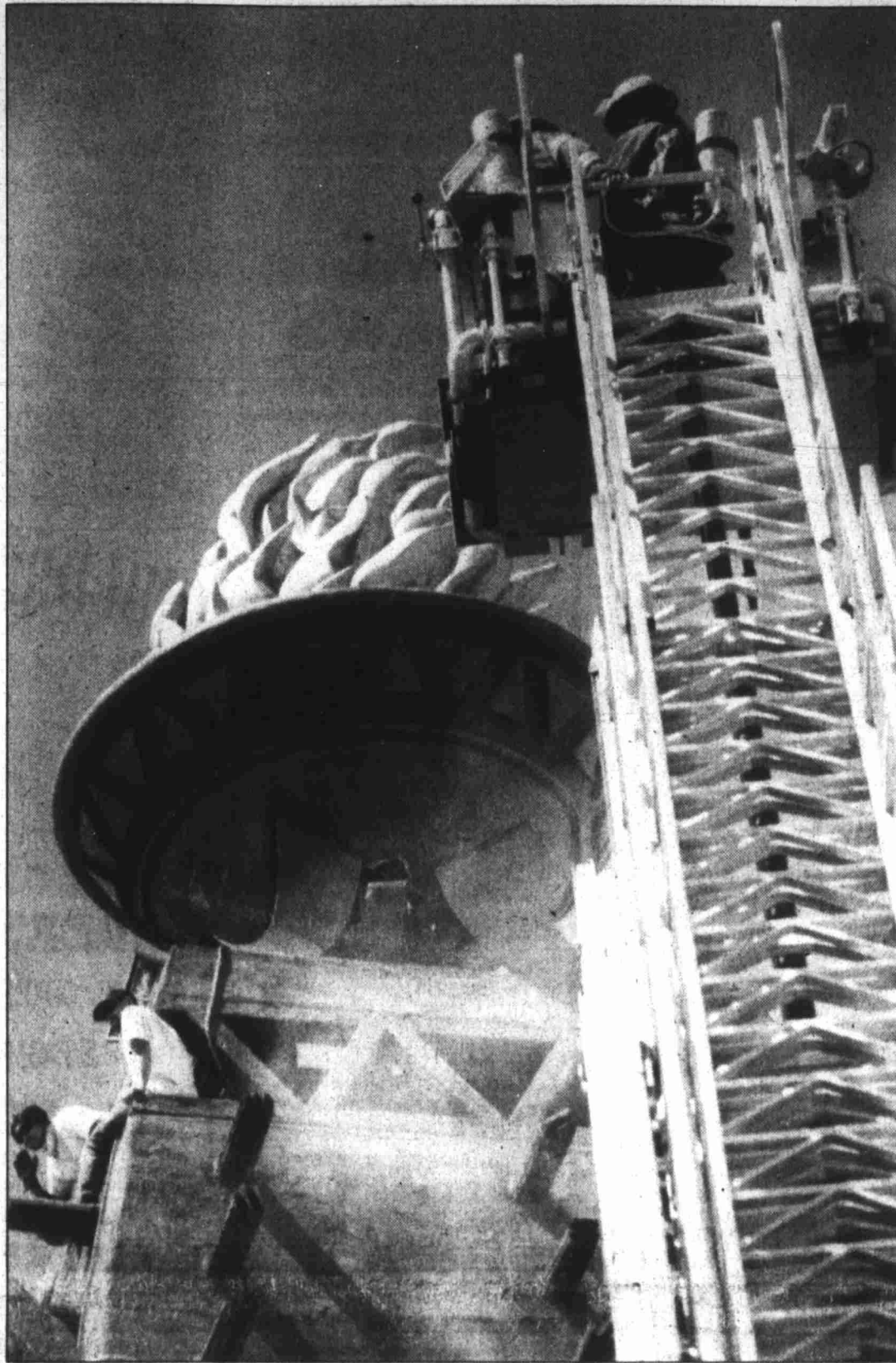
The trapped workers suffered no injuries, and remained in good spirits as they came off the roof with the assistance from firefighters.

"Thanks for the ride, guys," one of the two said aloud to an engine crew as they helped the two down the fire ladder after being plucked from the tower.

Two fire engines, an ambulance and a fire rescue responded to the scene. It is believed the sparks came from a 300 amp DC welder supplied by SNE Equipment Services which the two had been operating.

"Our guests were never in danger and are safe," said Angie Baker, The Reserve's general manager.

Baker said the casino has been under



Lee Zaichick/News Staff

HELP — Cornered by the smoke and fire started by a welder's torch, workers yell to co-workers from the northwest tower of The Reserve Hotel and Casino Tuesday morning as Henderson firefighters rescue the men.

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Redevelopment Agency hopes to see projects 'go vertical' next year

Kevin Ferguson
News Staff Writer

Henderson Redevelopment Agency officials say they are close to reaching a turning point in rejuvenating the downtown area.

For the past year or two, they have been in the "land acquisition mode," but Finance Director Steve Hanson said it's now time to get "reputable developers to partner with the city."

Ernie Rubi, chief of housing and redevelopment, said the next phase is "seeing projects go vertical and businesses opening on Water Street and the Thompson project becoming reality."

Phyllis E. Thompson Companies' proposal is to develop a mixed-use project on the northeast corner of Water and Basic streets that would include retail, eateries, offices and potentially guest rooms or permanent upscale residential units.

The company and city officials have been in negotiations about the sale of that land since January. Rubi said he doesn't expect it to be completed before July.

Hanson said the agency, an independent entity, has maximized its borrowing limit during the "land acquisition mode." In the past two years, the agency has borrowed \$10 million from the city to purchase run-down properties in the Townsite area with plans to prepare the land for resale to developers.

In total, that includes 37 parcels of land within the redevelopment district. Four of those parcels are on Water Street across from City Hall.

Others include six parcels on the corner of Victory Road and Water Street and eight parcels along Basic Road.

As that land sits in the agency's hands, no property tax dollars are generated. Rubi said once they get developers to buy the land, a steady stream of tax dollars will start coming in.

Tuesday, the agency approved its expenditure budget of \$1.14 million for the fiscal year 2000 (July 1, 1999 ending June 30, 2000). The agency anticipates to generate \$1.2 million in revenue. Almost half of that is generated from the redevelopment district's assessed valuation for the year.

The agency still has another \$4.4 million available to acquire additional land or negotiate with developers.

Community Development Director Mary Kay Peck said the long-term vision of Water Street is to "make it an exciting pedestrian-downtown with small, friendly two-to-three story type buildings with shops and offices."

For the fiscal year 2000, Rubi said the game plan is to establish design guidelines for Water Street after conducting a market analysis identifying what types of businesses would want to relocate to a refurbished area.

"Hypothetically, could the downtown support a Nordstrom's? Probably not, but most likely coffee shops, bookstores, sewing shops, bike shops and arts and crafts," Rubi said.

Rubi said the agency is not in "hard negotiations" with any major developers, yet, besides

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City files for re-hearing on Thirstbusters; tavern also files complaint against city

Kevin Ferguson
News Staff Writer

A difference of opinion and a dispute of the facts have led both the city and Thirstbusters to file for a re-hearing to the Nevada Supreme Court regarding whether or not the Green Valley tavern may expand its gaming.

Henderson officials filed their appeal Friday disputing that there was ever a motion by the Henderson City Council to limit gaming "in Henderson," according to Norman Kirshman, the attorney representing the city.

"We believe the court overlooked the site-sensitivity of this [tavern]," Kirshman said, adding that other gaming establishments in Henderson may have expanded but didn't have the same variables involved, such as proximity to residential neighbors.

Thirstbuster co-owner Ron Coury disputes that, saying they are "better isolated" from residents than Barley's and Renata's.

"Zoning guidelines indicate we have an excellent buffer to residential neighborhoods," Coury said.

Thirstbusters, which has 40 slot machines, has been seeking to expand its gaming within its building for nearly eight years.

But a condition on their gaming license re-

stricts them to no more than 40.

The owners agreed to that condition in 1992, but have been saying competition among other gaming establishments in the area warrant the removal of that condition.

The Nevada Supreme Court ruled last month that the limitation on Thirstbusters may be an "inequitable and oppressive" restriction, ordering the City Council to reconsider the tavern's gaming expansion at a future meeting.

Kirshman contends the city's reasoning for preventing more gaming machines at Thirstbusters is not based on minimizing growth of gaming in Henderson nor its Green Valley neighborhood.

"The Council's decision in 1992 was that a 55,000-square-foot building in that size shopping center is not appropriate for 199 slot machines and nine table games," Kirshman said, in reference to the amount of gaming that would be allowed if the condition was removed from Thirstbusters' gaming license.

Coury said the limitation has limited the business from generating the revenue that would have made it possible to expand its building before other

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Rob Weidenfeld/News Staff

SWEARING IN — City Clerk Monica Simmons swears in new Councilman Steve Kirk at a special ceremony before Tuesday night's meeting. Kirk, along with Councilmembers Amanda Cyphers and Andy Hafen, as well as Municipal Court Judge John Provost, were elected last month and began four-year terms.

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In Brief ...

City ranked third best to retire in new list

The Henderson-Boulder City area is ranked third in the fifth edition of "Retirement Places Rated." See story, Page 2, and editorial Page 6.

City marks opening of new utilities office

City officials on Wednesday marked the opening of a new office in the Pebble Market-place. See Page 5.

Principal retires

Long-time school administrator Diana Chalfant is retiring. See Page 8.

Auto competition

Basic High students competed in a state-wide auto repair competition. See Page 9.

Boulder City Folk Fest

For a look at last weekend's Folk Fest in Boulder City, see today's Panorama Cover.

In the Spotlight ... Silverado softball

After finishing fourth in the 1996 state softball tournament, Silverado coach Chuck Pope first realized his team had the potential to do something special.

The '96 squad received solid contributions from four sophomores — April Arata, Laura Connors, Tiffani Finateri and Julia Yurek — in giving Pope a glimpse of what he perceived as a bright future.

Some two years, later the same core of players along with senior Stormy Hanson (who transferred from Rancho for the 1997 season) and a cast of other role players are back in the state spotlight. Page 19



The Skyhawks celebrate

City rated third best place to retire

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Mild winter climates, a low cost of living and minimal taxes are among the things drawing seniors to relocate to Henderson, according to a recently published edition of "Retirement Places Rated."

The book published by Macmillan and due out in stores soon ranks Henderson and Boulder City the third most desirable out of 187 American communities to retire.

"Clark County has been in the book through its lifespan (16 years), but this year I decided to look at its suburbs because the county is over a million people," said David Savageau, the book's author. "Henderson and Boulder City have shown tremendous growth because they are remote of big city problems."

Savageau said the latest trend has been for seniors to move to Rocky Mountain and desert southwest areas in contrast to their parents who retired in California and Florida.

"The popular place to retire used to be Palm Beach, Fla., and now it's Clark County," he said. The two communities that beat out Henderson-Boulder City were Fort Collins-Loveland, Colo. and Charleston-Sea Islands, S.C.

This is the fifth edition of "Retired Places Rated," the first was published in 1983. Savageau said they began profiling retired communities because people in their 50s are weighing options in later life, one of them is re-location. "Each year, a half a million

newly retired people vote with their feet for a better life in another state," Savageau said. "California seems to continue to lose people to Southern Nevada."

While the book groups six factors commonly used for choosing a certain retirement community, Savageau said the most important is "can you afford to retire where you're living now."

The area's low cost of living, he says, has played a big part in its growth among seniors. Also it's availability of leisure activities was a big factor.

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the Thompson Companies. He said his approach will be to operate the negotiations like a business.

"[Land sales] will not be a candy store give-away, but a business decision, based on investment, lack of risk and conformity to the redevelopment plan," Rubi said.

No column today

Publisher Mike O'Callaghan's "One Man's View" column does not appear in today's edition. The column will resume next week.

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Studio cancels site tour; agrees to conform to conditions

News Staff Reports

A special Henderson Planning Commission meeting scheduled for tonight to tour the site proposed for a movie studio has been canceled.

Studio officials faxed a letter to the city late Monday night (after the News went to press for Tuesday's edition), withdrawing their use permit application which requested

permission for a building heights exceeding Wagon Wheel Industrial Park's neighborhood guidelines.

The letter states, "Since the sole reason for the Planning Commission's site visit ... is to review neighborhood concerns related to the line of site [in relation to their homes and the studio], the site tour is now unnecessary. ..."

Since studio officials are no longer seeking a use permit for two 55-foot sound stage buildings, all buildings on that site are expected to be no higher than 45 feet tall.

The planners are scheduled to rule on a planned-unit development for the movie studio proposed on 20 acres near Dawson Avenue and the railroad tracks May 27.

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offices and restaurants were developed west of their property. Thirstbusters is on the corner of Valle Verde and Sunset Road.

Shortly after the city filed its appeal to the Supreme Court last Friday, Thirstbusters filed its own appeal on grounds of "changed circumstances."

Also, tavern owners filed a motion claiming discrimination against Coury.

"They are discriminating against me because the condition says the company can't expand as long as Ron Coury owns the tavern," Coury said.

Both appeals were still pending when the News went to press Wednesday morning.

Through April, the city has spent \$89,328 in legal fees on this case, beginning in 1996 when the city sought outside counsel for their defense. From 1992 to 1996, the city attorney's office handled the defense.

Police brutality lawsuit is appealed

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It may take another year and \$5,000-\$10,000 of taxpayer money to resolve Lisa Gager's lawsuit against the Henderson Police Department for alleged brutality.

Prosecutors backed by the ACLU have appealed a decision by U.S. District Court Judge David Hagen to dismiss the case because the claim was filed long after the two-year statute of limitations had passed.

Gager's lawsuit stems from a Feb. 13, 1996, incident which occurred in the Henderson Detention Center. She alleges she was unnecessarily pepper-sprayed, beaten and improperly strip-searched while being detained by police. She was in jail on a child abuse charge. Police said they were forced to take such measures because Gager refused to change into a jail uniform.

Details of the incident were never discussed in court as the case was dismissed under the statute of limitations law.

The lawsuit came after the highly publicized incident was picked up by news media. A tape was released to a television station by a former jail employee.

"The plaintiff has the right to appeal," said Walter Cannon, the lead attorney retained by the city. "Statutes of limitations are pretty well-defined. It usually is pretty clear-cut."

Cannon said the case will likely take a year and a half to determine the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals outcome.

"The moments of the case have never been explored in court," Cannon said. "It never got a decision or became an issue since it was not filed in a timely fashion."

Prosecutors for the case did not return repeated phone calls to clarify under what grounds the appeal was filed.

Cannon said he does not know of any new evidence prosecutors will present to further support their case.

Meanwhile, a new court date has been set for Gager to appear in Henderson Justice Court in connection to an unrelated incident.


Gager will appear in Justice Court Department 2 on June 7 on charges of DUI liquor, following too closely and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Charges stem from an Aug. 14 incident where Gager was involved in an auto collision at Warm Springs Road and Valle Verde Drive.

A truck driven by Gager collided with another vehicle and the two hooked bumpers. Gager tried pulling her truck away, but was unsuccessful.

A bystander and driver of the second vehicle reached into her car and took her keys after suspecting alcohol may have been involved.

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PHANTOM MENACE — Fans waiting to see the first screening of "Star Wars Episode 1: The Phantom Menace" at Sunset Station at 12:01 Wednesday morning duel with lightsabers.

Customers have options to resolve banking woes

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Flustered bank customers do have places to turn to solve their problems, it just may take more time than they hope.

"There is nothing I can do," said frustrated Cal Fed bank customer Jack Licausi. "I'm just taking it in the chin and moving on."

Licausi, who is disabled and lives on a fixed income, said he was left cashless after the bank incorrectly posted additional funds to his balance. Borrowing from friends and relatives to collect enough money for a month's rent, he felt he had no place to turn, but state officials said there are plenty of places to turn to resolve banking issues, it just may take time and knowing the right place to turn.

"The problem is people don't recognize a regulatory problem from a customer service problem," said Scott Walshaw, who heads the state's Office of Financial Institutions.

Walshaw indicated that the office receives a steady flow of banking customers who are fed up with their institution and want action. The office, which regulates state banks, handles all complaints, but many do not fall under regulatory control, he said.

Customer service complaints, such as a customer being charged for additional checks, or poor service from a teller, cannot be regulated and are not enforceable by the state, Walshaw said. While these are bad signs of a bank's business practices, they are an aspect of banking which the state cannot regulate.

What the state can do is crack down on fraud, bait-and-switch schemes and inaccuracy in banking transactions, he said.

Licausi indicated during his bank dilemma, he assumed the bank would at least work with him. He was soon shocked to find out that the institution was unwilling to compromise and he moved on to a new bank.

Walshaw said switching banks is the biggest power a customer has. A bank losing customers is not good for business and if additional customers soon realize services are lacking, they will be forced to examine their practices.

"We get calls all the time," he said. "Unfortunately we do not have jurisdiction over many of these banks."

Many bank customers do not realize that even though their bank may be operating in Nevada, that does not mean it can be regulated by the state office.

"Obviously the first thing a person has to do is determine which type of institution they are dealing with," Walshaw said.

Generally, banks fall into two categories — state and federal.

State banks are regulated through Walshaw's office. Federal banks are regulated through a comptroller's office, an arm of the federal Treasury office. In Licausi's case, Cal Fed is regulated by neither.

Institutions such as Cal Fed fall into a separate category monitored by the office of Thrift Supervision, an arm of the Federal Savings and Loan Association. Few banks fall under control by this office, and more banks are coming under the control of the federal regula-

tors in the comptroller's office, Walshaw said.

"Inevitably we are going to get the calls here," he said, adding the office listens, but cannot help resolve many bank problems.

For Licausi, he said he will likely not search to resolve his problem, but said he hopes others can learn from his situation.

Walshaw said any one with banking problems should call one of the three regulatory branches.

Banks regulated federally by the comptroller's office of the federal Treasury should call 1-800-613-6743. Banks regulated by the office of Thrift

Supervision through the Federal Savings and Loan Association should call 415-616-1500. Institutions regulated by the state can call a consumer affairs office, 486-4120.



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remodeling and expansion. She indicated she was unsure if the incident was sparked from renovation work or routine maintenance in the tower area.

Hill said there was no smoke damage to the casino or hotel areas, and the structures remained unharmed from fire. There was no evacuation of the casino area.

Although the stranded welders were unharmed, one firefighter who entered the smoldering area was taken to St. Rose Dominican Hospital for smoke inhalation. A small crew of firefighters entered the tower to assure the threat of fire was extinguished.

"They had all the personnel that we needed," Hill said, adding the Henderson Fire Department is adequately prepared for the threat of high rise fires.

As more multi-story hotels are built in the city, there is more of a threat posed for firefighters. Two times a year, firefighters undergo high-rise training at the Ruth Fire Training Center in Henderson.



Lee Zaichick/News Staff

SAFETY — A welder leaps into the safety of the basket after being rescued from the smoke-filled northwest tower of The Reserve Hotel and Casino Tuesday.

Officials have taken further action to help mitigate the threat of fire emergencies at high-rise structures by requiring a new fire station near Henderson's next hotel, the Hyatt Regency Lake

Las Vegas Resort.

"These [hotels] have the most advanced fire prevention systems available," Hill said.

He added in many instances, firefighters' jobs are made easier

since hotels sprinklers are triggered to control fires before firefighters arrive. He said in this instance there was no report of the sprinkler system being triggered.

Nurturing education offered for families

Registration is currently under way for the Nurturing Program family education classes for parents and children ages new-born to five-years old.

The class meets from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays at the

SAFEHouse Family Strengthening Center, 18 Sunrise Dr., Suite G-70, behind Ethel M Chocolates.

The Nurturing Programs are family education classes that focus on such topics as communication, developmental stages

of children and effective behavior management techniques. Children who attend with their parents are introduced, in a child's group, to the same topics along with fun activities.

Infants will be cared for in the New Baby Center, while

older children will be engaged in nurturing activities.

Classes are led by trained facilitators and are sponsored by the Family Strengthening Services of SAFEHouse.

To register or for more information, call 451-4203.

Sunset Garden Club lists winners

The Sunset Garden Club hosted its seventh annual Flower Show May 15 at the Green Valley Library.

Show chairman Janet Benson and club members hosted an afternoon of horticulture and design exhibits.

Horticulture exhibits were presented in several categories. Bea Babbitt received the Award of Horticultural Excellence for her Lipstick Plant.

"Movie Mania" was the design theme.

Jean Englemann received the Design Choice Award for her interpretation of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"

The Pot-Et-Fleurs Design Award was given to Jean Nelson for her "Sound of Music" design.

In the Youth Design category, the Design Choice Award was given to Kate Blouke for her interpretation of "The Little Mermaid."

Master gardener Sheri Cole constructed an educational display

entitled "Anything that Grows in your Garden goes into a Flower Arrangement."

BURGLARY WATCH

Burglaries were reported on the following streets in Henderson during May 3 - May 16 Police indicate the best way to deter neighborhood crime is through a watch program. To reach HPD's Neighborhood Watch Program call 565-1623.

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1700 Block of CRYSTAL STREAM AV.....	5/03
1700 Block of LA CRUZ DR.....	5/05
1700 Block of TALON AV.....	5/09
1900 Block of RAMROD AV.....	5/11
200 Block of VICTORIA TE.....	5/14
2000 Block of OLYMPIC AV.....	5/13
2000 Block of RAINBOW VIEW ST.....	5/04
2000 Block of S MAGIC WY.....	5/12
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600 Block of PROFESSIONAL AV.....	5/07
6700 Block of PROFESSIONAL AV.....	5/07
600 Block of RED BARK LA.....	5/16
600 Block of S BOULDER HW.....	5/07
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Monument to unborn presented to St. Peter's

Henderson's Knights of Columbus recently presented to St. Peter the Apostle Church a memorial to the lives lost to abortions.

The granite monument, in the shape of a heart, stands in a quiet, grassy area just south of the church.

According to Joseph Savone, chairman of the project, it is designed to provide passers-by an opportunity to pause, pray and ponder the value of God-given life.

The memorial was blessed and dedicated by St. Peter's pastor, the Rev. Mark Roberts, in ceremonies conducted before parishioners on May 16. An honor guard of Fourth Degree Knights in regalia, all members of the sponsoring local Rosary Council 3741, assisted in the ceremonies.

Savone, who headed the monument fundraising drive with his wife, Phyllis, as co-chair, reported the contributions exceeded the costs by \$961 and he



Courtesy Photo

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and Council Grand Knight Roland LeClerc presented a check in that amount to the parish for use by its Right to Life

committee.

A special touch was added to the ceremonies when Lorraine Erling, president of the Knights'

Auxiliary, presented a check for \$500 to the youth group of the parish toward its effort to make a trip to Rome in the year 2000.

City's Pebble Marketplace neighborhood office opens

The city of Henderson's neighborhood services office is celebrating more than 11 years of service by moving to a larger, more conveniently located office.

On Wednesday, May 19, Henderson Mayor Jim Gibson officially opened the office with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"Our customers wanted a central location with better access, so we decided to relocate our neighborhood office to meet their needs," Kurt Segler, Henderson's utility services

manager said. The new office is located at Green Valley Parkway between Lake Mead and Pebble Road.

"A larger customer area and a confidential customer resolution area at the new office allows us to provide a higher level of service to our customers," Segler said. "That means less waiting in line and faster service."

The Pebble Marketplace Neighborhood Office opened for business on Monday, May 3. The office is located at 1000 N. Green

Valley Parkway, Suite 720. The phone number is 260-8444. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Residents can pay water and sewer bills on their way to work or on the way home in the evening. The City Hall Utility Services office is also open five days a week to assist customers.

Additional city services provided at this office include dog licensing and trash service sign-up.

Clark County forms board of rabbis

The Las Vegas Valley witnessed a very special moment in the life of the Jewish community with the formation of the Clark County Board of Rabbis.

Rabbi Sanford Akselrad, spiritual leader of Congregation Ner Tamid, and a resident of

Henderson, was elected as the founding president of the organization. Rabbi Felipe Goodman of Temple Beth Shalom was elected as treasurer and secretary.

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NEWS VIEW

Another feather in the cap

We should be getting used to all the positive regional and national attention our city has attracted through the past decade, but another feather in the cap is always appreciated.

The Henderson-Boulder City area was named the third best place to retire in the country, according to the fifth edition of "Retirement Places Rates," by David Savageau. (See story, Page 2).

Our area was beat out only by Fort Collins-Loveland, Colo., and Charleston Sea Islands, S.C.

Savageau surveyed retirees to identify factors most important to them. They included public golf courses, historical neighborhoods, mild climate and low crime rate.

Henderson-Boulder City's economic and other recreational opportunities and proximity to a larger city also had to play a role in the ranking.

The city has received a lot of attention for its sustained residential growth in the 1990s, and the number of our new residents is related to the overall quality of life.

That quality of life is good, very good, the envy of many throughout the nation.

Those who have lived here any length of time know we have our fair share of problems coping with the growth, but we also are very fortunate to live here.

Southern Nevada, and specifically Henderson is a superb place to earn a living, raise a family and retire.

Medical privacy cannot wait

Americans might be surprised to learn that there are no comprehensive federal laws protecting the privacy of health records. Video store owners are barred from disclosing our rental histories and cable companies cannot divulge our channel choices, but nothing prevents medical record keepers from selling our most intimate medical information, without our consent. It's estimated that HMOs, drug companies and hospitals spend up to \$15 billion a year on technology to acquire and exchange medical information about, say, our blood pressure and psychiatric medications.

That's why it's so important that Congress fulfill its promise to pass the nation's first medical privacy bill in this session. The key to making good on that pledge lies in finding the common ground that eluded legislators last year, when eight medical privacy bills were debated but scrapped due to irreconcilable differences.

This week House and Senate staffers will be working to reach agreement on several recently introduced medical privacy bills. Everyone agrees that Americans should have the right to inspect and amend their medical records and that medical record keepers should obtain patients' authorization before releasing their medical information. Controversy, however, still swirls around two questions:

•How should medical releases be worded and when should they be required? Congress should avoid the coercive language in a bill by Sen. Robert F. Bennett (R-Utah) that would allow medical providers to deny treatment to patients who refuse to waive their privacy rights. Legislators should also reject the language

proposed by Sen. Patrick J. Leahy (D-Vt.) that would require doctors' offices to seek authorization even for routine transactions like tallying bills and consulting specialists. Instead, legislators in both houses should embrace compromise language by Reps. Henry A. Waxman (D-Los Angeles) and Gary A. Condit (D-Ceres) that would allow such uses but prevent abuse by requiring that patients' names be concealed, along with other curbs.

•Should a new federal privacy law supersede state laws that provide even stronger protections? Sen. Bennett argues that a single, uniform national law is the only way to prevent health providers doing business across state lines from being confused by conflicting laws. But the same technology that has created the medical privacy crisis — computers — also allows health providers to properly manage complex information.

A recent survey by the California HealthCare Foundation found that one in seven adults, in an effort to prevent violations of the legitimate zone of privacy, had lied to a doctor or withheld information concerning his or her medical history. Survey respondents worried, for instance, that employers or insurance companies would find out about a debilitating condition and then deny them insurance or a job.

Such evidence that Americans are withholding information that doctors need to treat them should serve as a wake-up call to congressional leaders. It's becoming clear that prompt action to protect the privacy of medical records is not only a moral priority but a medical necessity.

Los Angeles Times

RICHARD COHEN

Dole speaks up

NEW YORK — This is a black town — and I'm not talking African American. I'm talking women's clothing — dresses, pants, suits and other things for which I do not know the right terms. This is not, definitely, a turquoise town, which is the color Elizabeth Dole wore last week when she addressed a mostly female audience here. I thought she did about everything wrong. I came away impressed anyway.

First, of course, was that silk suit — the color of Marriott, of Disney, of all of America west of the Hudson. This, though, was the Waldorf and the town was Gotham.

Second, came the voice — soft, honeyed, words connected to one another by Spanish moss. It took Dole forever to make her point. New York minutes came and went — and so did my attention.

Next, we come to the presentation. Dole did not do well — not on this day, anyway. She stepped on her laugh lines. Her timing was not sharp — or, maybe, it's just that her jokes were not funny. Frequently, she had to supply the laughter herself. More often than not, her audience did not reciprocate and when she related how her mother "had lost her dinner" on the night Elizabeth announced she would postpone homemaking or whatever for law school, you wanted to remind Dole that this was a luncheon and people were eating.

What's worse — at least I thought so until corrected — was that Dole spent much of her speech recounting how she has become the very first woman with a real shot at the White House. She talked about her small-town upbringing and how, inexplicably, she wanted something

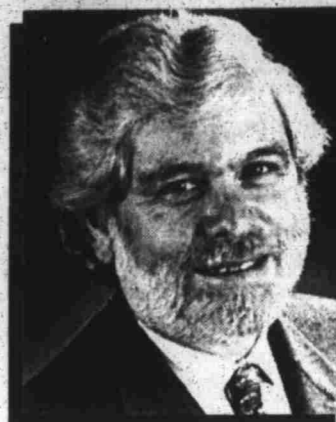
more of life than hubby, kids and a house in the burbs. So she went to Harvard Law which, as we all now know, is *The Night Mummy Lost It*. After law school, she encountered the sort of sexism that men nowadays do not dare even to think of practicing.

Wrong, I thought — all wrong. This was an audience assembled by the *Ladies' Home Journal* — urbane women, dressed in black, sporting Nokias. They don't want to hear about the past, I thought, they want to hear about the future. Give 'em a bridge to the 21st century, Liddy. Something like that.

After the speech was over, I explained this to the two women sitting to my left. Wrong, they said. Dole was talking about their lives, too. Were these women typical? I have no idea. But they said they, too, were under pressure to forsake careers and have families — or, if they already have jobs, to be more of a mother and less of a careerist. They called Dole a feminist — a true, honest-to-God feminist. They were, of course, right.

And if she is that, she is also one of the few GOP presidential candidates to articulate a clear and, to my mind, bold position on Kosovo: Send in the troops, if need be. "Moving our troops into the theater so that they're ready is, I think, important," she said. "But most important, success can only be defined as driving those forces out of Kosovo, Milosevic's forces. I feel strongly that this is a war we must win, and win absolutely."

Just a few days earlier, Dole had said something equally sensible in



New Hampshire — this time on the subject of guns. She would ban cop-killer bullets. She would keep the ban on some kinds of assault weapons. She called for safety locks on guns to protect children. Her audience of Republican activists went into cardiac arrest. Gun control? What the blazes! What was wrong with this woman?

We all know that Dole is driving for the center of the Republican Party. We know further that she is appealing for women's votes — maybe the very GOP women who have been driven out of the party by the pro-life, pro-guns, pro-barefoot-and-pregnant crowd that would, if it could, take Clinton's bridge, turn it around, and point it toward the 19th century. We know, in short, that she is not necessarily putting principle ahead of politics, a la Sen. John McCain. She's no fighter pilot.

But she is saying some things that need to be said — no matter what the reason. She has shown George W. Bush, the pretender to the nomination, how to take a position. She has talked reasonably about gun control and she strongly suggests to women that she — sorry, Bill — feels their pain. These positions may be poll-driven, but they are so refreshing to hear that I, for one, walked away from Dole's speech more impressed than I had expected. The hell with her clothes, she actually had something to say.

Cohen is a columnist for the Washington Post Writers Group.

BILL HANLON

Rubber is hitting the road in Legislature

The rubber is beginning to hit the road in the Legislature with respect to high school proficiency examinations. The failure rate on these exams should not come as a surprise to anyone. The Nevada State Board of Education predicted two years ago when the Legislature mandated implementing the new tests that the state could expect 10% of the student population not to be able to pass the exam and therefore not graduate from high school.

The scenario played out last week in the Nevada Legislature is being repeated nationwide. As states rushed to implement new, more rigorous standards, some states forgot to allow lead time to ensure that students had ample opportunity to learn what was on the new tests. More reasonable people are now beginning to ask what is appropriate for all students to know and be able to do upon graduation.

Last month I read an article in a Wisconsin newspaper about their new math standards being too high. Their legislature was reconsidering the algebra standards they put in place because of the increased failure rates.

In last week's *New York Times*, there was an article titled "Albany legislators seek to dilute tough new regents exams required for graduation." According to the story, an unusual coalition of state lawmakers, whose constituents range from inner-city residents to affluent suburbanites, is pushing to scale back new more stringent graduation requirements for all public school students.

The New York lawmakers contend the new graduation standards are being phased in too quickly, do not accurately measure the overall student performance of students and

could result in increased failure and dropout rates across the state.

Nevada's new standards to be implemented next year in math include polynomial factoring, solving systems of equations and inequalities, quadratics, and trigonometry. With over 50% of the state's juniors failing the current test that don't include those, I have to conclude a lot more kids will fail future tests when the new standards are tested.

While the state board predicted a 10% failure rate on the current test, the Council to Establish Academic Standards has been reluctant to identify the percentage of students they believe will not graduate based on the new, more rigorous standards they created. My guess is that 20-25% of the students will not graduate high school based on the new academic standards in math. I say that because about 35% of the students who choose to take algebra nationwide fail the class, the incidence of failure should increase if we expect all students to enroll in algebra.

As Nevada's new, more rigorous academic standards created by the Council to Establish Academic Standards are implemented next year, this year's outcry will not even register a bleep on the radar screen.

Prior to the standards movement that is currently sweeping across the country, the TIMSS study described America's curriculum "as a mile wide and an inch deep." The recently published McREL report suggests the new standards adopted by the states will take an additional nine years of



schooling to cover.

It would appear from these two reports that it would be prudent for the state to review the recently adopted state standards created by the council in math, English/Language Arts, and science to determine if they are reasonably attainable.

Adding to the difficulty in implementing the more rigorous standards, Nevada already has a shortage of math and science teachers, two of the areas being tested. It appears that the state's commitment to increased academic standards is not being matched by a commitment to providing world class teachers. Of the 2,500 teachers hired each year in the state, about 500 come from in-state teacher training programs. Knowing Nevada's salaries are low, teachers are not going to get a raise for another three years and the state does not offer incentives to attract teachers to the state, how do we expect to compete with other states for the other 2,000 teachers needed? The reluctance of the state Legislature to pass a bill that would allow retired teachers, in areas of shortage, to come back into the system speaks volumes about a lack of real commitment to public education and increased academic standards.

Hanlon, a Las Vegas resident who writes a column about education, sits on the State Board of Education, is the administrator for the Clark County School District's Math/Science Institute and is a part-time instructor at UNLV.

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NEWS VIEW

Driver training and experience

Editor:

You should sit back and take another look at your editorial from the May 13, 1999 edition. It appears unduly biased against teens. Along with other comments you say that, "Most teens are reckless in their driving..." and "most teens caught driving during this period are likely causing trouble any how." You also quote statistics which show that 16-year-old drivers have many more accidents than 17-year-old drivers.

I wonder about your information. Could it be that the teens we hear and read about are the ones who have gotten in trouble because of their actions; and that there is a larger number who have behaved responsibly and safely and therefore have not made the news? As to the information presenting 17-year-old drivers to be significantly safer than 16-year-olds. Could that be because the 17-year-old has now had a year of driving experience? Perhaps, with the change, the safety record of those would decrease due to this lack of experience.

If we are going to pass laws to make our roads safer, how about supporting stiffer driver training requirements? I believe education and knowledge of driving situations might save more lives than waiting a year or two and then putting the same untrained and unformed driver on the road. The experience and learning curve would just start from an older age. Why not a requirement for higher speed obstacle courses in driver's training programs?

Let people, of whatever age, get a feel for some limits under various driving conditions. Of course, these programs would cost more, but we are talking about people's lives.

If it is important enough for a new driver to be on the road at 16 (or 66 for that matter), he/she should be willing to pay for sufficient training to make themselves and others safe while on the roadways.

Lest anyone think that I am championing teen drivers because I am one, I happened to have had my 70th birthday last month. I have been driving since I was 13 years old. Sure enough, I spent a lot of time being "unsafe" on the road. I don't recall being over that phase until I was well into my 20s. The only things that made me a better driver were training classes and experience.

STEWART W. EARL

On guns and crime

Editor:

In your April 29 issue, regarding an article by Richard Cohen (Too Many Guns); If it were not tragic I would laugh my head off. Cohen is and always will be a total idiot. He and the rest of the reporters in the *Washington Post* have only one agenda, take the guns away from the honest gun owner. I wrote to the *Washington Post* some years ago and asked them why they were so against honest gun owners having firearms. Their comment was there is no such thing as an honest gun owner.

In Washington D.C., Mayor Marion Berry passed gun laws that prohibit anyone from owning a gun. And he tried to make it legal for the police to invade your home if they thought you might own a firearm, Washington D.C. has the highest crime rate of any city in the country. So much for no guns allowed. To top the no guns allowed, Berry got himself arrested for smoking dope, spent time in jail, and then was re-elected as mayor. It appears to me that the criminal element doesn't want the honest homeowner to have a gun to protect themselves. And the *Washington Post* is backing the criminal element in keeping guns out of the hands of honest gun owners.

Never has any gun owner advocated that children be allowed to carry a firearm. We do advocate that everyone 14 and older be taught to respect the rights of others, safe gun handling and give training to teach young people that a firearm is not a toy and that life is a very precious thing.

When the parents of our children start taking the responsibility of training the children that a life is not something you can waste just because you don't like something another person has done, then we can stop this horrible bloodshed. Taking firearms away from honest gun owners is not going to stop the bloodshed.

Japan has had laws prohibiting the ownership of firearms since the end of the war. Their crime rate is escalating at an unbelievable rate. The Philippine Island has the highest crime rate of any country and the weapons of choice? Machetes. England has made the ownership of firearms illegal and the crime rate has stayed the same. Australia also has collected all the firearms and their crime rate has not diminished.

So why does Mr. Cohen think that taking firearms away from honest gun owners is going to stop crime? If he would just take a minute and read the papers, he would find that the firearms used in Colorado massacre were illegally obtained. As long as people think they are justified in killing another person just because they feel like it we will have killing. And just what will be accomplished by taking away all the firearms when the Colorado killers were using homemade bombs.

Killers will find a way to kill if there are no guns. So what do you suggest? Making all knives illegal? Taking cars off the road? Let's start educating people that murder is not an acceptable excuse when you have a beef with someone.

KEN BURMAGE

Elections are over!

Editor:

No more phone calls, literature in the mail, knocking at the door, no more candidate debates.

Congratulations are in order for incumbent elected Council seats. Andy Hafen and Amanda Cyphers, and newly elected Steve Kirk.

Now that there is no more campaigning and politicking, the Council can concentrate on taking care of business on behalf of the residents of Henderson.

With the recent lay-offs at Timet, Kidd Marshmallow, Breyer's Ice Cream and Kerr-McGee, we have families in Henderson faced with unemployment, no medical, drastic cuts in wages and struggling to support their families.

Which brings me to my point! There has been a lot of controversy over the Black Mountain Studios. This industry is a Win-Win situation for the city of Henderson. No air emissions, no fear in contaminating the water or land.

This type of industry the city of Henderson should be trying to attract and support to help diversify the economy.

With the possibility of 1,000 jobs, well-paying jobs, medical benefits, and, most important, a secure job, not only would residents who are out of work, but businesses in the city, would prosper from Black Mountain Studios.

To the Planning Commission, the Mayor, and all the Council, I personally plead to all of you on behalf of Doris Keating, the residents of Henderson and their children, to do the right thing and approve Black Mountain Studios, so all of Henderson can have a brighter future.

BILLY HAND

President,
United Steelworkers of America,
Local 4856

Support film studio

Editor:

Now that the elections are over I would like to congratulate the incumbents Amanda Cyphers and Andy Hafen, and welcome Steve Kirk in his new role as Councilman.

I would like us all to move on to the future and get back to what really matters, Issues that face Henderson today like Black Mountain Studios. This project is too important to us in Henderson. I would like people to know that \$5 billion leaves California each year to film movies.

Right now there are 47 shows filming in Canada not the USA. You can not get on a sound stage in California until after the year 2002. Why would we want our movies being made in other countries and not here? I realize that the movie studio is somewhat controversial for some. But this will bring good high-paying jobs to Henderson.

It will bring a safe, clean environmentally friendly industry that is desperately needed in our town without polluting our water or our soil like some of the factories. We are not talking about Pepon here.

I humbly plea to Mayor Gibson and the Planning Commission and the City Council to move forward with this project without delay. We need Black Mountain Studios and industries like it. If we let this opportunity go, we will be hurting our children.

TONYA and BOB HUNT

The last exception

Editor:

The purpose of this letter is to clarify points recently reported by your newspaper concerning commercial development on Horizon Ridge Parkway. (Medical Center Receives City Council Approval).

At the Henderson City Council Meeting held May 11, I spoke on behalf of some 40 plus residents in support of the proposed medical/corporate office building planned at 2601 W. Horizon Ridge Parkway.

The support of this project was gained through several meetings with developer Don Ross in which Ross made numerous adjustments to the project to satisfy nearby residents.

However, the main reason the residents in the area were able to come to some agreement with the developer is that this piece of property has major power lines running through its boundaries and we realize that this particular piece of land would never be developed for single family residential use.

Since the land was unacceptable for residential development, residents felt that Ross's proposal was the best we could do for our neighborhood.

The office complex is set back on the rear of the property, has many upgrades to the landscaping, the roof line of the building was redesigned in such a way as to protect the view, signage will be of monument type, parking lot lighting will be dimmed after a certain hour, and a bicycle path will run adjacent to the west side of the property line.

We are adamantly opposed to further commercial development along Horizon Ridge Parkway because of concerns of increased traffic and congestion which prompts safety issues for adults and children in our neighborhood.

The newspaper article gave the impression that because we agreed to this proposal, we might agree to other commercial development in our area.

While we are not completely closed to accepting those parcels that have already been rezoned for commercial use, we must insist that Horizon Ridge Parkway not become a "Commercial Corridor" with businesses for neighbors instead of families.

At the City Council Meeting on May 11, Mayor Gibson and the Council echoed our concerns about where the commercial development would end if they made this exception. Gibson further stated his hope that this would be the last exception. We hope this will indeed be the case.

KAREN SEXTON

School disputes don't belong in public

It is unfortunate that a dispute between some parents and a Washoe County principal was aired in public at a March meeting of the School Board. Making the parents' grievances public was unfair to the principal, who had no opportunity to respond; it also was unfair to the parents (though it was their decision to go public with their complaints) and their children.

It is particularly disturbing that the parents thought, rightly or wrongly, that they had no alternative to using public comment time on the board agenda to get their complaints heard. The Washoe County School District has adopted a complaint procedure that allows parents to have their complaints heard first at the local level, then by a district administrator, then the superintendent and finally the School Board.

The procedures are supposed to be published in each school's student handbook, and complaint forms are supposed to be readily available at every school. To a large degree, the system works — 60 complaints have been filed this year; two have reached the superintendent.

But apparently not all parents are getting the word, either through their own fault or that of their children's schools. Some never see the handbooks; others don't read them when they come home; and some may be too angry to take the time to learn the correct procedure. Forms may be available, but if no one knows where they are, they're useless.

The ultimate responsibility lies with the schools, however, to ensure that parents are informed of the policies and that forms are easily obtained. Going public with a personnel complaint should be the last option for a parent, an option that should never be needed.

Reno Gazette-Journal

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WHAT YOUR NEIGHBORS THINK

"What do you think about President Clinton's recent visit to Southern Nevada while the country is at war in Kosovo?"



"I thought it was really neat that he came to visit our town."

Victoria Short



"His time could probably have been better spent."

Beth Bagen



"I know that it's important to take time out, but my initial reaction is he's goofing off."

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"While our country is in turmoil, our president decides to take a vacation. Weird."

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Burkholder principal reflects on retirement

Eric Tischler
News Staff Writer

This should be a time of quiet reflection for Burkholder Middle School principal Diana Chalfant, but she's really just too busy to slow down.

After holding the top administrative position at the school for more than four years and three decades as an educator, Chalfant will retire from the school district at the end of June.

"I wish I could take the time and stroll the school's hall to feel nostalgic, but I'm way too busy planning for next year," Chalfant said.

Most of her time for the next six weeks will be spent to make an easier transition for the new principal Monte Bay, current assistant principal at Silverado High School.

Chalfant came to Southern Nevada by way of Oklahoma when she visited with her husband Scott. She immediately fell in love with the area and began teaching choir at Basic High School. After eight years at Basic, she helped open Bonanza High School in Las Vegas.

While teaching, she also pursued a master's degree in curriculum and instruction with additional hours in education administration.

"At the beginning of my career, I always wanted to remain in the classroom and never intended to go into administration. But looking back, I couldn't be more happier with my decision," she said.

Her many years with the Clark County education system, however, have caught up with



Diana Chalfant

Chalfant. While attending school functions, she has met many of her former students from Basic High who have their own children attending Burkholder.

"Since kids think their parents are already 100 years old and they find out I was their teacher, the kids are amazed at how old I am," she said smiling. "I guess that's why Henderson is such a nice place to live. Nobody moves away and they get to watch their own kids grow up in the same town and attend the same schools."

Like any successful school administrator, Chalfant has a deep appreciation for her staff, students and their parents. Without their tireless dedication to teaching, her job would be much more

difficult, she said.

Chalfant has always expressed her philosophy of learning to her teachers. Learning, she explained, means taking risks for both the teachers and students. Students, especially should also be encouraged to take the risk, raise their hand and say, 'I don't understand the lesson. Please explain it to me.'

As one final hurrah for Chalfant's career, Burkholder students increased their math computation test scores more than 20% and 60% of the school's eighth graders passed the high school math equivalency test.

Originally, Chalfant planned to retire at the beginning of the year, but postponed her retirement several months to help

officiate the rededication and renovations of the school in February.

"Burkholder has been undergoing renovations since I began here and more is on the way," she said. Additional renovations will include more office space and upgraded outdoor sports facilities.

Chalfant has no intentions to slow down after retirement. Currently, she's anxiously awaiting the completion of her new home and is looking forward to do some interior decorating.

The Chalfants also want to do some cross country traveling in their camper.

"I'm really going to enjoy retirement and spending time with my husband. We have such a good time together," she said.

Camp Marco Polo opens June 14

Camp Marco Polo, a unique summer program that provides children an upbeat educational adventure, will open June 14, according to director Carol Kurr Wardle.

The camp, open only to children ages 6 to 11, will combine learning with adventure as children follow the path of the great explorer, Marco Polo. Only six children will be invited to attend each weekly session, where their journey will begin in Venice, Italy, and continue on to China, India and Persia.

"I feel learning should be as thrilling as entertainment," Wardle said. "The world is an exciting place and learning about it is a fascinating experience."

Each camper, according to Wardle, will plan journeys into the unknown, make monster

masks, paper mosaics and block prints. In addition, they will present a puppet show, participate in chopstick relays, and active games from other countries.

Campers will discover that the first documented Cinderella story was from China and that Cherrapunji, in northeastern India, in one of the wettest places on earth with an annual rainfall of 1,041.78 inches. They will learn that Darius, the Persian monarch 2,500 years ago, posted men on towers to shout important messages around the country.

Camp Marco Polo is a week-long camp held from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. Campers may attend any week beginning June 14 through July 30. Tuition for the week, including supplies and snacks, is \$75.

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Basic HS students compete under the hood

Eric Tischler
News Staff Writer

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Sounds overwhelming, but two local students competed at the annual Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills Contest last week and used the technology experienced mechanics employ today.

Basic High School seniors Craig Bushman, 18, and Mike Archer, 17, competed against teams from around the state and placed ninth at the Reno competition. Basic High's faculty advisor and automotive teacher Don Asay accompanied the students.

Each team had an hour and a half to complete the test. Officials from Ford deliberately "bugged" a 1999 Ford Escort and the students had to analyze and repair the problem by using an advanced diagnostic computer.



Eric Tischler/News Staff

AUTOMOTIVE SKILLS — Basic students Craig Bushman and Mike Archer work on an engine at the school's autoshop class with the assistance of automotive teacher Don Asay. The students competed in a statewide competition for automotive skills in Reno last week and placed ninth.

"They basically pointed and said there's something wrong with this car... fix it," Bushman said. The cars had an array of problems including fuses, fuel

distribution and electrical problems. In hindsight, the team figured they could have placed fourth or fifth if they weren't so anxious to start the repairs and first analyzed the diagnostic computer.

The team members will graduate in a few weeks and Bushman plans to continue studying automotive technology with Firestorm's automotive apprentice program.

Archer will also continue studying mechanics, however, of a much different genre. For the next two year, Archer will learn how to service nuclear reactors for the Navy.

Today, computers control more than 85% of the functions on a new vehicle. In many cases, the first tool a mechanic reaches for is the diagnostic computer, rather than a wrench or screwdriver.

This is the sixth year for the Ford Motor Co. to co-sponsor the event. AAA has been involved with the contest since 1984.



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McCaw ES dedicates amphitheater

McCaw Elementary School dedicated its new amphitheater last week at the annual Dance Fest and Museum de McCaw Art Show.

Dr. Kay Carl, Clark County School District assistant superintendent for elementary education, joined McCaw students, parents and staff in honoring Elton Dale Scheidman, director of planning and engineering for the CCSD.

Scheidman was honored for his commitment to provide the best possible learning environment for students and willingness to "go that extra mile" to make McCaw a great place for kids, a spokesman said.

Also honored were:
• Ysidro Barron, A.I.A., the architect who designed the amphitheater, the new classroom addition, and participated in the renovation of the school in



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MCCAW DEDICATION — Gordon McCaw Elementary students play steel drums at the school's 12th annual Fine Arts and Dance Festival. The event featured students' art work, folk dances and choreography and dedicated the school's new amphitheater.

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• Brent Evans, the construction manager from Fremont Construction.

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BUSINESS

Take a step back in time at Country Bears and Hares



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ANTIQUE COLLECTIBLES — Sonia Mortensen, owner of Country Bears and Hares, has tailored her store's inventory of rustic, antique collectibles including her church birdhouses made from turn-of-the century materials.

Grace period ends for use of area code 702 outside Clark County

Effective Sunday, May 16, 1999, calls placed to areas of Nevada, outside Clark County, must use the new 775 area code. Area code 702 will continue to serve all areas of Clark County.

A second area code was needed to meet the rapidly growing demand for additional phone numbers throughout Nevada. The introduction of the 775 area code will not affect the price of telephone calls.

Callers were given a five-month grace period, which ended Saturday, May 15, to adjust to the new 775 area code. During this period, callers were able to dial either 702 or 775 to reach people outside Clark County.

As of May 16, callers who do not use the new 775 area code will hear a recorded message reminding them that the area code has changed, and they will be required to re-dial the proper area code to complete the call.

The recording will remain in place as long as technically feasible or through the end of the year 2000.

Eric Tischler
News Staff Writer

Stuffed rabbits and collectible teddy bears are just the tip of the iceberg of the items available at Country Bears and Hares — Henderson's newest country gifts and collectibles store.

As soon as you walk through the door, be prepared to enter a simpler time of rustic home furnishings and collectibles. Among the store's many items, most are hand-made and purchased from home crafters.

"A lot of my inventory has been made by people who work out of their homes and have a love for country crafts," owner Sonia Mortensen said.

Country Bears and Hares has been Mortensen's dream for years. Before opening the store, she worked with her husband, Ralph, for 14 years at their auto

repair center in Boulder City, but she always felt the need to try something else. With her husband's encouragement, she decided to give the store a try and has never regretted it.

Country Bears and Hares, 1000 N. Green Valley Parkway in the Pebble Marketplace, opened its doors last month. The store features antique birdhouses, quilts, scented candles,

spice racks, country furniture, primitives, dried flower arrangements, Americana collectibles and, of course, stuffed animals.

"I've always been amazed by the number of people who collect teddy bears, many of whom have marveled at my store's collection," Mortensen said.

Some of Mortensen's merchandise does more than appear to be antique. Each of her unique

church birdhouses comes with a certificate of authenticity that state the birdhouses have been built with materials that date back to the 19th century.

"Antiques and rustic furnishings are becoming a nice trend in home decorating," she said. "Each spring and summer, many homeowners redecorate and it's out with the old stuff and in with the new stuff which appears old."

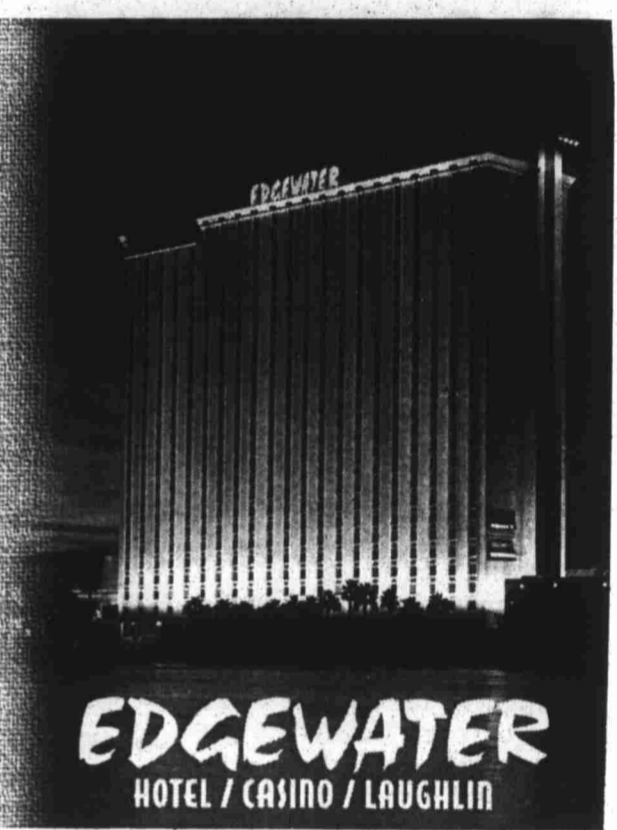
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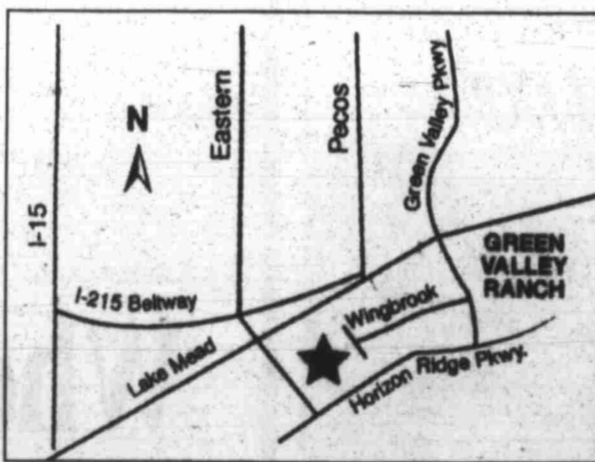
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Coral Cove Concert Sunday

Students of Flo Raymond, director of the Coral Cove Musical Arts Studio, will be presented in a Spring Concert at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at the Green Valley Library.

Flo Raymond will kick off the concert with a few songs and a short talk on "Music, the Motivator."

Many of her students have captured awards and trophies in piano and voice competitions. Janae Jeffrey not only won the Miss Heritage Days Beauty Contest, but also placed first in the vocal division for high schools in the Heritage Days Talent Contest.

Student Noah Parker received first-place honors for piano or instrumental in the same contest.

Scheduled to sing are: Jeffrey, Brenna O'Callaghan, Carly Avello, Jacklyn Bondurant and Dennis Dizon.

Piano students are: Sara Parker, Noah Parker, Dizon, Marina Gastelum, Susan Eisenberg, Natasha Groitzsch, Carrie McCollum, Sean O'Callaghan and Melaney Scarberry.

Sean, Brenna and Meghan O'Callaghan will sing "I'm Late" from "Alice in Wonderland." Dizon and Avello will sing a vocal duet, "Endless Love." Sarah Parker will appear as a guest dancer with "True to your Heart." Jeffrey will sing "Chicago Blues," with words and music by Flo Raymond.

A buffet reception will follow.

Margaret Jeffrey serves a hostess chair and Maria Rodriguez as co-hostess chair.

Run for the Blind Sunday

The Las Vegas Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs will present the first Run for the Blind on Sunday, May 23.

The run will benefit the Hubble Creek Blind Camp.

Sign-ups will begin at 7 a.m. at the Las Vegas Blind Center, 1001 N. Bruce St., in Las Vegas. The donation is \$15 per person.

A free pancake breakfast will be offered with early registration from 7 to 8:30 a.m.

Live music, door prizes and drawings will be featured.

For more information, call 264-5106, or e-mail hblindcamp@yahoo.com.

Cellos in concert on Sunday

The Nevada Chamber Symphony will join with the Amadeus School of Music to present "The Sounds of Cellos" in the Jewel Box Theater of the Clark County Library at 3 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free.

A reception will follow the performance. For more information, call 433-9280.

Elks set open house

The Henderson/Green Valley Elks 2802 will host an open house from noon to 4 p.m. May 23 at the lodge, 631 E. Lake Mead Dr.

All residents interested in the Elks are invited to attend.

The Elks is largest private organization that contributes to scholarships nationwide.

The local Elks group also feeds the homeless on the first and third Thursday of every month, provides food for needy families, sponsors Cub Scouts, sponsors hoop shoot contests for youngsters and assists veterans.

The Elks also have dinners every Friday night and breakfast is served every first and third Sunday of the month.

Call 565-9959 for more information.

Methodists host evangelist

On Pentecost Sunday, May 23, evangelist Leo Wood will speak at the 8 and 11 a.m. services at First Henderson United Methodist Church.

Wood has pastored churches in Fallon, Nev.; Take Tahoe, Calif.; Spokane, Wash.; Wenatchee, Wash.; and Corvallis, Ore. Wood served in the U.S. Naval Air Corps during the Korean Conflict. Wood now serves as funeral service manager for Palm Mortuaries and Memorial Parks.

In addition to Wood speaking at the services of worship, the Rev. Marvin Gant will present The "God And Life" Scouting Awards to John McAvoy, Patrick McAvoy and Stephanie McAvoy.

At 5 p.m. the church will host a Church/Community Barbecue to honor the first anniversary of the burning of the church's mortgage and dedication to God for all of the church campus and facilities.

All residents are invited to



Leo Wood

these special services and to the all-church/community barbecue.

First Henderson United Methodist Church is located at 609 E. Horizon Dr. For more information, call the church, 565-6049.



Robert Maloney

Maloney, Jr. named hotel manager at Sam's Town

Robert J. Maloney, Jr. was recently named hotel manager for Sam's Town Hotel, Gambling Hall and Bowling Center.

Maloney previously served as director of sales for the hotel. A graduate of UNLV, he is a former vice president of the Boulder Strip Association and has served as chairman of the Turkey Trot for the last two years. He is also an active member of the Las Vegas Track Club. Maloney resides in Henderson with his wife and children.

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Coffee and bingo event is offered to seniors

The Black Mountain Recreation Center, 599 Greenway Road, will host coffee and Bingo from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. May 28. The free event is sponsored by the Henderson Parks and Recreation Department for seniors (50 years of age or more).

The three-hour event will feature popular Bingo games and prizes. Coffee and doughnuts will be served to all participants.

"Seniors comprise almost 16% of our community and are among the fastest-growing segments of our population," said Jayne Mazurkiewicz, CLP, recreation coordinator. "To ensure all our residents benefit from parks and recreation, our department is making an effort to expand upon some of our most successful senior programs and develop more for the future."

Mazurkiewicz said that most parks and recreation department programs are created with the help of residents, but sometimes programs are also based on studies from organizations like the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). For example, when AARP researchers established links between attitude and physical health, the department expanded programming to include social activities in addition to traditional senior fitness classes.

For registration or additional information, call 565-2880. Advance registration is requested as space will be limited. To learn about additional activities and volunteer opportunities available to seniors, call the Henderson Senior Center, 565-6990.

Family Music Centers to display hand-crafted pianos

Henderson-based Family Music Centers announced it will display the most exquisite collection of pianos in the history of Nevada as part of a two-day world-class piano sale event. The event is part of a national tour of Bosendorfer pianos - considered by many to be the most prestigious pianos in the world.

The event, to be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 12 to 5 p.m. Sunday, will be held at Family Music Centers, 2714 N. Green Valley Parkway in Henderson.

"This event will be a once in a lifetime opportunity to select for purchase an authentic Bosendorfer piano," said director of western sales for Bosendorfer Piano, John W. McDermott.

"You would have to go to Vienna, Austria, to see this many Bosendorfers in one place," Family Music Centers President Scott Groseclose said. "Even in large cities like New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles, it is extremely rare to walk into a music store and find two or even three of these pianos... We're going to display at least eight."

Family Music Centers' \$1 million display of hand-crafted Bosendorfers will feature the Franz Liszt Bosendorfer, a 158-year-old piano believed to have been played by Liszt, one of the immortal greats of classical piano music whose talents have been compared with the likes of Beethoven, Bach and Mozart.

The Liszt piano is on loan from the Bosendorfer Museum in Vienna, Austria, in order to participate in the Bosendorfer tour

of 10 U.S. cities. It is said to be one of the world's most valuable pianos.

More than 30 world-class pianos will be available for purchase with special pricing during this two-day event, including the rare Bosendorfers. "We're expecting the who's who of the Las Vegas music and entertainment industries to view these instruments," Groseclose said.

Family Music Centers opened in 1995 and carries prominent

piano lines including Young Chang, PianoDisc, Bosendorfer, Kawai, Seiler, Charles Walter and Roland. The company has been awarded exclusive franchises from the industry's top manufacturers, and offers the lowest prices guaranteed.

Family Music Centers stocks the largest inventory of pianos, organs, keyboards, band instruments, and sheet music selections in Nevada, and offers music lessons seven days a week.

Which of These Costly Homeseller Mistakes Will You Make When You Sell Your Home

Henderson - A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling homes have become increasingly less and less effective in today's market. The fact of the matter is that fully three quarters of homeowners don't get what they want for their home and become disillusioned and - worse - financially disadvantaged when they put their home on the market.

As this report uncovers, most homesellers make 7

deadly mistakes that cost them literally thousands of dollars. The good news is that each and every one of these mistakes are entirely preventable.

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DEATHS

Edward H. Bellman

Edward H. Bellman, 78, died Friday, May 14, 1999, in Henderson.

Born May 31, 1920, in Cincinnati, he had been a resident of Henderson for 21 years.

He was a retired hotel/casino slot mechanic.

He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church; and was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in World War II.

He is survived by his daughter, Judy Shockey of Loveland, Ohio; sons, Edward and Steven of Henderson; sisters, Dolores Berling of Cincinnati; Rose Lange of Dallas, Texas; Sister Mildred Marie of Cincinnati; brothers, Bobby, Joseph and Albert all of Cincinnati; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests donations to a charity of your choice.

Services were held. Interment is in Palm Valley View Cemetery, Las Vegas.

Arrangements were handled by Palm Mortuary-Henderson.

George Mitchem Crocker III

George Mitchem Crocker III, 49, died Saturday, March 20, 1999, in Montrose, Colo.

Born May 27, 1949, in Hampton, Va., he was a former resident of Las Vegas.

He was a carpenter foreman, and had made his home in Montrose since 1993.

He was employed for Ludwig Associates in Telluride, Colo. He also helped build the Montrose High School Gymnasium, the Montrose Airport Fire Station, the Montrose Judicial Building and the new Super Wal-Mart.

In 1995, in Las Vegas, he married Lisa L. Gage/Armstrong of Montrose, Colo., who currently lives in the family home.

He is survived by his wife, Lisa; four sons: Paul, Sid, and Andy Crocker of West Virginia; Thomas Armstrong, of Montrose; and two daughters, Christa Armstrong-Hoover and husband Marvin; and Shannone Cryer and husband, Jon, also of Montrose; one brother, Eugene and wife Dottie of Forest Hills, Md.; four sisters, Alice and husband Churchill Nolan, of Beaver Dam, Va.; Judy and husband Stephen Fell of Berlin, Md.; Janet and husband Robert McIntosh of Homestead, Fla.; and Susan and Larry Hanneman of Loveland; and five granddaughters, Jessica, Cheyanne, Shayla, Mandy and Brooke.

Dave Parker

Dave Parker, 53, died Sunday, May 9, 1999, in Las Vegas.

Born Aug. 2, 1945, he had been a long time resident of Las Vegas.

He was a water purification salesman; and was a veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah Parker of Las Vegas; sisters, Patricia Boone and Carol Bowden of Arkansas; father, D.H. Bartholomew of Arkansas.

There are no local services. Interment will be in Texas.

Arrangements were handled by Hites Funeral Home of Henderson.

James L. Quick Jr.

James L. Quick, Jr., 42, died Friday, May 14, 1999, in Des Moines, Iowa.

Born April 10, 1957, in Des Moines, Iowa, he was a former resident of Henderson for 34 years.

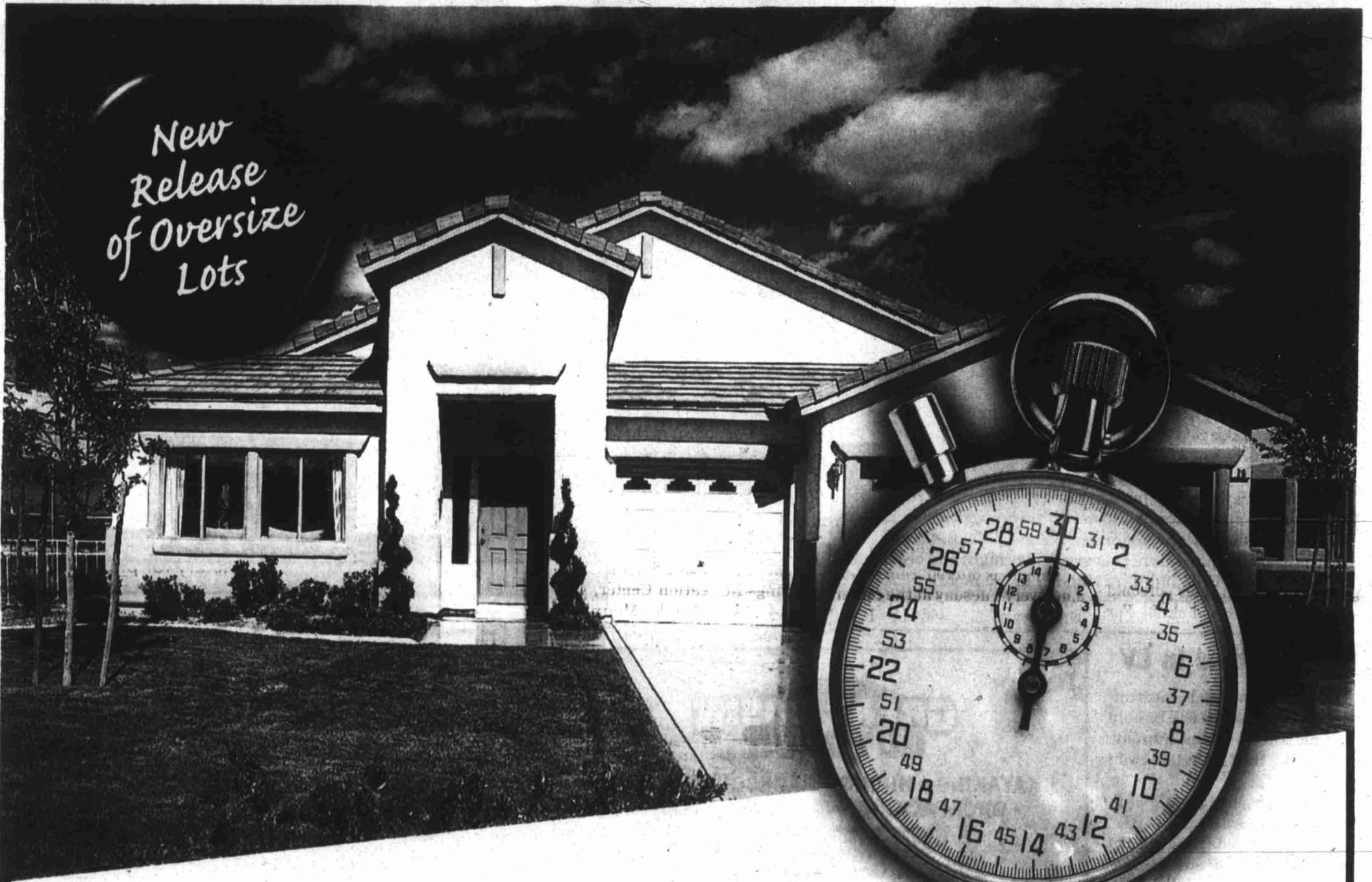
He is survived by his son, Shane Lavern Quick of Henderson; mother, Maxine C. Whiteaker, also of Henderson; father, James L. Quick, Sr. of Indianola, Iowa; sister, Cheryl A. Fry of Spokane, Wash.; brother Mark L. Whiteaker, of Henderson; step-father, Arnold M. Whiteaker of Las Vegas; and one grandchild.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. today at Palm Mortuary-Henderson.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Palm Mortuary.

Interment will be in Palm Memorial Park-Henderson.

Arrangements were handled by Palm Mortuary-Henderson.



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Ole!

A Mexican Fiesta will be held at the Center at 10 a.m. on Sunday May 23. Entertainment will start at 10:30 a.m. and includes traditional music and folk dancing. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. The meal, prepared by Chef Harris Okashige of the Fiesta Hotel and Casino, includes Mexican specialties such as chicken enchiladas, steak fajitas, beans and rice, and chips and salsa. Flan will be served for dessert.

Center staff member Nona Perryman and volunteers Lucy Hutton, Jim Hutton and Suzie Segura are organizing the event. Advanced reservations are requested. Participation is \$1.50 per senior, payable at registration. For additional information, call 565-6990.

Clowning Around

The reorganized Clown Club hosts its regular meetings at 1 p.m. on the first Monday of each month in the Center's library. The club's elected officers are: Dody Smith, president; Dorothy Livesay, vice president; and June Goodyear, secretary.

The Clown Club visits nursing homes and participants in special events hosted by the city of Henderson Parks and Recreation Department. Seniors interested in taking part in club activities should call Dody Smith, 566-4561, or leave a message at the center.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) helps seniors discover volunteer opportunities in Henderson. RSVP matches seniors with service programs that match their personal interests, talents and skills. For details, contact Myra Drake at the Center's RSVP office from 9 a.m. to noon.

Thank You

Seniors at the Center thank the Knights of Columbus for coming to the rescue last Saturday when volunteers were needed to assist with brunch. A call to Head Knight Roland Leclerc resulted in help from Paul Dumont, Joe Savonne, Frank Zottolli and Steve Casmus.

Thanks also go to volunteers Andy Hansen, Clara Hansen, George Hansen, George Devisser, Joe Franco; and staff members Michelle Pymm, Matt Herron and Betty Dukes.

Thank you to Sunset Station's Chef Edward Castaneda for Sunday's chicken lunch.

Summer Sessions

Starting June 22, an afternoon line dance class will take place from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays in the dining room. Volunteer instructor Rita Barton says this class is geared



Courtesy Photo

KNIGHTS TO THE RESCUE — Volunteers at the Senior Center include Knights of Columbus members. Betty Dukes' call to head Knight, Roland LaClerc brought volunteers Andrew Hansen, Joe Savonne, Paul Dumont in the first row. Back row: George DeVisser, Steve Casmus and Frank Zottolli.

for fun and exercise.

A healthy exercise and nutrition class called "Preparation H (Health)" will meet on Wednesdays from June 2-30. Each class includes a light salad and healthy recipes. Participation is \$10 per person for all five sessions.

A beginning computer workshop entitled "CPU, Bytes and Mouse, What's That?" will be held at 4 p.m. on June 21. The workshop is designed to give seniors with no computer experience an overview of the computer and how it can assist them.

The Henderson Seniors' Auxiliary Craft Group will meet from June 28 to Aug. 30. Participants will prepare crafts for the Auxiliary's Oktoberfest sale.

Ongoing Classes

The line dancing class meets from 9 to 11 a.m. on Thursdays. New students are welcome.

Canasta classes are held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Fridays. Seniors are welcome to drop in or call Selma Goldstein at 434-3151 with questions.

Watercolor classes are held at 1 p.m. on Fridays in the dining room. Phyllis Squire is the instructor.

Reminders

Free Blood pressure testing for seniors is offered from 9 to 11 a.m. every Tuesday at the center. This service is provided by RSVP volunteer Maria Davis, RN.

Dorothy Swackhammer helps seniors every Friday with questions about medical bills and Medicare/Medicaid benefits.

Manicures are available from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Fridays for a suggested donation of \$1. No appointments are necessary.

From 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday, CAT tokens and passes are available to seniors with CAT photo IDs.

UNLV professor honored

The French government presented UNLV professor Marie-France Hilgar with the Academic Palms award during a ceremony May 14 at UNLV.

Hilgar, a distinguished professor of French who joined the UNLV faculty in 1971, was honored for the work she has done to promote French culture, education, language, and literature in the United States.



Courtesy Photo

VOLUNTEERS — Volunteers host a lunch Saturday at the Henderson Senior Center. They are John Franco, George and Clara Hanson, Chef Edward Castaneda of the Boulder Station Hotel-Casino, Katie Bair, Michelle Pymm and Dorothy Livesay.

\$15 buys \$20 worth of tokens. Monthly passes cost \$10 and are valid for unlimited rides. For handicapped paratransit services, call 228-4800.

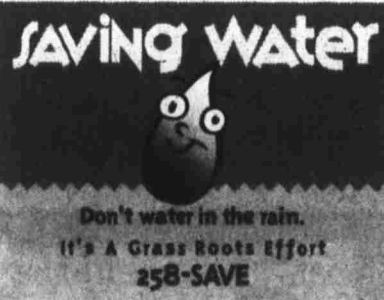
Additional Information

To receive the Henderson Senior Center Newsletter by mail, send several stamped, self-addressed business-sized envelopes to 27 E. Texas, Henderson, NV 89015. Newsletters are mailed each month.

For more senior activities, call the Kesterson Valley View Recreation Center, 565-2121, the Silver Springs Recreation Center, 435-3814, the Black Mountain Recreation Center and Aquatic Complex, 565-2880, or the Lorin L. Williams Indoor Pool, 565-2123.

Weekday Meals

The city of Henderson provides a full-service kitchen so Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada can provide weekday meals at the Center. A donation of \$1.75 is suggested. Catholic Charities also provides Meals On Wheels for home bound seniors. For more information call 565-4626.



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LV NEUROPATHY SUPPORT GROUP
Friday, May 21, 3 p.m. Sunrise Prof. Bld., 3131 LaCanada, Suite 107. 361-3902.

WATER SAFETY FESTIVAL
Saturday-Sunday, May 22-23, 10-4 p.m. Lake Mead Special Events Beach. Activities for children and adults, food, entertainment, special demonstrations and boat inspections at Hemenway Ramp.

FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON
Saturday, May 22, 11:30 a.m. Emerald Springs-Holiday Inn, 325 E. Flamingo. Presented by Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild. RSVP, 228-7399.

MALL CONCERT
Saturday, May 22, 4 p.m. Meadows Mall, Sears Plaza lower level. Featuring barbershop chorus the Gamble Aires and quartet The Tumbleweeds.

FAMILY DAY/STAND FOR CHILDREN
Saturday, May 22, 12-4 p.m. Morrell Park, 401 N. Major. Free event with a variety of civic booths that will have information about community services. Games and prizes for the kids. 451-4203.

SOUTHERN NV CHAPTER OF AAFES
Saturday, May 22, 6 p.m. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service to host a potluck dinner. For location and RSVP, 645-0400.

NEW CHICAGO CLUB MEETING
Sunday, May 23, Noon. Paradise Park on McLeod. All attendees are asked to bring a picnic lunch and beverages. Games and activities. 435-6260.

LIVING LARGE IN LAS VEGAS
Sunday, May 23, 10 a.m. Baskin Park, 2700 W. Oakley. Picnic for large and lovely people and their friends. 585-2425.

ROWC BRIDGE GAME
Wednesday, May 26, 9:30 a.m. Nellis AFB Officers Club. RSVP 433-0339.

UNITED WE STAND AMERICA-NV
May 27, 7 p.m. Whitney Library, 5175 E. Tropicana. Video night: Greenhouse Conspiracy-the myths of global warming. 255-6981.

MEMORIAL DAY EXTRAVAGANZA
May 28, 7:30 p.m. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV. Silent auction at 6:30 in the lobby. Musical tribute featuring the Desert Chorale, the Nevada Symphonic Wind Ensemble, The Boys Chorus of Southern Nevada, the Nellis Honor Guard and Lisa Nelson. Free. 895-3801.

AMATEUR RADIO EXAM
June 5, Noon. CCSN-Henderson Campus. FCC-approved. Pre-registration call 872-5268.

4TH ANNUAL SPRING RECITAL
June 5, 1 p.m. Clark County Public Library, 1401 E. Flamingo. Patricia Gordon will present her piano students. 436-6964.

JEWISH VETERANS MEETING
June 6, 10 a.m. Country Inn Restaurant, 1990 W. Sunset. Sgt. Manny Peven Post 65. Breakfast with entertainment. RSVP 896-2768.

HEMOPHILIA GOLF TOURNEY
June 6, 1:30 p.m. shotgun start, Angel Park Golf Club. Seventh annual tournament with all proceeds to benefit the HFNV's services and programs. \$125 per golfer. 564-4368.

FULLY ALIVE CENTER
Weekdays, 7 p.m. A free self-esteem and co-dependency group meets. For location or more information, call 221-4357.

PIZZA NIGHT
Mondays, Vitos Pizza will donate 20% of its Monday night proceeds to the Henderson Boys & Girls Club.

TNT TOASTMASTERS
1st and 4th Mondays, Auto Nation USA community room, 1000 Warm Springs Road. Toastmasters will be meeting at their new location.

NEVADA BUSINESS SERVICES
Mondays, 9 a.m., 119 Water St. Job training resources explained. 486-0321.

CINEMATHERAPY
Mondays, 7 to 9 p.m., at Barnes and Noble, on Stephanie St. A year-long discussion is being held illustrating how to use movies as therapeutic healing tools. 270-3466.

DIVORCED & SEPARATED ADJUSTMENT
Mondays, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Community Lutheran Church, 3720 E. Tropicana. Free support group for men and women. 735-5544.

AMERICAN LEGION
1st and 3rd Mondays, 425 Van Wagenen. All veterans welcome. 565-5433.

NEVADA YACHT CLUB
Tuesdays, Sailor talk 6:30 p.m. General meeting 7:30 p.m., Coachman's Inn, 3240 Eastern. Anyone interested in sailing and racing is invited. 438-4020.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL
Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., St. Rose Dominican Hospital, Suite 306. Support group for families of people with mental illness. 486-6700 or 434-1200.

CITYCARE BUSINESS NETWORKING
Tuesdays, 7:15-8:30 a.m., Greens Supper Club, 2241 N. Green Valley Pkwy. Breakfast meeting for business and web-based networking through relationships with non-profits. 875-4242.

PENTECOSTAL BIBLE STUDIES
Tuesdays, 7 p.m. 565-9490.

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR
Tuesdays, second and fourth of each month, Mt. Moriah Temple, 480 Greenway Road. All interested O.E.S. members are welcome to attend. 564-8515.

ROTARY
Tuesdays, 12:15 p.m., Kiefer's Downtown Henderson, 15 E. Lake Mead. The Henderson Rotary club holds a weekly meeting.

MASTER MASONS
3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., at Mt. Moriah Temple, 480 Greenway Dr. A potluck will precede the meeting. 435-3867.

ELKS MEETING NIGHT
1st and 3rd Tuesdays, Henderson/Green Valley Elks Lodge, #2802, 631 E. Lake Mead Dr. Meetings are held twice a month except July and August when meetings are on the first Tuesday only. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. Dinners every Friday at 6:45 p.m. Reservations 565-9959.

GREEN VALLEY CHAPTER CCBN
Wednesdays, 11:45-1 p.m., The Olive Garden, 4400 E. Sunset. Lunch meeting. 260-4595.

WEIGHT-LOSS SUPPORT PROGRAM
Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. "The Take Off Pounds Sensibly," meeting is a support group open to anyone trying to lose weight. For location or other information, call 547-3538.

ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE
3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., at the Wellness Institute of Nevada, 2559 Wigwam Pkwy. The club focuses on valid alternatives to traditional medicine. 896-2700.

GREATER HENDERSON KIWANIS
1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m., 15 E. Lake Mead Dr. The Greater Henderson Kiwanis Club meets.

OPTIMISTS
Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m., Country Inn, Sunset and Valle Verde. The Green Valley/Henderson Optimist club is a local service organization. Guests are invited. Call Iris Yost, 896-4118.

VFW LADIES AUXILIARY
1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Post Home, 401 W. Lake Mead. Post #3848 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Wednesday for meetings, and the third for "Work Night." Call 564-3624.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
4th Wednesdays of each month, 7 p.m., Post Home, 401 W. Lake Mead. Basic Post #3848. Call 564-5822.

EXECUTIVE LEADS CLUB
Thursdays, 7 a.m., Rae's, Pecos and Wigwam. The Executive Leads Club East meets to exchange business leads. Karen Scherer, 736-7755.

SEABEE ISLAND-X-1
1st Thursday, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, Veteran Memorial Hwy. Anyone current or former Seabees are welcome. 656-2691 or 871-7346.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m., at the VFW Basic Post, 401 W. Lake Mead. Any active duty marine or former Marine is welcome to attend the Black Mountain Det. Marine Corps. League meetings. 898-0709.

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. First Henderson United Methodist Church, 609 E. Horizon Dr. Discussions are held on topical, spiritual and personal needs. 565-6049.

BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION
3rd Sundays of each month, 10 a.m., Lake Mead Marina restaurant. Lake Mead Boat Owners Association meets. Visitors are always welcome. Call Diane Palmer at 457-2797 for information.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS
Daily meetings. Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step program. There are no dues or fees. Daily meetings are held throughout Las Vegas and surrounding areas. Call 593-2945.

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NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
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MOJAVE CACTUS CLUB
331 Bunchberry Ct., Henderson. Informal meetings about the plant reforestation project are held at the Mojave Cactus Club. Interested people may call 390-6859.

SURVIVAL AFTER TREATMENT
Survival After Treatment is a support group for recovering alcoholics interested in shared cooperative living. Call Paul Benton, 898-0054, for information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Reach Out, a non-profit pediatric AIDS organization needs volunteers for fund raising, special events, bulk mail and day workers. 382-7337.

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE
The Suicide Prevention Center is looking for volunteers to man the hotline. 731-2990, ask for Evvy.

BETA SIGMA PHI
Local chapters of this social, cultural and service organization invite women new to the community. 458-4685.

Nevada Landscape Association meets

The first Las Vegas Nevada Landscape Association Trade Show/Conference will be held at the Tropicana Resort & Casino on May 25.

The conference is sponsored by the Nevada Landscape Association in conjunction with Landscape Contractors Insurance Services.

Concurrent sessions will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. The main conference tracks are entitled Business, Safety & Loss Control and Landscape Management, Installation and Irrigation. The charge for the conference will be \$40 for NLA members and \$60 for non-members.

The Trade Show will feature more than 100 companies featuring all that is new in the Green Industry.

The keynote speaker will be Russ Thompson from Clark County Parks and Recreation Department. A silent auction will be held throughout the day, featuring a variety of items to bid on. All proceeds will go to the NLA scholarship fund.

The Nevada Landscape Association was founded in 1990 in northern Nevada, an association of professionals making their living in some area of the Green Industry.

Canine Companions to meet Thursday

The Las Vegas Champions Volunteer group for Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 27, at the West Charleston Library Conference Room, 6301 W. Charleston Blvd.

Paul and Mary Jackson of K-9 Therapists of Las Vegas will speak about pet therapy in southern Nevada.

The NLA is working to raise industry standards and improve customer satisfaction through educational programs and the exchange of knowledge, ideas and experiences. They also work to

beautify the communities of Nevada, guide environmental legislation and build a stronger image for the Green Industry.

The NLA became a state association in 1997 and the Las Vegas

chapter was established in early 1998.

For information on the Las Vegas Trade Show & Conference call Debra Rae Drew, executive director, (775) 673-0404.

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Opportunity Village holds street party

On Saturday and Sunday, May 22-23, Opportunity Village Thrift Stores will host a street party. The event, designed to thank Thrift Store supporters and to increase awareness of the Opportunity Village mission, will be held on 1st St. behind the Opportunity Village Thrift Store at 921 S. Main.

Founded in Las Vegas in 1954, Opportunity Village provides job training, employment and advocacy services to people with mental retardation. The

organization's Thrift Stores in Las Vegas and Henderson employ people with disabilities, and are an important part of the non-profit agency's operation.

"We're really excited about doing this," said Jason Smith, sales and marketing manager for Opportunity Village Thrift Stores. "This event will give us a chance to say 'thank you' to the people who shop at our Thrift Stores, and to tell people who don't know about us that we have an important organization for people with

disabilities."

As part of the event, the Thrift Stores will offer discounts on clothing and furniture. The price of admission to the event each day will be \$1 per person, and the admission price includes a free hot dog and entertainment. Live bands, magicians, clowns and comedians will perform, and there also will be a fashion show and automobile auctions. A number of food vendors will be onsite. Children under 15 will be admitted free.

In addition, hourly drawings will be held for free movie tickets to the new "Star Wars" movie. The Opportunity Village Thrift Store at 538 S. Boulder Highway in Henderson will not have entertainment or food, but will be offering the same sale discounts.

"This may be the most unique thing we've done at Opportunity Village," Smith said.

The event runs each day from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. For more information, call 383-1082 or 259-3741.

Free Stars ballgame for Goodwill donation

Want to bring your best buddy to a Las Vegas Stars baseball game for free? Just bring a bag or box of donations for Goodwill to Cashman Field on Sunday, May 23, and receive a free general admission ticket for that game with one paid admission.

Game time for Sunday's game is 1:05 p.m. The ticket office opens one hour earlier. The

Goodwill truck will be ready for donation drop-offs at noon.

"Dedicating a free admission for this game has many benefits for baseball fans," said John Saccenti, marketing manager for the Las Vegas Stars Baseball Club.

"First, by donating items, we're helping our neighbors with disabilities get good jobs in the community; second, we're

making it convenient and easy for people to clean out their closets; and third, the weather in May is great to watch a baseball game with a friend."

"We're thankful to the Las Vegas Stars for supporting Goodwill and helping us fulfill our mission," said Steve Chartrand, president and CEO of Goodwill. "We're looking for gently used clothing and other

household items—books, shoes, small appliances, etc."

Goodwill is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide training, employment and job placement services for people with disabilities and other special needs.

For more information about this special Las Vegas Stars' baseball game, call 597-1107, ext. 12

JCC's 'Swing Into Action' fund-raiser this weekend

This weekend promises to be an exciting time for those interested in the success of Jewish Community Center. The JCC will host the Swing into Action for the JCC fund-raiser.

A swing dance show and instruction will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Venetian.

Professional costumed dancers will perform a swing dance show and will provide instruc-

tion to event goers who would like to learn a few of the latest moves.

A pre-dinner auction will feature a wide variety of items including Judaica, jewelry, vacation homes, show tickets, original artwork, sports memorabilia, Beanie Babies, hotel rooms, a variety of gift certificates and more~

The Tournament Players

Club at Summerlin will host a golf tourney on Monday. This highly acclaimed course is the only course in the United States that hosts two elite professional tournaments, the Las Vegas Senior Classic and the Las Vegas Invitational.

Golfers will be treated to a continental breakfast and use of the TPC driving range and practice green before the shot-

gun start at 10 a.m. A four-person scramble will conclude with a 19th Hole reception and awards for players.

For more information, call the JCC, 794-0090.

KNPR to broadcast local poetry reading May 23

In keeping with the growing popularity of poetry in Las Vegas, KNPR and the Allied Arts Council of Southern Nevada will host a live broadcast from noon until 1 p.m. Sunday, May 23, featuring local poets Claudia Keelan, Donald Revell, Susan Andrews Grace, Reno Espinoza and Patty Morelli.

The work of the five poets is a reflection on contemporary life and finding connections to self and others through poetry, a spokesman said.

Live music will bridge the spoken word portions of the program, which will conclude with a roundtable interview of the poets conducted by Constance DeVereaux, executive director of the Allied Arts Council.

The broadcast is coordinated by the Allied Arts Council of Southern Nevada through the Poetry Center, a program of the Council, which serves poets in the greater Las Vegas area through a resource center and poetry readings every Friday from 7 to 9 p.m.

Pastel Society to meet on May 26

The Nevada Pastel Society will hold its final spring meeting on Wednesday, May 26, at the West Charleston Library Conference Room, 6301 W. Charleston Blvd.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m., and will feature a guest presentation by Dale Cox, artist and framing specialist.

Artists interested in promoting pastel as an artistic medium are invited to attend the meeting.

For more information, call Barbara Ann Slade, president of the group, 254-1938.

Local pianists get awards

Several local pianists, students of Jean Guanci, recently earned trophies and certificates from the Las Vegas Music Teachers Association.

The students took written exams in February and the technique and repertoire exams in March at UNLV.

Level 1 students who earned awards were: Ambree Klemm, Alexandra Melia, Jake Melia, Lauren Miller and Vinny Spotleson.

Level 2: Holly Andersen, Daniel Becker, Courtney Eynck and Taylor Klemm.

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The Dooley Elementary School PTA cookbook, "Dooley Delectables" has been published. Recipes of students, staff and friends of the school are detailed. The cost is \$10 with all proceeds benefiting the school. The school is at 1940 Chickasaw.

Lodge to honor students

The Dhahran Daylight Lodge 55 will honor two students from each of Henderson's high schools for excellence in citizenship today. The awards program will begin at 2 p.m. at the Mt. Moriah Masonic Temple, 480 Greenway Road. Clark County School District Superintendent Brian Cram has accepted an invitation to speak at the event.

Mack kindergarten sign-ups

Two elementary schools will host kindergarten sign-ups in the next week.

- **Sewell Elementary School**, 700 E. Lake Mead Dr., will register children from 9 to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, May 27. Call 799-8940. Immunizations will be available free of charge.
- **Mack Elementary School**, 3170 Laurel Dr., will host its kindergarten registration on Tuesday, May 25. Call 799-87760 for more information. Mack ES is a year-round elementary school. Tracks 1, 3 and 4 will be available for kindergarten placement. Students with last names beginning with A through H should register from 8 to 9 a.m., I through P from 9 to 10 a.m. and Q through Z from 10 to 11 a.m.

Nevada State Law requires a child to be 5 years old on or before Sept. 30, to attend kindergarten. To register a child, a parents or guardian will need their birth certificate, immunization record and two proofs of address.

Credit Counseling Center marks opening

Credit Counseling Centers of Southern Nevada recently held a grand opening for its Henderson office, 309 W. Lake Mead Drive, Suite B.

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CCC, a member of the National Foundation for Consumer Credit, provides a debt management program and consumer credit education for persons that are over-extended in credit/debit or who need help managing their personal finances.

Manager Geoff Quillen said that credit counselors offers free evaluations of personal finances and recommend a course of action.

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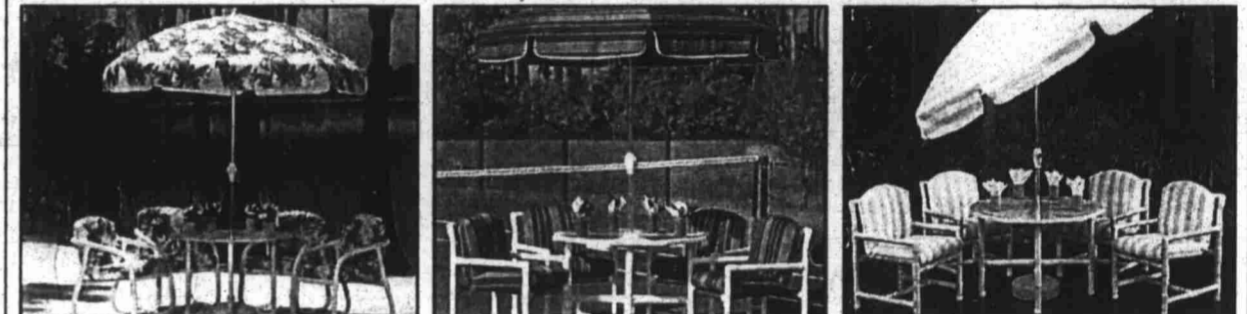
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CREDIT COUNSELING — From left are Harold Barcus, director, CCCS, Reno; Dr. Mariene Crissinger, executive director, Family Counseling Service, Reno; Louise Curtis, board member, Family Counseling Service, Reno; Dr. Ron Meek, Henderson Chamber of Commerce; Geoff Quillen, manager, CCC, Henderson; Myra Davis, director, Catholic Charities; Barbara Jager, Henderson Chamber of Commerce; Roxanne Glass, Henderson Chamber of Commerce; and Kirk Douglas, Henderson Chamber of Commerce.

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Becker 60th anniversary

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The couple, eight-year residents of Henderson, were married May 1 in 1939, at Gesu Church in Milwaukee.

Their four children attended together with their spouses and a large number of their offspring, the children are Rita, Henderson; Thomas, Biloxi, Miss.; Frank, Camarillo, Calif.; and Michael, Renton, Wash. In addition, nephews and nieces gathered for the occasion from many points in e country. Two sisters of Mr. Becker came from Wisconsin, Evelyn, age 92, Fond du Lac, and Margaret, 80, Milwaukee; Cecile Becker, 87, a sister-in-law who lives in Henderson, also attended with her family.

Following the church ceremony the group gathered at the social hall at St. Peter's for reminiscing. Some of them hadn't seen each other for some 50 years. In the evening, 59 of them also attended the dinner and show at the Excalibur Hotel and Casino.

The anniversary couple moved here from Utah where Mr. Becker had retired from U.S. Steel Corp. and Mrs. Becker from an advertising position at a newspaper.



Elma and Frank Becker

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MATH You Can Do It!...

Fractions, add - subtract by Bill Hanlon

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Before we can add or subtract fractions, we have to be able to find a common denominator. A common denominator (CD) is just a number that all other denominators will divide into equally.



The reason we need a CD is so when we add fractions, we can write a denominator that tells us how many equal pieces make one whole unit.

We can clearly see the pieces are not equal. So we make more cuts on the cake to make equal pieces, that's called finding a common denominator.

While there are many ways of finding a common denominator, we will just look at two.



Finding common denominators
 1. Multiply the denominators together.

Example
 Find the common denominator for 1/5 and 2/7.
 Multiplying, 5x7 = 35. The CD is 35.

For larger denominators or numbers you are not as familiar, try this method.

2. Write the denominators as a fraction, reduce, and cross multiply.

Example
 Find the common denominator for 7/20 and 5/32.

Write the denominators as a fraction and reduce.
 $\frac{20}{32} = \frac{5}{8}$

Notice that 32 x 5 = 160 as is 8 x 20. The common denominator is 160. Piece of cake, don't you think?

Now, we can add fractions.

If I asked you to add 1/4 to 1/3, would the result be 2/7?

Remember, the numerator tells you how many EQUAL pieces you have, the denominator tells you how many EQUAL pieces make one whole unit.

Looking at the following picture, we can see that's not happening, so the answer is NO.

By making the additional cuts, all the pieces are equal. Now I can add the numerators to find out how many equal pieces I have and bring down the denominator so I know how many equal pieces are in one whole unit.

To do that without drawing a picture, we use the following algorithm.

- ADD/SUB FRACTIONS**
1. Find the common denominator
 2. Make equivalent fractions
 3. Add/Sub the numerators
 4. Bring down the denominator
 5. Reduce

Example 3/5 + 1/4

$$\frac{3}{5} = \frac{12}{20}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{4} = \frac{5}{20}$$

$$\frac{17}{20}$$

Understanding why this works and memorizing the algorithm are equally important to your future success.

SPORTS THURSDAY

Henderson Home News

State action



Lee Zaichick/News Staff

SENIOR CELEBRATION — Julia Yurek (far left), Tiffani Finateri (middle) and Laura Connors lead the celebration after Silverado beat Durango to win zone this past weekend. The three seniors along with April Arata are playing in their fourth state tournament this weekend in Reno.

Skyhawks believe this is their year

Ray Brewer
News Sports Editor

After finishing fourth in the 1996 state softball tournament, Silverado coach Chuck Pope first realized his team had the potential to do something special.

The '96 squad received solid contributions from four sophomores — April Arata, Laura Connors, Tiffani Finateri and Julia Yurek — in giving Pope a glimpse of what he perceived as a bright future.

Some two years later the same core of players along with senior Stormy Hanson (who transferred from Rancho for the 1997 season) and a cast of other role players are back in the state spotlight.

The Skyhawks, fresh off their fifth straight zone championship, travel to Reno this week in search of the school's first-ever state title in any sport. Silverado will play Carson today at 4 p.m. in first round action.

All the seniors agree: this

year's team has the best chance to win the title — a title no southern Nevada team has won since Clark in 1993.

"I just have a good feeling that we should take it," Yurek said. "I am more confident than other years...Pope has always said that this is the year we are going to take it."

With Silverado going 4-0 in this past week's zone tournament and the squad putting in extra hours on the practice field, Pope has all of the confidence in the world when it comes to his team that has won 10 of its last 12 games.

It all boils down to Pope's philosophy that his core group of players can and will deliver as advertised.

His confidence is peaking. "When they were sophomores, I knew they had the fire," Pope said. "I knew we had six or seven key kids and I felt like if we were ever going to win state it would be when they matured as a group of six or seven kids."

STATE SOFTBALL

Galena vs Durango, noon
Reed vs Bonanza, noon
Wooster vs Cimarron, 2 p.m.
Carson vs Silverado, 4 p.m.

This maturing process — despite going through some painful growing pains earlier this season — is complete.

Even though the Skyhawks didn't win the division title for the first time ever this season, they have picked up steam when it counts.

"Everything has come together at the right time," Yurek said. "The No. 1 thing is that this is our senior year and winning means more than anything."

The dedication by the seniors is what Pope credits for the team's success. It was just at the beginning of the season when the

Skyhawks lost at home to Chaparral and were forced to battle just to make the post-season.

Now it's like a different team. Or at least a different attitude.

"Look at this dedication right now," Pope said, pointing to his team going through a practice drill at Tuesday's final workout of the season. "This team is going to play in state in two days and they are doing intramural drills. The kids have come a long way, further than any other team we have had...They have never stopped working hard."

Take for example this past Saturday.

The Skyhawks took their home diamond for a 9 a.m. practice hours after winning their fifth zone title in five attempts. Then, when practice was over, the players stayed for extra batting practice.

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Track teams set for state meet

Brad Tittington
News Staff Writer

After three months of workouts, meets and preparation, it all comes down to this — the 1999 Nevada State Track and Field Championships.

Durango High School will be filled with athletes from across the state this Friday and Saturday as they do battle to prove who is the best of the best.

After last weekend's zone championships, the top four placers in each event have moved on now to the elite eight as they will vie for the title of state champion.

Also on the line will be overall team champion where the more depth a team has, the better.

The meet will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Here is a look at how the three local schools stack up.

BASIC

The Wolves bring five athletes to the state meet, three boys and two girls, as well as both 3,200 relay teams.

On the boys side, Rob Oslund will run the 800 and the 1,600. Oslund won the 1,600 at the zone meet and finished fourth in the 800 in leading the Wolves to an eighth place finish.

Nathan Juarez will run in the 1,600 at the state meet after finishing fourth in the event at the zone meet.

Scott DeVoge will also compete in this weekend's state meet as he will run the 3,200. DeVoge finished fourth in the event at the zone meet.

"They're OK," Wolves' coach Larry Burgess said. "We don't have anyone injured or sick. This week, we don't want to overtrain. We want everyone to be sharp."

The boys will also compete in the 3,200 relay, an event they hold the fastest time in the state in this year. The team

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Swimming teams can't win in numbers game

Ray Brewer
News Sports Editor

With northern Nevada swim teams dominating each event in terms of numbers, southern Nevada teams have turned their goals in another direction for Saturday's 4A state meet — scheduled for 9 a.m. at UNLV.

Sure, a team state title would be nice. But as Silverado coach Tara Crouch and Green Valley coach Joe Sill explain, it's unrealistic.

Crouch's boys team and Sill's girls team each captured zone titles this past weekend.

Still, both teams didn't qualify enough swimmers to compete with the northern powers in terms of depth for this weekend's meet.

"We would like to place in the top three of the boys and we hope that is realistic," Crouch said.

Sill has the same outlook. "From the very beginning of the season our goal has been a top

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ON THE SIDELINES

D. J. ALLEN

GV's athletic program passes the torch to Cim-Memorial

Winning on the athletic field does a lot of things for a high school.

It builds confidence. It builds pride. It builds...jealousy.

Nobody cares about beating the league's doormat team. No, it's the leader of the pack everyone shoots for — and rightfully so.

Just ask any Green Valley High School student who has participated in prep sports over the past eight years.

During that time, the Gators have reigned atop not only the Sunrise Division, but the entire Southern Conference — in nearly every sport. And they did it while everyone was out to beat them.

Whether it was Rodger Fairless leading his baseball squad to six straight state titles or Joe Sill's boys and girls swimming teams going unbeaten year after year, the Gators were more than just competitive across the board.

Golf, volleyball, basketball, softball, track, cross country, wrestling, football, soccer. It didn't matter the sport, it didn't matter the gender.

Just one look at the Sunrise Division standings or conference meet outcomes and you could bet your last dollar you'd find the Henderson school at or near the top.

Through the mid-1990s, no school in southern Nevada could compare its athletic prowess to that of Green Valley. None.

But, like it is said, all things must end.

By no means are the Gators done, as they still are one of the most successful schools athletically in the valley. However, when it comes to the pinnacle of local prep sports, you have to look across the valley to a school resembling that of GVHS — in more ways than one.

Cimarron-Memorial High School opened for the 1991-92 school year, just like Green Valley.

Just like Green Valley, it was the first school near a master-planned community, Summerlin. (Ironically, GVHS is not actually located in Green Valley and CMHS is not located in Summerlin.)

But unlike Green Valley, it took the Spartan athletic program a couple more years to hit its peak. But peak it did — and particularly in the so-called "major" male sports this year.

Unbelievably, the Spartans have won the 1998-99 4A state titles in football, basketball and wrestling. And this weekend, they will try to add baseball to that list after winning the zone title last Saturday.

That's an accomplishment not even the mighty Green Valley Gators can match.

"It's all about two things," said CMHS athletic administrator Faron Springer about



his teams' success this past school year. "It's the kids you have and the coaches you have. These are the things that attribute to success, especially across the board."

Like at Green Valley in the mid-90s, the entire school is feeling the effects of athletic champions.

"There's a lot of pride," said Springer, who coached at Basic four years ago and lives in the Silverado zone. "You build pride through tradition. We're establishing a tradition here for years to come."

It sounds a lot like a school we know here in Henderson, doesn't it? More than you know.

Due to growth in the area, beginning next year Cim-Memorial's boundaries will be set. Centennial High opens to the northwest of the school and will take away from the school's last remaining growth area. Two years ago, Palo Verde opened to alleviate pressure from the other side of the community.

Deja vu?

Next year, Foothill High will open in Henderson which will mean Green Valley's boundaries will be completely surrounded by Basic, Chaparral and two newer schools, Foothill and Silverado.

Who would have ever thought that in 1999 Green Valley and Cim-Memorial could be referred to as inner-city schools?

The fact is, times change. And they will continue to.

Five years from now, we might be talking

about the reign of Silverado or the emergence of powerhouses such as Foothill and Centennial.

But for now, it's Cim-Memorial which is at the top of the heap, the team everyone else shoots for.

Green Valley has stepped aside from that role. A role it has played since nearly the inception of the Henderson school.

And while the championships may not come as plentiful for the green and blue, the memories will always remain.

For Green Valley's athletic program was southern Nevada's most prominent program of the decade.

And that's an honor not even the red-hot Spartans can take home this year.

D.J.'s Game Notes — The City of Henderson's basketball team came in second place during this year's Corporate Challenge — but it was a more than respectable second. The team consisting of Brent Ashton, Barry Blazzard, Rob Brisendine, Oriana Christian, Matt Huggins, Brenon Jones, D'auria Mosley and Mike Tassi lost in the finals to the Barbary Coast, which was led by former Cheyenne HS and UNLV point guard Chancellor Davis and former Georgetown Hoya Irvin Church... On Tuesday, the News named Ray Brewer sports editor. Brewer has been with the News as a sports reporter for nearly three years and is ready for the challenge. I think you'll enjoy some of the things he has planned for this section.

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Minor League report

LaRosa given second chance with Jays

Ray Brewer
News Sports Editor

Tom LaRosa has always been a pitcher that puts a lot of pressure on himself.

He simply doesn't know any other way to pitch.

Unfortunately for LaRosa, this pressure hasn't always equalled success.

In fact, last season LaRosa had a miserable campaign with the Fort Myers Twins — Minnesota's Class A affiliate in the Florida State League.

The 1993 Green Valley graduate says his bad outings started to snowball.

"I started the season out with some poor outings because I was trying to do too much," LaRosa, who was drafted by the Twins in the sixth round of the 1996 draft out of UNLV, said. "I put too much pressure on myself to succeed and I wasn't living up to my expectations."



After what the Twins deemed an unproductive spring training they gave LaRosa his release.

Call that the low point in LaRosa's career.

"You are obviously pretty sad for yourself," LaRosa said. "You have hopes and dreams of making it to the big leagues. Then they call you in and say you can't make it with them. It's a big shot to the ego."

But LaRosa learned fast that there are 29 other teams out there.

The Toronto Blue Jays recently signed LaRosa, giving the right-hander a second lease on life.

Toronto sees a lot of upside in LaRosa and his talents.

"Tommy has a real good arm," said Neil Allen, pitching coach for the Blue Jays' extended spring training in St. Catherine, Fla. "He has a good fastball and a real good slider. A majority of the time, he is consistent with his stuff and gets all of his pitches over."

LaRosa is currently in extended spring training with the Blue Jays and anticipates being assigned to Double A Knoxville, Tenn., or the organization's High Single A Florida State League team.

Now LaRosa — who joins fellow Green Valley graduates Joe Orloski (1998) and Taylor Smith (1997) in the Blue Jays' system — is set to make amends for his

disastrous performance with the Twins.

"I look at this as a great opportunity to come in and play," LaRosa, who anticipates coming out of the bullpen, said. "I think they are going to give me a shot."

It's a shot LaRosa deserves. "We think he just needs to be real consistent with all of his pitches," Allen said. "He has good stuff and will be just fine."

At 23, LaRosa knows he is at his peak.

"There is always a sense of urgency I put on myself," LaRosa said. "Like I said, I have high expectations for myself. I have the ability to pitch at this level. When you feel that way about yourself, there is always an urgency to get things done."

If you know of any Henderson-area athletes currently in the minor leagues, we'd like to hear their story. Give us a call at 435-7000 with the information.

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Basic tries for repeat as volleyball champions

Gary Thiessen
News Staff Writer

Basic and Green Valley high schools qualified from the Sunrise Division for this year's southern Nevada zone tournament. The top four finishers in both the Sunrise and Sunset Divisions are selected to make a run for the title.

This year's tournament will be held May 19-22 at Chaparral.

Basic won its last six matches and held off an inspired Silverado team for a place in the tourney. The most important of the six matches during the streak was a win over the Skyhawks on the Wolves' home court.

"The win over Silverado was a huge victory since it gave us a game up on the Skyhawks," Basic coach Darrin Puana said. "In addition to the one game lead it also gave us the tie breaker in case we ended the season with

First Team Sunrise Division
 Nate Muaina, Basic; Niels Jensen, Green Valley; Ryan Hunt, Silverado.

Honorable Mention
 Brant Stewart, Basic; Derek Muaina, Basic; Jeff Allen, Green Valley.

identical records."

A win over Rancho, couple with a Green Valley loss to Chaparral, the Wolves actually tied for third with the Gators, but will get a better seed because they recorded a better division record.

Basic will open the tournament against Western. The Warriors finished with a 13-3 record.

Basic will need a continued strong effort at the net from Nate Muaina, Doug Bowman and Aaron Swapp to keep its winning streak alive.

"We can't do too much in the three days prior to the start of

the tournament," Puana said. "The best we can hope for is to work on our timing and passing. I believe it helps us to have seen the teams we may play in the tournament."

Green Valley will face Sunset Division champion Durango in its opening match. The Trailblazers went undefeated during the year, finishing with a 20-0 record.

Green Valley started with five match victories, to take an early 5-1 record in the division. The Gators then ran into a mid-season slump, but finished strong winning six of their last eight matches.

"Our kids had their back to the wall on several occasions, but each time they have given a good effort," Green Valley coach Carolyn Carpenter said. "I can always count on our kids to maintain a never-give-up attitude."

The Gators will rely heavily on senior setter Jeff Allen to play a big role in the tournament. They will also look to Niels Jensen, Matt Sugden, Greg Shavaliar and Ean Zeller to lead the way defensively.

"We have a tough opening match against Durango. However, we must focus on each match at hand and not look ahead to what may be," Carpenter said. "Our kids know that we must play at our pace with a total team effort for us to be at our best."

Both Green Valley and Basic began play on Wednesday.

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SILVERADO SENIOR — Silverado softball player Laura Connors, pictured making a diving catch in last week's zone tournament, is one of four seniors on the Skyhawks' roster playing in their

fourth state tournament. Silverado will play Carson in first round action on Thursday at 4 p.m.

SOFTBALL

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"The past three years we had Saturday off and we'd go celebrate Friday night," Arata said. "This year, Pope said that he didn't want to celebrate until next Saturday. Celebrating zone is not enough."

This kind of attitude is what has helped Silverado turn its season around. There were several times earlier in the season when it appeared Silverado was just

going through the motions. "We just knew for the seniors that this is our last season," Hanson said of the turnaround. "We could either go out as losers or winners and we wanted to make a statement in the city."

Winning state would be the biggest statement of all. Not to mention a great graduation present for the core group of players that are leaving the

Skyhawks' program with four straight zone titles.

"It [winning state] would be the best," Finateri said. "We just want to win for ourselves. Not the principal or administration. Just for us. We have stuck together through all of this."

But make no doubt about it, winning this double-elimination format tournament will be no easy task.

Silverado will need to do the little things: field, hit and pitch.

"This year we are going in with a lot more confidence," Connors said. "We just know how to get the job done."

Hanson added, "There is nothing to be scared about. If we do our best, we'll come out on top."

And coming out on top is something the Skyhawks' program has planned all along.

SWIMMING

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five finish at state," Sill said. "Realistically, top four is within our reach."

Even though it's hard for Sill and Crouch to stomach a top four finish after having such a great year, that's the price both programs must face in terms of swimming politics.

Southern Nevada had 19 teams that competed in this year's zone meet, with the top four finishers in each race qualifying for state. The north, who only had 11 teams in its zone, qualifies the same number of swimmers in each event.

When it is all said and done, northern powers like Reno High School can win a title with points they get for just finishing a race.

It's a numbers game that puts

the handcuffs on the south. Unless a team — for example the 1996 Green Valley boys team — dominates in every event, a school from the south like Green Valley or Silverado won't have enough swimmers in the pool to earn points.

So, in this year's state meet there are 36 spots each for the north and south — nine events with four swimmers in each heat.

In the boys meet, Reno — who won the 4A northern zone title — will have 16 out of the north's 36 spots. On the other side, Silverado's zone championship boys team will only have eight of the south's 36 spots.

With all of the number crunching thrown aside, Crouch looks for freshman Kurt Cady to con-

tinue his stellar freshman campaign and capture some state honors.

"Obviously, Kurt is our best swimmer," Crouch said. "Without him, we wouldn't have reached the level we did this year."

Cady was a double winner in last week's zone meet, capturing titles in the 200IM and 100 breaststroke.

In addition to Cady, Silverado's boys team has received contributions from seniors Brady Hess and Patrick Dr. as well as Jon Ewing.

On the girls side, Green Valley will be led by senior diver Aubrie Cropper and sprinter Tanya Gabriele.

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TRACK

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dropped off a little bit at the zone meet as they finished third. Oslund, DeVoge and Juarez will team with Wes Kramer at the state meet to run the 3,200 relay.

"We need to run better than we did in zone or we are not going to be right in there," Burgess said.

On the girls side, Rochelle Campbell and Sally Weedman will represent the Wolves as they both qualified for the state meet.

Campbell will compete in the 800, an event she finished second in at the zone meet as she helped Basic to an eighth place finish.

Weedman will compete in the pole vault as she finished fourth in the zone meet. Weedman, only a freshman, will use this meet as a stepping stone for the future.

"This will give her valuable experience," Burgess said. "We look to the north to dominate [the pole vault]. They have three girls go over 10 feet."

The girls 3,200 relay team also qualified for state as they set a new zone record last weekend and hold the fastest time in the state in that event this season. The crew will consist of Campbell, Natalie Hicken, Jennifer Bowman and Jennifer Randall.

The key for the Wolves at the state meet is having good weather and having everyone compete well.

"I think we've got to run like we have been running," Burgess said. "All our kids could place top four or five no problem. They have to do what they are capable of and everything else will take care of itself."

"Crazy things happen in the zone and state meet. You never know what is going to happen."

GREEN VALLEY

The Gators head into the state meet with four boys and four girls.

The Gators are coming off of last weekend's seventh place finish in the boys and sixth

place finish on the girls side.

On the boys side, Qadir Amin will compete in the long jump after finishing third at last week's zone meet.

Maurice Windham will compete in the triple jump after he finished third in that event last weekend.

The Gators will also be represented by the Carro brothers, Jason and Justin, as the two finished second and third, respectively, at the zone meet.

"The guys that are going to state look really good, actually," Gator coach Blaine Thompson said. "They all actually have an outside chance of winning. There is an exceptionally good field in the triple and long jump both. [In the pole vault], it just depends on who happens to be on that day."

On the girls side, Abby Miller leads the way as the junior won both the 1,600 and 3,200 events at last weekend's zone meet. Miller, after winning the state cross country title in the fall and dominating the field during the track season, is the favorite heading into the state meet.

Also competing for the Gators will be Jessica Spoto. Spoto is a double qualifier as well as she finished third in the 200 and fourth in the 100 at the zone meet.

Sarah Frei will also represent the Gators at the state meet as she finished third in the 300 hurdles at the zone meet last weekend.

The final representative for Green Valley will be Michelle Muscato in the pole vault. Muscato won the pole vault at the zone meet and has dominated the valley this season. She will face some tough competition from the north during this weekend's state meet.

The keys for the Gators will be the weather and what the north has to offer.

"If they prepare right, [the weather] is a big advantage for the north," Thompson said. "They have been running some pretty decent times in March.

When they get warm weather, it gets better. They also run at more altitude there. Here it is a little lower altitude. If it's exceptionally hot, it would give us a little bit of an advantage. The only advantage I think [for us] is you don't have to travel."

SILVERADO

The Silverado girls head into the state meet with confidence after winning the southern zone title this past weekend. The Skyhawks will have eight individual athletes at the state meet as well as three relay teams.

Leading the way for the Skyhawks is junior Lara Saye. Saye won the discus at the zone meet and is the defending state champion. She will also compete in the shot put after finishing second in that event last weekend.

Also in the discus for the Skyhawks will be Sara Freels and Cherise Quimby, who finished third and fourth, respectively, last weekend.

Nicole Wright will run the 100 and 200 for the Skyhawks after finishing second in both events at the zone meet.

LeAnna Brink will run the 400 after finishing second last weekend and Lindsay Appuglise will run the 800 after finishing third in that event at the zone meet.

Femia Durosini finished third in last weekend's zone meet in the triple jump to make it into the state meet and DeAnna Appuglise will run in the 400.

The Skyhawks will also run in the 400, 1,600 and 3,200 relay races after qualifying last weekend.

"They look good," Skyhawk coach Bill Walker said. "They look like they have all season. They pretty much take things in stride. It's a little bit different this time because we don't know a whole lot about the teams we are going against. It's a different kind of week."

On the boys side, Marques Rose will lead the way as he led the Skyhawks to a second place

finish in last weekend's zone meet. Rose won the 400 and finished fourth in the 200.

Also competing on the boys side will be Jay Clyde. Clyde set the zone record last weekend in winning the 800.

Dustin Hudspeth will compete in the 1,600 and 3,200 after finishing second in both events at zone.

Rosauro Belzer will compete in the 100 after finishing fourth last weekend and Joel Masaniai will compete in the shot put as he finished second at zone. Jordan Erickson is the final individual qualifier for the Skyhawks as he finished third last weekend in the discus.

The Skyhawks will also run in the 800 and 1,600 relays.

"It's always that time of the year where you want to do quality things without getting them too tired," Walker said. "They are pretty relaxed and loose. I tell them what they need to do and they do it."

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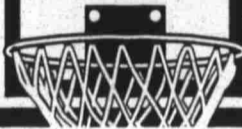
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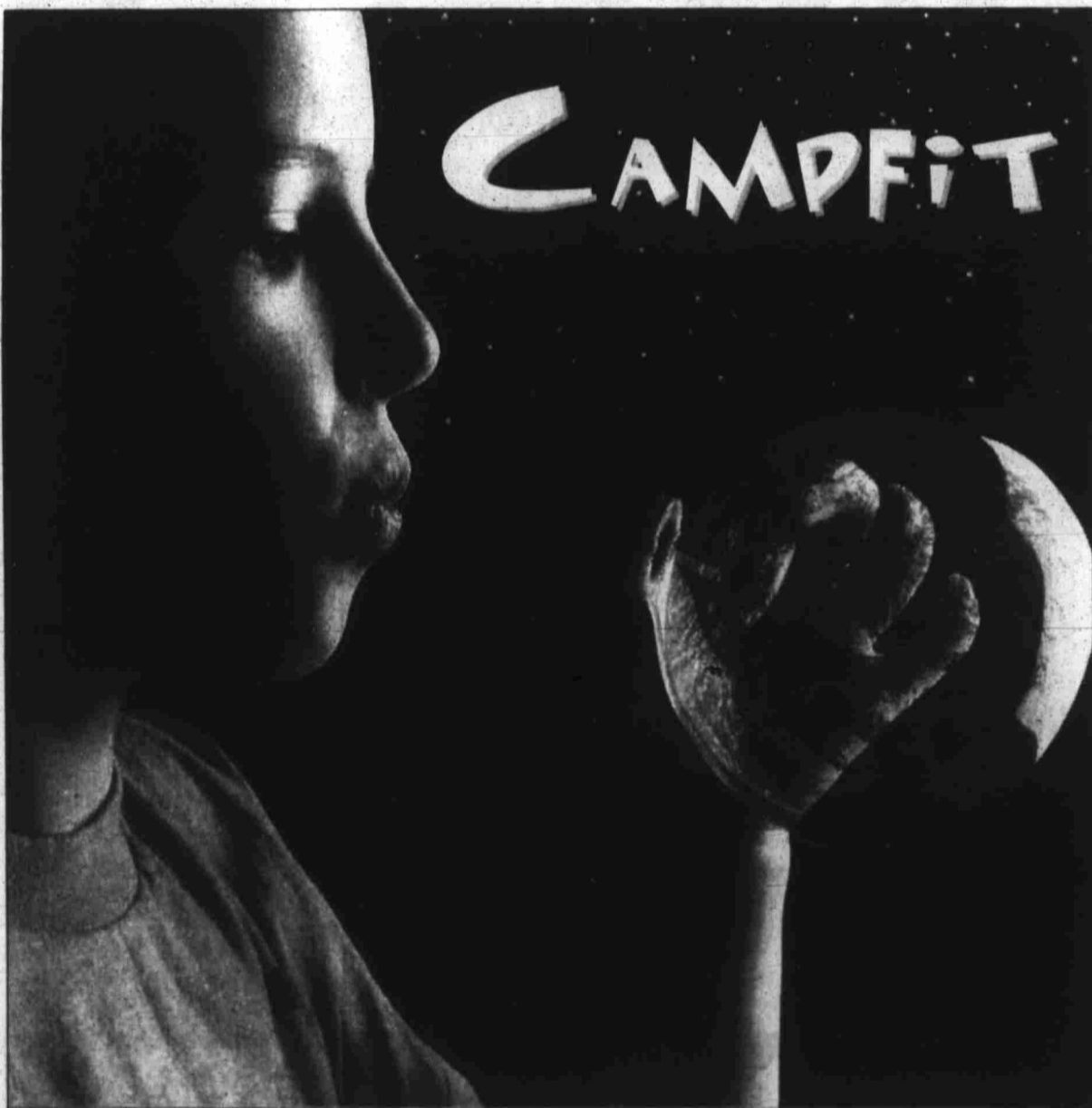
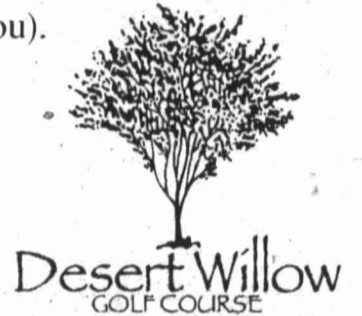
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Angels	6	4	0
Bluejays	3	7	0
Cubs	2	8	0
Cardinals	1	9	0
Pee Wee League Zone 2			
Athletics	8	1	0
Allstars	8	1	0
Bluejays	5	3	1
Orioles	4	5	0
Yankees	4	5	0
Stars	2	5	2
Diamondbacks	3	6	0
Twins	0	8	1
Midget League VV			
Bluejays	8	1	1
Royals	6	2	2
Diamondbacks	6	2	2
Reds	3	6	1
Cubs	1	7	2
Padres	1	7	2
Midget League SS			
Red Sox	8	1	0
Mets	8	1	0
Braves	5	4	0
Gators	3	6	0
Padres	3	6	0
Rockies	0	9	0
Jr. Zone 1/2			
Spartans	6	1	0
Devil Rays	6	2	0
Cardinals	5	3	1
Cubs	4	3	1
Vols	2	8	0
Diamondbacks	2	8	0
Minor Softball Zone 3			
Diamondbacks	8	1	0
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Stars	6	2	1
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Giants	2	7	0
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Folk Festival

Music and crafts at Bicentennial Park

Rose Ann Rabiola Miele
News Staff

Boulder City's Bicentennial Park hummed with the sounds of folk music and story-telling last weekend.

Moms, dads and kids enjoyed the folk art and the art of being together as a family.

This was the third such festival, the idea of Boulder City resident and educator James Bowen.

By Saturday afternoon, Bowen had trouble remembering what day it was — he was so tired from story-telling, playing Bluegrass and just plain working on the festival. He explained he was "paying the price" for having "too much fun."

Bowen said this year featured "more workshops, more kids being able to sit down with a different variety of artists, and families sitting down together and enjoying folk art."

Even though Friday evening was extremely windy, the festival drew "a great turn-out" of several hundred people, Bowen said.

Bowen said the festival is getting bigger and better each year.

"We really want families, the community, to be able to sit down with artists and to not only watch demonstrations of the folk art, but we want them to be allowed hands-on [participation] like the Appalachian dulcimer (performed by Bowen's brother, Jerry)," he said.

"Right now there are 10 kids over there playing an instrument that they've never seen before in their life. We've got people sitting in the workshops walking away, going, "This is way cool, this is too much."

This year's workshops included music of the Steel Drums from the Rupert Henry group, Appalachian Dulcimers with Jerry Bowen, and South American Music by Condor. Workshops taught the crafts of Native American Rattles by Mignon Wall, Stone Art by Laurie Adams, and the story-telling of Antonio Sacre and Leticia Pizzino.

Folk and Bluegrass music was provided by Homemade Jam and The Marty Warburton Band. Boulder City's own Dance Etc. folk dancers performed on Friday and Saturday, and the Garrett Middle School String Orchestra showed its versatility by performing folk music.

"It's been a wonderful experience," said Torrie Haney, volunteer leader for this year's festival. "Last year, I was a volunteer and I loved it so much ... Close to 60 people ... have made this thing really work [this year.] The kids have been the best. Every age group has been involved."

"The little kids working in the booth are calling the people in the booth next to them grandma and grandpa. That's the age spread, so it's wonderful," Haney said.

She also acknowledged all the festival's sponsors who not only donated their time and money but attended the festival in person.

"We couldn't do it without the sponsors and the volunteers," she said.

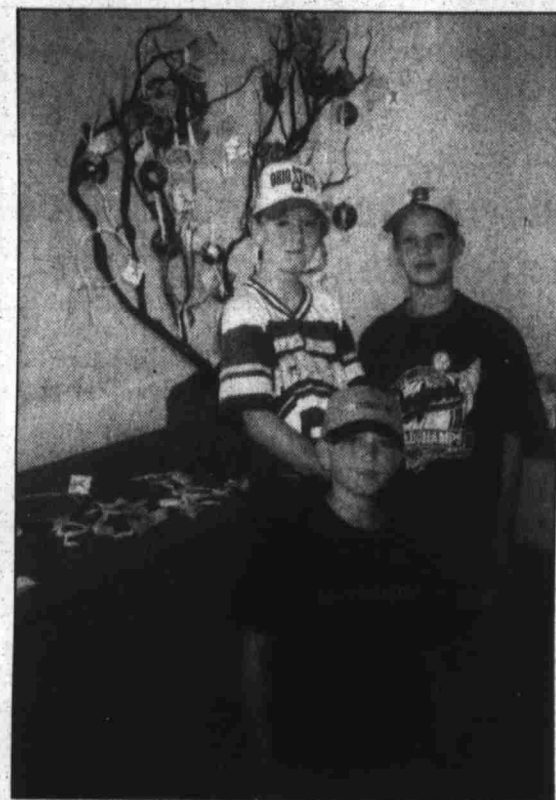


Folk dancers from Dance Etc. perform at the Folk Festival.



Teresa Doolittle of Condor demonstrates a sound of nature with a hand-made instrument.

While this year's folk festival drew its largest audience yet, Bowen said, "it doesn't matter if we had 50 people or if we had 5,000. What matters is that it's quality and that the people that are here enjoy it."



Standing in front of a tree of hand-crafted dreamcatchers are Andrew Rush, David Brown and kneeling is Wayne Putz.



Dave Currey plays the dobro guitar along with Jim Bowen on percussion and Jerry Bowen on guitar. The group is called the Dust Bowl Boys.

For those who missed this year's folk festival, Bowen and friends keep the spirit of folk alive with "Great Pumpkin Patch Stories" in October. The event will be complete with spooky stories, hot chocolate and cider. For more information, call 294-0494.

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REAL ESTATE

A monthly feature of the News: Next week, Automotive

Red Rock Country Club unveils model homes

Chuck N. Baker
News Staff

At last year's "Las Vegas Housing: 2000 and Beyond" conference at UNLV, event coordinator Arnold Stalk noted that the Las Vegas Valley has witnessed an explosion of growth that is unprecedented and has created a city and a skyline that is truly world-class.

He noted that "no ideas are considered to be too far-fetched, no plan is ignored without a second or third look." He said growth has been so aggressive and explosive that the infrastructure cannot compete with development appetites.

Stalk said that new towns have been created within the valley virtually overnight and mega-resorts have been erected that continue to astonish tourists.

Sunrise Colony Co. at the Red Rock Country Club has tossed its hat into the mix with its 738-acre, private country club community located on the western edge of Summerlin, adjacent to the scenic Red Rock National Conservation area.

The private, 24-hour guard-gated enclave is highlighted by two, 18-hole Arnold Palmer-de-

signed golf courses and a wide variety of social and recreational amenities. About 1,100 elegant homes will be built in a series of neighborhoods adjacent to the two championship golf courses and most of the homes will provide panoramic views of the golf courses, mountains or city lights.

"The 15 elegant model homes being unveiled showcase the finest work of four teams of renowned architects and our in-house team of professional interior designers," said Jack Conlon, president of Sunrise Colony Company.

"The floor plans demonstrate an innovative approach to design and the flexibility they offer will give our buyers vast opportunities to highly personalize and customize their selected homes. Each home will offer three choices of exterior architectural styling and all of our buyers will have access to the services of professional interior designers from our in-house Design Studio."

Home buyers at Red Rock Country Club can choose from five collections of homes encompass-



Courtesy photo

Home buyers at Red Rock Country Club can choose from five collections of homes encompassing 17 floor plan designs. Priced from the upper \$200,000 to more than \$1.5 million, the one- and two-story designs range from 2,156 square feet to homes that can be expanded to more than 7,000 square feet. Homes with up to six bedrooms and a four-car garage are available.

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Goodwill of Southern Nevada names board of directors

Phil Weisman, owner of PDT Associates, Inc., has been elected chairman of the 1999 board of directors for Goodwill of Southern Nevada, Inc.

Weisman has served on the board since 1995, most recently as vice chairman. Serving with Weisman on the executive committee are: vice chairman Edd Kluth, owner of Advantage Parking Service; secretary Brian Mc Evilly, president of McEvilly Benefits; and treasurer Ted Atencio, retired Citibank vice president.

Other board members at-large include: Nick Pandelis, Hugh Barnett, Darryl Cronfeld, Don Davidson, Dave Haag, Geno Hill, Mark Jones, Esq., Lillian McMorris, Brenda Meehan, Kay Sholine and Carroll Varner.

"These outstanding members of our community donate their time and expertise to help Goodwill help our neighbors with disabilities start new careers in our community," said Steve Chartrand, president/CEO of Goodwill. "For that, we are grateful."



Phil Weisman

In 1998, 105 people with disabilities and other special needs were served through Goodwill programs and 73 individuals started new careers.

Goodwill is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide training, employment and job placement services for people with disabilities and other special needs to maximize the quality of life of each individual served.

For more information about Goodwill of Southern Nevada, Inc., visit the Web site at www.sngoodwill.org, or call (702) 597-1107.

Nevada launches official millennium campaign

Nevada tourism officials recently announced details about the state's official "Making Millennium Magic" campaign to attract visitors and the business community to a 15-month celebration marking the coming of the once-in-1,000 years occurrence.

The campaign of the Nevada Commission on Tourism (NCOT), "Nevada2000: Making Millennium Magic," involves statewide events and activities, a new Web site, souvenir gifts and commemorative merchandise, and a campaign kit for the business and tourism communities.

The celebration and parade of millennium events will begin this year on Nevada Day weekend, Oct. 30, and conclude on Jan. 15, 2001, the birthday of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King.

"Nevada is the place to celebrate an extraordinary event in history that none of us will ever forget," said Lt. Gov. Lorraine Hunt, NCOT chair and a member of Gov. Kenny Guinn's Nevada Millennium Committee. "We will help make the millennium extra special by giving people 15 months of events and activities that offer something to suit every taste."

Millennium activities and events from glittery and glamorous to ghost towns and getaways will occur daily in Nevada throughout the celebration.

"Nevada's celebration will begin this fall as a drum roll for the big event on New Year's," NCOT Executive Director Tom Tait said. "The celebration will last throughout 2000 and into 2001, covering all seasons of the year. Celebrate in Nevada and you get a bonus because our 24-hour life-style allows for 'Making Millennium Magic' around the clock."

Millennium Web site

Nevada's new official Millennium Web site is found at www.2000nevada.com and also is accessible through NCOT's regular Web site, www.travelnevada.com.

The site offers a searchable database of statewide events listed in the 15-month Millennium Countdown Calendar, special millennium-related travel packages, a virtual Millennium Gift Shop with official Nevada2000 merchandise, a campaign kit for Nevada entities to adopt the official millennium logo, and a press room with information for news media and travel writers.

Visitors to the Web site events section can e-mail a special millennium postcard invitation to celebrate in Nevada.

Millennium gifts and merchandise

The Millennium Gift Shop carries items emblazoned with NCOT's special logo, "NV2000-Making Millennium Magic," including T-shirts, golf shirts, countdown clocks, seasonable fleece vests and sweatshirts, baseball caps, teddy bears, jewelry, golf balls, water bottles, coffee mugs and other trinkets.

Gifts can be ordered on-line, or callers to the millennium hotline can receive a wholesale catalog with more than 300 gift selections for large quantity purchases.

Millennium toll-free hotline

Nevada's official toll-free telephone hot line for callers to receive quick, convenient information about the millennium celebration, 1-877-2000-NEV, is usable throughout the United States and Canada. International inquiries should call (775) 687-4322, the regular telephone number for the Nevada Commission on Tourism. Callers can request a 15-month Millennium Countdown Calendar and other visitor information and order NV2000 merchandise.

NV2000 logo

Nevada's millennium campaign carries the abbreviated logo NV2000 on advertising, events, and merchandise. NCOT offers Nevada's tourism and business community an opportunity to unite in an official celebration. The logo/campaign kit is available through the Web

site or by calling the toll-free hotline or the NCOT offices, (775)687-4322.

Millennium events

During the celebration, Nevada's wide assortment of new and popular existing events will take on a millennium focus. Events will include the nation's longest off-road race, the Nevada 2000, running July 8-15, 2000, with a 2,000-mile loop around the state, beginning and ending in Las Vegas. Old favorites include The Cowboy Poetry

Gathering in Elko each January, which in 2000 will be about "Cowboys and Rancing Culture at the Millennium."

Millennium events throughout Nevada will be listed on the www.2000nevada.com web site, and in a special Millennium Countdown calendar of events section of Nevada Magazine, a division of NCOT. Nevada Magazine is found on the web at www.nevadamagazine.com.

The Events Calendar will lengthen as the months roll by and new events are added.

Finance is alternative for information technology executives, survey says

If they had not opted for careers in technology, many information technology executives would be busy tracking their firms' budgets and capital expenditures, according to a recent survey of chief information officers (CIOs).

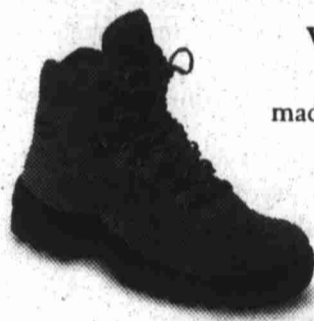
When asked which field they would have entered if they had not pursued positions in information technology, one in five respondents (21%) said accounting and finance. Teaching ranked second, receiving 15% of the response.

The survey was developed by RHI Consulting, a leading specialized consulting firm that provides information technology professionals on a project basis. Conducted by an independent research firm, the survey includes responses from 1,400 CIOs from a stratified random sample of U.S. companies with more than 100 employees.

CIOs were asked, "If you had not chosen a career in technology, which field would you have been most likely to pursue?" Following are the results among the more than 1,200 CIOs who cited an alternate career in response to the question:

Accounting and finance, 21%; teaching, 15%; engineering, 11%; medicine, 9%; business administration, 8%; entertainment/recreational services, 5%; law, 5%; marketing, 5%; scientific research, 4%; other (responses under 3%), 17%.

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A candlelit table by the bay.

Lake Las Vegas Resort announces the opening of their first waterfront gourmet restaurant, La Chande, featuring European and Continental cuisine.

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Who's doing the exploiting at bachelor parties?

Carolyn:
 My boyfriend will be attending a string of bachelor parties for his friends in the next couple of months, and I'm sure some will be pretty raunchy, with strip bars or strippers on the agenda.

Besides the fact that I don't want him hanging around naked women, I think participation in this kind of thing is degrading to humans in the extreme. He dislikes the idea of strip bars, but he wants to be with his friends, so he is going to go.

The feminist voice in me says "No way, it's wrong, I'm not going to compromise my beliefs," yet I'm in love, so what's a girl to do? How and why do women put up with men engaging in crude behavior? I'm sure there are other feminists in love out there who are dealing with similar issues.

-E.H.
 Please introduce me to the man who assures his girlfriend that he in fact loves the idea of strip joints.

Actually, don't. But not because the girly world breaks my feminist heart. For every boy who's been a boy, there's a girl in pasties making him pay for the privilege. Exploitative? Sure. But who's exploiting whom, exactly? It's like deciding who occupies moral high ground, Jerry Springer's guest or his studio audience > hard to

TELL ME ABOUT IT

CAROLYN HAX

see when you're face down in the dirt.

If the feminist in you thinks this reasoning doesn't fly, please let me introduce you to another flightless bird... "...yet I'm in love, so what's a girl to do?"

The way I see it, the two real issues are one you cited — your boyfriend among nudies — and one you just touched on, the dingy film that seems to settle on anyone or anything associated with stripping.

The remedy for the former is this thing we call "trust." Is clothing what keeps your boyfriend faithful? The remedy for that is this thing we call "staying single."

But, as my husband reminded me, same-sex hetero gatherings aren't known for their maturity, particularly after tee many martonis. For your normally trustworthy but highly intoxicated sweetie who gets goaded by his highly intoxicated buddies into doing something he won't be proud of sober, we have your basic strip-club security: bouncers built like dishwashers. I defy revelers of either sex to paw a dancer.

The stripper who makes house calls, on the other hand, rarely arrives with the same assurance. And so, predictably,

the stories that come out of back-room parties, while rarely crossing over into infidelity, routinely cross over into gross. The moral, I suppose, for the affianced: Choose your beloveds carefully, then celebrate your choice at a strip bar.

Which brings us right to the issue of ick. Bachelors, bachelorettes and their buddies who fete them with skin — they're all doing the exploitation two-step, and no excuse or justification or rationalization can change that. But if they only dance it at bachelor parties, frankly, I can live with it. As long as they don't enjoy it, of course.

Dear Carolyn:

I am an "out" lesbian who works with a married female co-worker who continuously came onto me sexually and came out of the closet to me. After about a year of being very close to this woman, I told her I love her very much. Now, she denies coming on to me, liking women and is very cold and won't even speak to me. What should I do? How could this woman turn on me like this? Also, she just recently left her husband.

-Help

Leave her be — as far away from you as your workday life will permit. The past year of this woman's life has consisted of inner turmoil, professional

risk and family chaos, capped off by self-loathing and a very likely divorce. You saw her through this parade of agony, and now you probably remind her of it. It's sad. It happens. Move on.

Dear Carolyn:

I disagree with our theory that hints are the universal language of courtesy.

I am a single male, and I can pick up on hints. But I am very resentful when I am forced to take a hint rather than just be told that people are not interested. Anything but the direct approach tells me they don't think enough of me to be direct. Anything short of directness makes the opposite sex an opponent, and I am tired of playing games.

-Single and Tired

Make that "Single and Beat All to Hell." Wow.

You're a bit off the mark, too. My exact words were, "People believe hints are the universal language of courtesy." But still. Using hints instead of blunt truths has nothing to do with people's opinion of you, and everything to do with their mortal dread of an awkward moment. Is that good? No. You're right. But it's not as bad as you make it out to be, either. If the game's so painful for you, consider sometime on the bench.

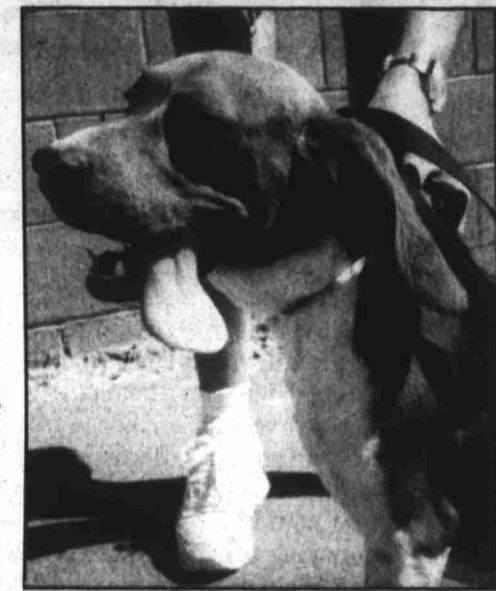
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PET OF THE WEEK



Ben is a cute male tri-colored beagle. He has a very high energy level and needs a big yard. He is also very friendly. Ben is looking for a good home.

Photo courtesy of National Charity League, Green Valley Chapter

Call the Henderson Animal Shelter, 565-2033

Show to help Emergency Food Program

Gary Marshal announced that St. Matthew's Episcopal Church will stage an admission-free benefit show for the Church's Emergency Food Outreach Program at 7 p.m. Friday, May 28, in the Concert Hall at the Whitney Library, 5175 East Tropicana Ave.

The food program has an urgent need for a van to move donated food items.

Marshal, volunteer/founder of the program at St. Matthew's will be master of ceremonies and perform at the benefit. He formerly appeared as leading man in "Hallalujah, Hollywood!" at the former MGM Grand, and in "Jubilee!" at Bally's when it opened in 1981.

He later went on to star in the national tour of "42nd Street-The Musical" and also was featured in "The Phantom of the Opera" during its four-year run at the Los Angeles Music Center.

He will be joined onstage by Michael Ray Tyler, the American Dance Co., Jaymi Marshal, and the Eldorado Jazz Singers, winners of three awards, including Outstanding Choir, at the 1999 All-American Choir Festival in Orlando. Also featured will be the Herbic Dell Trio.

For more information contact Gary Marshal, 898-0321.

Construction contracts, title insurance are topics of Lied Institute program

"Construction Contracts and Law" and "Title Insurance Underwriting and Issues" will be the next topics covered in the Certified Graduate Builder's series, sponsored by the Lied Institute for Real Estate Studies in conjunction with the Southern Nevada Homebuilder's Association.

The course about construction contracts will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 15 on the UNLV campus, Beam Hall (BEH), Room 108. The instructor will be Shauna Brennan of SGG Management Co.

The course about title insurance will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. May 15 on the UNLV Campus, Beam Hall (BEH), Room 109. Instructors include Kazmer Bernath, Ron Ciaramella and Lori Bobrick, all from First American Title Co. of Nevada.

For more information or to register, contact Donna Weiss of the Lied Institute at 895-4492.

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Water safety festival this weekend at lake

This weekend, the Desert Valley Water Safety Council will host the Water Safety Festival, geared for educating and sharing water safety tips with the general public.

Scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 22, and Sunday, May 23, the Water Safety Festival will be held at the special events beach at the Lake Mead National Recreation Area.

According to the Desert Valley Water Safety Council, there will

OUTDOORS WITH BARB

BARB HENDERSON

be fun activities for children and adults, which will include a scavenger hunt, lifejacket relay, rescue relay race, and a cardboard boat building contest and race.

Along with those fun activities, the council is also planning several demonstrations on the

following topics: visual distress signals, fire extinguisher use, dive flags, emergency equipment, marine band radio, air ambulances, safe fueling, life jackets, self rescue and boat equipment. There will be a special demonstration by the Las Vegas Search and Rescue Team.

During this two-day event, there will be Coast Guard Boat Inspections at the Hemenway Ramp, for boaters who are getting ready for the start of the

season.

If you are among the many outdoor enthusiasts who enjoy any of the water sports, like swimming, boating, SCUBA, paddle crafts, fishing, personal water crafts or skiing, just to name a few ... this two-day event should be of interest to you.

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New gadgets and accessories for your boat

Most of us old-time skippers will be honest and confess that we always need to buy accessories for our boat. Even if we don't need an item, the urge to buy can't be overcome.

That is why I always enjoy paging through the many boating catalogs I receive and going to visit a marine dealership. My list of things I need always gets longer after the mailman arrives.

The solution for a versatile 12-volt light was displayed in a recent issue and might be worth checking out. Called the Mega-Light, this small unit draws minimum amps and comes with a 15 foot cord and a cigarette lighter plug. (One of the first things I had installed on my rig was a lighter receptacle.) This light turns on and off automatically with a photo cell and I would think it would be suitable for an anchor light as well as illuminating your helm area. There were two different prices for the same unit in two different catalogs so shop around for the best buy.

There are a lot of anti-theft devices on the market, some to prevent the wheels on your trailer from turning and others to protect the trailer coupling. With many boats having auxiliary motors, some type of security chain or lock should be considered. Chains that are coated to prevent scratches and come with a heavy duty lock are fairly inex-

BOATING WITH RAY

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pensive.

Anything to deter a thief. One catalog devoted three pages to safety devices for a boat or trailer so there is a lot to choose from.

A nifty item I discovered at a local dealership was an air horn that could be recharged by just pumping air into the can. This unit had the pump included. No environmental problem with this horn.

Another ingenious accessory was a bucket that fills from the bottom. Drop it into the water and a flap opens up to allow water to enter. Once enough water is in the bucket and you lift it up, the flap closes, sealing without leaking. No more struggling to get water with a regular bucket. Wonder what genius thought of that?

I can hardly wait until next month's publications to arrive so I can see what other stuff I might need. One advantage of this kind of shopping is that it does not cost anything which is a good thing. Our bank balance does not allow overspending.

A reminder that this month is my annual column to have you check your fire extinguishers. If they need service, take them to a certified dealer. I have recom-

mended that when you purchase a new extinguisher, buy a good one that can be recharged. It might cost more but it will be cheaper in the long run.

Coming up this weekend is the inaugural Water Safety Festival to be held at Boulder Beach. This event will kick off National Safe Boating Week and from the list of displays and demonstrations in their news release, this is something you should not miss.

You can get your boat inspected at the Hemenway Ramp (Courtesy Marine Examination), get involved in boat races and build a cardboard boat which you must use in a relay race. That should be interesting. Along with that event will be a life jacket relay. Just to be safe, I imagine.

The festival will go from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be food concessions and other entertainment so plan on coming out to support the Desert Valley Water Safety Council. The emcee will be Barb Henderson who seems to be everywhere whenever something is going on in the outdoors.

A special congratulation goes out to Dale Antonich, chief ranger at Lake Mead, who received the Harry Yount Award for Excellence for his work with the National Park Service. Vice President Al Gore made the presentation.

American Cancer Society accepts camp applications

The American Cancer Society is accepting applications for two summer camps in July for children 8 to 15 years of age with cancer and their siblings.

There is no fee for the camp and children are flown to their location courtesy of Angel Flights.

Camp Sunrise and Sunrise Sidekicks are one-week sum-

mer camps located in Arizona. Camp Sunrise is specifically for children who have cancer, or have had cancer.

In addition to canoeing, hiking, fishing, horseback riding, archery and swimming, campers can build birdhouses and participate in science experiments.

Applications for both sum-

mer camps are available at the American Cancer Society, 1325 E. Harmon, through Friday, July 18.

Only 20 campers will be selected based upon completion of their application.

For more information, call Jeanette Rowland, camp coordinator at the American Cancer Society, 798-6877, ext. 228.

UNLV to offer homeowner pool maintenance course

UNLV's Division of Continuing Education has scheduled a money-saving seminar for homeowners enjoying the benefits of pool ownership, but also facing the responsibilities of pool maintenance.

Three two-hour sessions will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, June 3-17, in Room C114 of the Classroom Building Complex on campus.

Instructor Jeff Jarvis, a trained pool technician, will offer tips for pool servicing and repair.

The fee for the course is \$49 which includes a detailed maintenance pool manual. For more information, call 895-3394.

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Biochemical marker targets brain injury leading to movement problems after stroke

Researchers have used biochemical markers for the first time to locate the brain injury that is associated with loss of movement in individuals who have had a stroke. The study is reported in this month's *Stroke: Journal of the American Heart Association*.

The findings are considered significant because scientists are now able to pinpoint an area of the brain associated with loss of movement resulting from a stroke. Identifying the location of brain cell damage provides scientists with a target site for designing treatments that could halt or slow the progression of such cell damage in stroke patients.

To locate this brain region, the scientists measured levels of a biochemical substance found almost exclusively in adult brain cells. They used magnetic resonance spectroscopy (MRS), a technique for quantitative measurements of the concentrations of biochemical substances, to measure levels of N-acetylaspartate (NAA) in various areas of the brain.

The role of NAA in the brain is unclear, but studies suggest it may be associated with protein building and the

transmission of signals between nerve cells. The researchers found reduced concentrations of NAA in a particular brain region were linked with weakness in patients with stroke. This region, known as the internal capsule, has nerve pathways that transmit signals to and from the brain.

"When combined with magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), a visualization method for detecting clots or blockages in the brain that trigger most strokes, MRS provides scientists with a panoramic, interactive view of both site and function within the nervous system," said leading researcher Sarah T. Pendlebury, MRCP, at the Centre for Functional Magnetic Resonance of the Brain, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, United Kingdom.

George Hademenos, Ph.D., staff scientist with the American Heart Association, noted that these findings suggest that the injured brain cells within the internal capsule could be targeted by neuroprotective agents, thus minimizing the extent of permanent disabilities in stroke patients. If administered promptly, these agents could protect brain cells from

irreversible injury caused by the loss of oxygen and other vital nutrients, thus halting further brain cell damage following the stroke, he adds.

NAA levels were measured in the internal capsule of 12 men and six women who had suffered a stroke within one month to five years before entering the study. Both an MRS and MRI were performed, and NAA concentrations in the internal capsule were calculated for the 18 patients as well as 10 healthy individuals of similar average age who served as controls.

The average internal capsule NAA level was 40 for the patient group compared with 51 for the control group, and the NAA loss was associated with loss of movement.

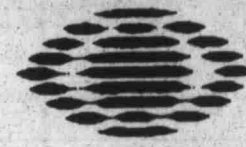
"Since NAA loss is associated with brain cell injury, MRS allows us to predict post-stroke brain damage early, before the actual cell changes appear," Pendlebury said.

Heretofore, scientists have relied upon MRI to visualize cell damage in the brain. Information from MRS of brain cell injury could be used to predict the outcome for stroke patients. Future studies might determine whether the association

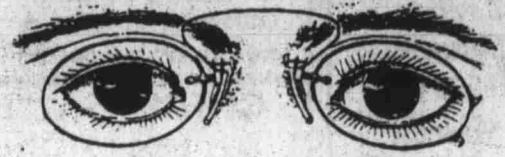
movement loss can be reversed," Pendlebury said.

Other researchers include A.M. Blamire, Ph.D.; M.A. Lee, MRCP; P. Styles, Ph.D.; and P.M. Matthews, D. Phil.

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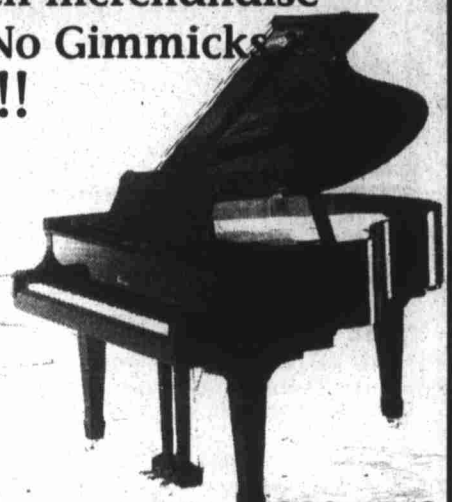


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BIRTHS

- May 6, 1999**
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- May 10, 1999**
Connie Gerlits and Brett Costello, girl.
- May 11, 1999**
Christine and Peter Van Alstyne, boy; Gail and Timothy Ward, boy; Lara and Brad Goldberg, girl; Kelley and Michael Werran, boy; Sherri and Ty Kehoe, boy; Nalleh and Thomas Shetayh, boy.
- May 12, 1999**
Tracy and David Prince, boy; Helena and Pedro Flores, girl; Alisha and Brian Clay, girl; Amy Tressler and Edward Folkman, Jr., boy.
- May 13, 1999**
Carrie and Russell Ketchum,
- boy; Betty and Isham Evans, boy; Courtney and Aaron Wenstrup, boy; Carmella Basils, boy; Grace and Eric Schellenberg, boy; Dalal and Paul Advent, girl.
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The Rawhide Western: A railroad that never was

THIS WAS NEVADA

PHILLIP I. EARL

Among the many Nevada railroad projects which never came to fruition during the early years of the 20th century mining boom was the Rawhide Western, a line which would have connected the camp of Rawhide to the Nevada-California Railroad at Schurz.

The history of the Rawhide Western goes back to the early fall of 1907 when a rush to the mines of Rawhide boosted the camp's population to 3,000 people. Some 30 auto stages were operating from the railheads at Schurz, Fallon and Mina by Christmas time and some 10,000 miners, teamsters, would-be capitalists, saloon girls and other hangers-on were calling the camp home.

Shortly after the first of the new year, 1908, rumors of proposed railroad projects began to circulate. Jim Sword, a Salt Lake capitalist, was said to be planning a 150-ton mill at Schurz and an electric railway connection to Rawhide. Nothing came of this project, however, nor was F.T. Topey of the Nevada Cable Traction Company successful in getting his plan for a line from Yerington off the ground.

There were also persistent stories that officials of the Nevada Central Railroad were considering building west from Austin to Rawhide. The Southern Pacific Railroad was in the news as well in connection with a Rawhide spur, since the line south from Churchill Station had been standard gauged, but Rawhidians had to await the establishment of the Rawhide Western Company by promoter A.G. Renfro in late February 1908.

Incorporated under the laws of West Virginia on Feb. 27, 1908, railroad officials named Fred Grutt, an early Rawhide locator, president. Renfro assumed the position of general manager and announced to the press that \$30,000 had already been raised toward construction costs and that he expected trains to be running within 90 days.

The line was to stretch from the Southern Pacific railhead at Schurz — 28 miles to the west. He had assurances of sufficient shipping grade ore to justify the construction of the line, Renfro said, and Southern Pacific officials were planning to make a site available on Walker Lake for a smelter.

Renfro and C.E. Loss, president of the California Contracting Company, signed a construction contract on March 3, and the initial surveys were completed two weeks later. The grading sub-con-



NEVADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY PHOTOGRAPH

Grading work on the Rawhide Western Railroad, July, 1908.

tractor, Charles W. Reed of the Reed Teaming Co. of Oakland, however, was delayed by work on the Sacramento Southern Railroad. Grutt and Renfro had meanwhile arranged to purchase ties, rail and rolling stock from the Tonopah & Tidewater Railroad.

The grading delay brought forth a proposal to build a competing railroad south from Fallon which would also serve the salt works near San Springs and the mining camp of Fairview, but nothing more was heard of such a plan when grading got under way on April 28.

With 50 men and 80 horses operating loaders, skips and scrapers, a mile and a half of grading had been completed by the first week in May. Renfro told reporters that the crew would be making a mile a day thereafter, although the average was less than half a mile. He also announced that drilling was under way on two wells to provide water for the men and horses.

The first well struck water on May 26 and rumors began to circulate to the effect that Renfro was considering the platting of a new town on the site.

Grading continued apace despite an effort by San Francisco stock brokers to depress the market in Rawhide mining stocks and continual turnovers in the labor force. Town boosters had hoped to celebrate Railroad Day on July 4, Independence Day, but decided to shoot for Labor Day, Sept. 7, when delays piled up.

To speed the work, Renfro brought in 300 Greek laborers in mid-August. Rails and ties were piled up at Schurz by that time and there was talk of using a track-laying machine on the final phase. With less than three miles of grading to go, prospects for a fall opening looked good, but a disastrous fire in Rawhide on Sept. 4 put the project on hold permanently.

In the aftermath of the fire, a corporate reorganization took

place and Charles W. Reed, the grading contractor, succeeded Fred Grutt as president of the railroad.

Reed attempted to persuade the directors of the Rawhide Queen Mine and the Rawhide Coalition into financing the completion of the line. In considering the proposal, officials of both companies decided to examine Rawhide's mining potential.

An engineer, Morton Lindsay, arrived in town in early January 1909 to examine the mines. He concluded that only low-grade milling ore would be found at greater depths and recommended that his employers put their money in local mills rather than a railroad.

Another mining engineer, Malcolm McDonald of Tonopah, did a more intensive survey three months later, arriving at a similar conclusion, so the railroad was again put on the back burner.

On Aug. 31, 1909, Rawhide and the surrounding areas were hit by torrential rains which did serious damage to the town and washed out several sections of the Rawhide Western.

Thereafter, mining officials gave up on any notions of a railroad. Several mills were operating by that time and there was insufficient shipping grade ore to even consider transporting it elsewhere.

The old right-of-way sat aban-

doned until federal officials decided to seek its return in March 1931. The matter was considered in the federal District Court in Carson City over the next several months and an order returning the land was issued in July of that year. The remains of the graded roadbed are still visible east of Schurz 90 years later, mute reminders of an enterprise which never was.

Earl is curator of the Nevada Historical Society in Reno

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LAST WORDS

DEAR DEBBIE

DEBORAH WHITE

Dear Debbie: My mother just died, and my father is from the generation when men did nothing for themselves. He and mom were retired and living down South.

Now he wants to come and live with me. I am a single, career woman who travels on the job. I live in a one-bedroom apartment.

What do I do? No matter how much I impress on him that I don't cook and won't be there to keep him company, he still insists on moving back.

Do you have any other suggestions? I love my dad, but I feel trapped.

GUILT-TRIPPED DAUGHTER

Dear G.T. Daughter: Your dad belongs in a senior living community, a complex with apartments, condos, town houses or small, single homes geared toward active adults over 65. There are restaurants and communal dining and services, such as laundry and pharmacy. There's also medical care on the premises.

Find a few complexes near your home and take your dad to look around. Don't tell him in advance they're for seniors. He'll think you're trying to put him in a nursing home.

Dear Debbie: About 15 years ago, I met a man who's a lot older than me. I was raised without a father, so he appealed to my need for security. We got married.

He didn't change, but I did. I grew out of needing another daddy, so I left him. That was five years ago. We have stayed good friends, and although I've gone with other men, I haven't fallen in love again.

My ex wants to move back in, and I'm considering it. My only concern is that it will be giving up. I'm still young enough to have kids. He can't have any. I don't want to hurt him again.

What should I do?

SECOND TIME AROUND

Dear Second Time Around: If he moves in, you lose your freedom and your privacy. I give it six months before you kick him out.

Why torture a man who really loves you? You don't want what he has to offer. Keep things the way they are, although that's really using him, too.

Send questions or comments to Dear Debbie, P.O. Box 4328, Chicago, Ill. 60680. Or send e-mail to tclark@tribune.com.
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Thermostat jammed at freezing level

If you have trouble reading this column, I'll explain right now it's tough typing while wearing a pair of gloves.

Why am I wearing gloves? I'll tell you why — because I'm married to a man whose thermostat is jammed at the freezing level. That's right! Summer has struck and the polar bear I'm married to has turned on the air-conditioning full-blast.

After spending the winter in a near comatose state (intense cold tends to make one feel sluggish), I can't tell you how much I always look forward to the spring thaw. My thaw didn't last long, hence the gloves.

If all this isn't bad enough, as soon as I sneak out to the driveway where I can sit in the car and thaw for a while, Polar Bear arrives on the scene. "As long as you're in the car," he shouts, "let's go somewhere."

ONCE OVER LIGHTLY

CAROLYN DRENNAN BISHOP

You guessed it, before we are out of the driveway the air-conditioning is cranked up full-blast. What follows is not a pretty sight. As we cruise along, little icicles form on my eyelashes and soon my nose is frozen into an exclamation point.

Worse is yet to come. Let me put it this way: It is distinctly off-putting to anyone we stop and visit along the way, when I end up defrosting all over their carpet. A dripping nose and sagging eyelashes tends to put a pall on any conversation.

I've tried to interject a little humor into my plight. I mentioned merrily the other day that I have been eagerly following

HOROSCOPE

LINDA BLACK

Weekly Tip: The sun is in Gemini. Gemini is the sign of curiosity, so it's a sure bet interesting things will be going on. The competition is fierce.

Aries (March 21-April 19). Move quickly and you may get to the prize before anyone catches you. Listen and learn from your partner and from your friends.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). The sun in Gemini helps you focus on financial matters, as if you didn't do enough of that already. This time, instead of finding ways to save, you'll be finding ways to make more money.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). The sun's in your sign, giving you an advantage, and that's going to get even more obvious as the week progresses. You're looking good, especially if you're working with a partner who has skills you lack.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Your mind is probably buzzing with the sun and Mercury both in Gemini. You're most likely worrying about work-related matters. Just wait a while, and things will calm down.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). You're good with teams. Social activities should be taking up lots of your time, too. You'll have more invitations than you can possibly accept.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You might tend to be nervous while the sun is in Gemini, but the upside is that it makes you even quicker, both mentally and physically.

Synagogue

members to golf

The second annual Putting and Dinner outing of Ahavat Torah Synagogue will be held May 23 at the Angel Park putting course. The tee-off will be at 4 p.m. followed by the Angel Park All-American dinner. The cost will be \$30 per person. The cost of the dinner only is \$20. Reservations and advance payment are required. Contact the Temple office, 242-2111, or contact any board member.

the discovery of the body of an explorer near the top of Mt. Everest. It seems the poor fellow has lain there frozen solid for 75 years. "Perhaps, I, too, will be discovered years from now in a perfectly preserved condition sitting at my computer," I added and chuckled wildly.

I was met with cold stare.

Lately, something else has cold shivers running up and down my spine. I couldn't believe it when I learned yesterday that an innovative new gadget is going to be added to some of next year's cars — seats that turn instantly cold when the air-conditioning is switched on!

Not only will my nose and eyelashes be alternately freezing and melting, something else is going to be dripping on someone's carpet.

If you don't want to think about it, I don't blame you.

Congregation Ner Tamid celebrates Shavuot May 22

At 10 a.m. on May 22, there will be a Yiskor observance followed by a special Shavuot program.

This year's program will be entitled "The Principles of Reform Judaism." Much in the news over the past few months has been the discussion of a new platform of principles for Reform Judaism. Over this time, the platform has been re-

vised many times. Participants can learn about this debate and how Reform Judaism has changed over the decades reflecting contemporary themes as well as ancient concerns.

Rabbi Akselrad and rabbinic intern, Leah Malmon will lead discussions which will give participants the opportunity to learn more about the history and specifics of Reform Jewish

belief.

Call the Temple office, 733-6292, for reservations. Babysitting is available for Friday evening's service and Saturday morning's service and program.

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But often there's a catch. Many dial-arounds require that you talk a minimum length of time before the discounted rate kicks in. In addition, many dial-arounds offer enticing rates on calls that last up to a certain length of time, such as a 99-cent flat rate for a call up to 20 minutes, but you must pay the 99 cents even if you call lasts, for example, only two minutes. Similarly, some dial-arounds may offer a low rate like 10-cents-per-minute, but you don't get the rate unless a 30-cent minimum per call is reached. So, even if you talk for only one or two minutes, you still pay 30 cents.

Additional pitfalls also exist. Since some dial-arounds charge the federal- and state-mandated Universal Service Fee, which your long distance company also must charge, you may end up paying the fee twice if you use a dial-around. Many dial-arounds also include a monthly fee, making them less economical if you're only using them for a few calls.

Does that mean dial-arounds should always be avoided? Not necessarily. If you know your call will last a certain length of time or that you will be a high-volume user for a certain period of time, the dial-around's rates may save you money. By staying informed and understanding that most dial-arounds come with very particular rules and minimum requirements, you'll ensure you don't get taken for a dial-around ride.

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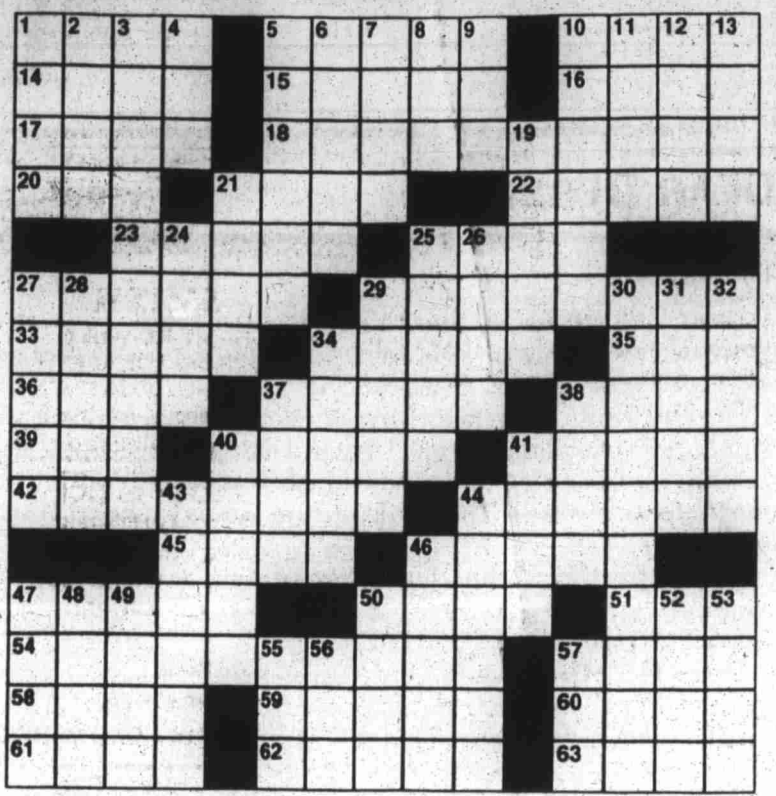
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Man does not live by words alone, despite the fact that sometimes he has to eat them.



NONLITOS

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- ACROSS
- 1 Indian prince
 - 5 Name in violins
 - 10 Wren or hen
 - 14 Type of exam
 - 15 Punctuation mark
 - 16 ben Adhem
 - 17 Corruption
 - 18 Brisbane's state
 - 20 Moose
 - 21 Melody
 - 22 Pound and Stone
 - 23 Shun
 - 25 Gumbo
 - 27 Occupant
 - 29 Ulster
 - 33 Native of Gurn
 - 34 Thomy
 - 35 One: Fr.
 - 36 Record
 - 37 Tilt
 - 38 Recipe word
 - 39 Devoured
 - 40 "... of Two
- Cities*
- 41 Natatoriums
 - 42 Bouquets
 - 44 Java
 - 45 Willie of baseball
 - 46 Inexpensive
 - 47 Spot
 - 50 Jog
 - 51 Once 'around the track
 - 54 Legendary sovereign
 - 57 Medieval war club
 - 58 Take leave it
 - 59 Eat away
 - 60 U.S. satellite
 - 61 Not any
 - 62 Begets
 - 63 Adolescent
- DOWN
- 1 Wander at random
 - 2 Seed covering
 - 3 Upstart
 - 4 Stout
 - 5 Absolve
 - 6 Hillock
 - 7 Nautical word
 - 8 Digit
 - 9 Traveler's stopover
 - 10 French novelist
 - 11 Construction piece
 - 12 Columnist
 - 13 Lemons
 - 19 Crowd together
 - 21 Singer
 - 24 Weathercock
 - 25 Sheeplike
 - 26 Artist
 - 27 Industrial giant
 - 28 Muse of poetry
 - 29 Certain gems
 - 30 Inappropriate
 - 31 Like an old
 - 32 Succinct
 - 34 Overwhelms, as with laughter
 - 37 Remain
 - 38 Divan
 - 40 Capital of Guam
 - 41 Bard
 - 43 One who flees his country
 - 44 Tasks
 - 46 Coarse
 - 47 Hide
 - 48 Josip Broz
 - 49 Shortly
 - 50 God of thunder
 - 52 Yearn
 - 53 Unskilled laborer
 - 55 Thing, in law
 - 56 Numerical prefix
 - 57 Came upon

SLAPSTIX

Dogs come when they're called; cats take a message and get back to you.

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MAGICWORD

HOW TO PLAY: Read the list of words. Look at the puzzle. You'll find these words in all directions—horizontally, vertically, diagonally, backwards. Draw a circle around each letter of a word found in the puzzle, then strike it off the list. Circling it will show a letter has been used but will leave it visible should it also form part of another word. Find the big words first. When letters of all listed words are circled, you'll have the given number of letters left over. They'll spell out your MAGICWORD.

- BUYING A HOME (sol.: 8 letters)
- A-Accres, Asset; B-Bank, Broker, Building, Buyer; C-Cellar, City, Closing, Cost; D-Dates, Deed; E-Equity, Escrow, Executive; F-Farm, File, Finance; H-House; I-Inspect, Interest, Invest; L-Land, Lawyer, Listing, Loan, Look; M-Money, Move; O-Offer, Option; P-Payment, Price; R-Realtor; S-Sell, Sign, Site, Sold; T-Taxes, Terms, Time, Title, Town, Tract, Trade, Trend; U-Unit

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This Week's Answer: MORTGAGE
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PEANUTS® by Charles M. Schulz

HAVE YOU HEARD ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS? I ALWAYS LIKE THE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

"THE ROLE OF SO AND SO WILL BE PLAYED TODAY BY SO AND SO...THE USE OF RECORDING DEVICES AND CAMERAS IS FORBIDDEN"

I LOVE THE ANNOUNCEMENTS... YOU'RE VERY WEIRD, SIR..

YES, MA'AM...IT WAS A GOOD STORY...THANK YOU FOR READING IT TO US..

WAKE UP, RERUN...THE STORY'S OVER...YOU MISSED THE GOOD PARTS..

IT HAD GOOD PARTS?

OUR TEACHER IS MAD AT ME BECAUSE I FELL ASLEEP WHILE SHE WAS READING US A STORY..

BUT AT LEAST I LEARNED SOMETHING..

ALWAYS SIT IN THE BACK ROW..

MORE CARDS! WE NEED MORE CARDS!

WHOOPS!

KEEP LOOKING UP...THAT'S THE SECRET OF LIFE...

KLUNK!

I WAS WRONG...THAT'S NOT THE SECRET OF LIFE...

Garfield® by Jim Davis

COME ON, GARFIELD! LET'S BE HONEST. DOES ANYTHING I SAY EVER GET THROUGH TO YOU?

Y'KNOW, I THINK THAT MOLE ON YOUR NECK IS GETTING BIGGER

BOOK!

BREAK TIME

REMEMBER, KIPS, PIGS ARE AN EXCELLENT SOURCE OF AN IMPORTANT NUTRIENT

BACON GREASE

OCCASIONALLY I PUT THE HUMOR ASIDE AND DO MY PART FOR EDUCATION

SOME PEOPLE AREN'T LUCKY IN LOVE

THEY NEVER FIND THE RIGHT ONE

BUT STILL YOU HOPE

LIKE MY AUNT EDNA

SHE MARRIED A HXENA

OH SURE, HE WAS A LOT OF LAUGHS...

I HAD A DATE LAST NIGHT, GARFIELD

SHE WAS A LITTLE OLDER THAN I EXPECTED

ORPHA, THIS IS JON. I HAVE YOUR TEETH

OH, BABY, BABY

I HAVE TWO HUNDRED FRENCH FRIES IN MY MOUTH!

YOU'RE DISGUSTING

HE HATES TO SEE ME BREAK HIS RECORD

More than 1,000 attend Israel Independence Day

The Jewish Federation of Las Vegas and the Jewish Community Center of Southern Nevada co-sponsored the annual Israel Independence Day community-wide celebration Sunday, May 2, at the Sands Expo & Convention Center.

More than 1,000 people attended the celebration entitled "Israel 2000-The Millennium" in honor of Israel's 51 years of independence.

More than 80 organizations and community members provided informational booths of various cultures, crafts and businesses. Music and entertainment, a children's art display and children's activities added to the day's festivities.

A resource guide to the Jewish community entitled "Resource: A Guide to Jewish Life in Southern Nevada" was made available for free to those who attended the community-wide event. Admission to the entire event was free.

Rachel Ventura and Chris Simon, co-chairmen for this year's Israel Independence Day celebration, said that the celebration "bears witness not only to the extraordinary resilience and accomplishments of the Jewish



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ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE — The Jewish community celebrated Israel's Independence Day on May 2 at the Sands Expo & Convention Center. The Jewish Federation of Las Vegas and the Jewish Community Center sponsored the event.

people in their homeland, but also to the unprecedented economic, technological, and scientific progress that Israel has achieved in the Middle East."

The Jewish Community Center of Southern Nevada (JCCSN) is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering the continuity of Jewish life by providing a variety of programs which bring people of the community to-

gether.

The JCCSN provides educational, social, athletic and cultural programs designed to meet the needs of the Jewish community.

Call JCCSN at 794-0090 for more information.

The Jewish Federation of Las Vegas represents the voice of the organized Jewish community. Bound together by shared his-

tory, traditions and common values, it seeks to assure Jewish continuity in Las Vegas, in Israel and around the world, by preserving, strengthening and enhancing Jewish life, and transmitting these values to succeeding generations.

For additional information about the Jewish Federation of Las Vegas and its local agencies and services, call 732-0556.

RED ROCK

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ing 17 floor plan designs. Priced from the upper \$200,000 to more than \$1.5 million, the one- and two-story designs range from 2,156 square feet to homes that can be expanded to more than 7,000 square feet. Homes with up to six bedrooms and a four-car garage are available.

Conlon said the reaction among visitors to the newly opened model homes promises to accelerate the already impressive rate of sales at Red Rock Country Club.

"Our pre-grand-opening home sales were absolutely outstanding," said Conlon, noting that more than 200 sales contracts were accepted during the 11-month period leading up to the grand opening. Conlon further noted that about 25 home owners were comfortably moved into their homes before the models were completed.

"Our initial buyers were impressed enough by our community plans and home designs to purchase early, during the pre-construction phase," Conlon said. "Now that prospective homebuyers can actually walk through the models and experience the incredible degree of elegance these homes offer, we anticipate an even greater rate of sales through 1999."

The 15 model homes opened to the public represent four of the five collections of home styles that are available.

The Acacia Collection features four, one and two-story executive floor plan designs ranging from 2,155 to 3,451 square feet with up to four bedrooms and 4 1/2 baths. Prices start at \$263,000.

The Mesquite Collection offers a choice of four two-story models ranging from 3,188 to 4,295 square feet and priced from \$360,000. Homes with up to six bedrooms and six baths are available.

The Ocotillo Collection encompasses four single-story designs ranging from 2,864 to 4,175 square feet with up to six bedrooms and 4 1/2 baths. Pricing starts at \$345,000.

The Palo Verde Collection offers a choice of three one- and two-story floor plan designs ranging from 3,765 to 5,300 square feet and priced from \$507,000. Homes with up to five bedrooms and 5 1/2 baths are available.

Later this year, Sunrise Colony Company will unveil two additional model homes in the Palm Collection. Priced from approximately \$900,000 to more than \$1.5 million, including lot premiums. The Palm Collection homes will be built on home sites in The Estates at Red Rock Country Club, a private, separately gated neighborhood of 87 high-end, semi-custom homes in Red Rock Country Club. The homes will be expandable to more than 7,000 square feet and feature a long list of included and customizing features.

Conlon pointed out that along

with providing wide-ranging home designs and exterior architectural styles, Sunrise Colony Company will intermingle home styles throughout the various neighborhoods.

"By blending home designs, architectural styles, color schemes and roofline variations, we will be creating more varied street scenes, resembling those found in more established, cus-

tom neighborhoods," he said. "The result will be an overall sense of integrity and continuity that is rarely found in a planned community of this scale."

PUBLIC MEETING PUBLIC MEETING

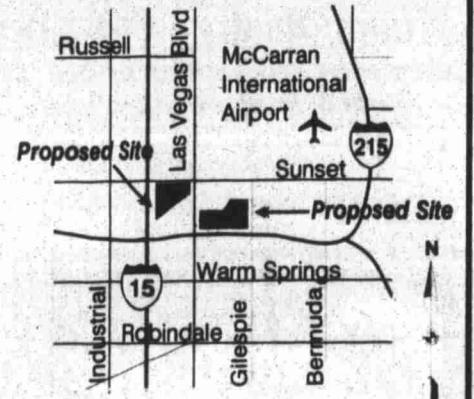
PLEASE JOIN US....

for a Public Meeting on the Proposed South Strip Transit Transfer Terminal (South Las Vegas Blvd.)

The Regional Transportation Commission of Clark County, Nevada (RTC) invites you to view project information, review site locations and make comments on a proposed intermodal transit transfer terminal. Project team members will be available to discuss concerns and answer questions.

A draft of the Environmental Assessment (EA) document is being prepared and will be ready for public review and comment on May 27, 1999. Members of the public may view the document after this date at the RTC, 301 E. Clark Avenue, Suite 300, at the public meeting, or call the RTC at 455-4481.

The transit transfer terminal along the South Resort Corridor will provide a convenient location for the transfer of bus passengers. Two potential locations identified for the transfer terminal are depicted in the vicinity map.



WHEN and WHERE.....

Thursday, June 3, 1999 • 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Enterprise Library • 25 E. Shelbourne Avenue • Las Vegas, NV 89123

A stenographer will be available to take your written comments for inclusion in the final Environmental Assessment (EA) document. The meetings are free and accessible by CAT bus via route #303 or call CAT-RIDE, 228-7433, for more information. In addition, Spanish and sign language interpreters can be made available if requested more than 48 hours in advance by calling 455-4481 or TDD 455-5997.

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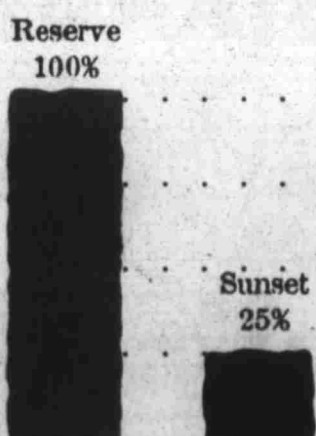
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