



Steve Augspurger

Principal Augspurger to leave Basic

Roy Theiss
News Staff Writer

The principal at Basic High School will soon be moving on. The decision for Steve Augspurger wasn't an easy one.

Augspurger, a 1967 alumnus of the school, honestly thought he would finish his educational career at Basic High. "It's real tough to leave the school. When I came to Basic, I thought it would be the place to retire from. It's difficult to leave because this has always been something I wanted to do — come back to Basic."

Augspurger will be reassigned as the executive director for System Designs and Staff Development. The Clark County School Board of Trustees formally approved the reassignment Feb. 28.

In a way, Augspurger will still be working in a teaching capacity. His primary responsibility will be to train administrators, teachers and support staff.

He began his career in 1972 as a teacher. Four years later, he moved on to become the dean at Valley High School. In 1978, he was promoted to assistant principal at Clark High School but the world oil crisis cut his tenure short there.

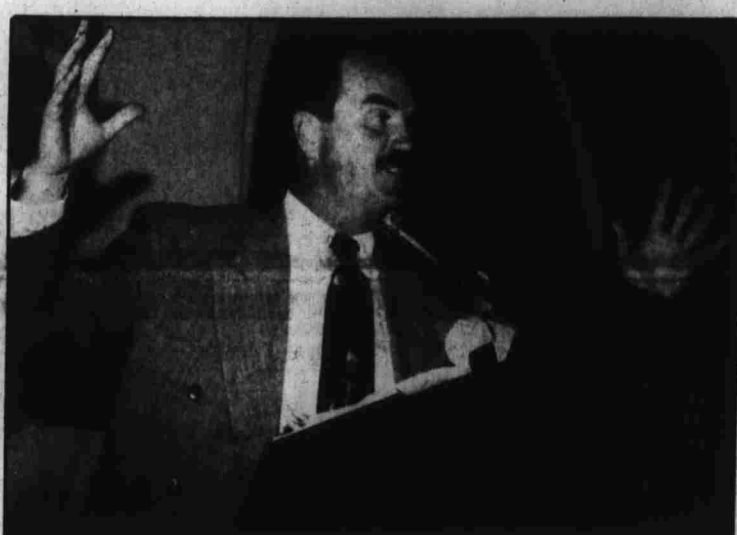
In attempt to save on fuel, the school district transferred administrators closer to their homes so Augspurger became the assistant principal at his alma mater between 1979-84.

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SKIP ITS — Members of the International Rope Skipping Organization's "Skip Its" exhibition team perform at Gibson Elementary Thursday. The 90-member team has performed at the NBA All Star Game and has traveled internationally to Europe and Asia. They also performed at Bendorf Elementary School and Johnson Middle School in Las Vegas on Friday and at a public workshop at the Kesterson Valley View Recreation Center on Saturday. Richard Cendali, the team's director, gave a teacher workshop at Gibson Elementary on Thursday. The "Skip Its" have been invited to return this summer to perform at the MGM Grand Theme Park.



Rob Weidenfeld/News Staff

GUEST SPEAKER — UNLV head football coach Jeff Horton was the guest speaker at the Henderson Boys and Girls Club Annual Awards Banquet and Auction Kick-off at the Black Mountain Country Club on Saturday. Receiving special honors were Frank Hodulick of Frank's Auto Body (Man of the Year), Ann Barron (Woman of the Year), Roger Asel (Youth of the Year), Hermes Lee, Al Conklin, Don and Ruth Marker and Ocean Spray. Receiving appreciation awards were the city of Henderson, Clark County Housing Authority, the Henderson Home News, Channel TV5, United Way of Southern Nevada, Eldorado Casino, American Nevada Corp., Manley Development, MGM Grand Hotel and Casino, Applebee's—Green Valley, Good Humor Breyer's Ice Cream, UNLV football, Manny and Barbara Gomez, Skyline Casino, Johnny Mac's, Jokers Wild Casino and First Interstate Bank.

Apartment request at Council again

Roy Theiss
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The embattled planned unit development request for Melody Apartments will once again be before the City Council at its meeting at 7 p.m. tonight at City Hall.

The request has met resistance from its inception and the Henderson Planning Commission denied it in October. Numerous residents opposed the project, stating there is enough low-income housing in the area.

The project, consisting of 256 units on 14 acres with a density of 18 dwelling units per acre, is proposed to be built at 400 N. Major Ave., in the Valley View neighborhood.

The applicant appealed the commissioners' decision and the Council was scheduled to discuss the issue at its Feb. 21 meeting. But the issue was tabled until the March 7 meeting.

In other business, the Council will consider:

• Amendment to Title 19 for horse ownership.

• Use permit for Fremont Medical Center at 595 W. Lake

Mead Dr., in the Townsite neighborhood.

• Zone change from general-industrial to highway-commercial for Glen Halla Hotel, 1745 Athol Ave.

• Zone change from medium density residential to downtown-commercial for Bonnie's Floral Boutique, 117 W. Atlantic Ave. in the Townsite neighborhood.

• Amendment to the land use from residential to semi-public on 185 acres in the Mission Hills neighborhood.

• Zone change from rural residential to highway-commercial on five acres for Wally's Wagon Wheel Hotel and Casino east of Boulder Highway and south of Roberts Road in the River Mountain neighborhood.

• Discussion for the creation of Henderson Veteran's Day.

• Architectural review for Wetlands Park on 24 acres in the Lake Las Vegas planning area.

• Use permit for a daycare center at 360 E. Horizon Dr. in the Highland Hills neighborhood.

• Use permit for center for professional counseling at 601 Whitney Ranch Dr. in the Whitney Ranch neighborhood.

Sunset Village Square businesses before Planning Commission again

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Owners of four Sunset Village Square businesses will attempt to get plans past the Henderson Planning Commission Thursday. Some of the businesses in the commercial center have been before the board six times.

Planners delayed action on Fatburger, Discount Tire and Midas Shop at the Feb. 23 meeting, but approved plans for two others — East Side Mario's and Hungry Hunter restaurants.

Planners commented they could not advance plans for those businesses which did not present color boards and artists' sketches for the planners' review. The color boards indicate the kind of materials and colors the architect will use for the building.

Most of the businesses planned for the center have distinctive, nationally recognized colors and building styles. Much of the delay was caused by re-

peated efforts to unify the project with landscaping, lighting, color and other common elements.

The commercial center will be located at the intersection of Sunset Road and Mountain Vista Street. A Boston Chicken restaurant is also planned for the center.

In other business, planners will review:

• A use permit and architectural review for Snap Tow. The business plans to expand its vehicle towing, storage and auctioning facility at 1105 N. Boulder Highway.

• Plans for a First Interstate Bank branch at 2196 Olympic Ave.

• A tentative map for Valparaiso, a 107-acre residential subdivision located in the McCullough Hills planning area. A density of 3.5 dwelling units per acre is planned for the property at the southwest corner of Lake Mead Drive and Gibson

Road. Plans for a residential subdivision, Valley View Meadows, which will be located in the River Mountain planning area. The 20-acre subdivision will have a density of 5.9 dwelling units per acre. It is generally located at the intersection of Sausalito Drive and Pimlico Drive.

• A reclassification request from urban reserve to various residential, commercial, public and semi-public districts for Sunridge at MacDonald Ranch. The 599-acre parcel is generally located at Eastern Avenue and Green Valley Parkway. Green Valley Parkway will extend south of Lake Mead Drive to intersect with Eastern.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 240 Water St. Items approved by the commission will be forwarded to the City Council meeting March 21.

Teachers have allergic reaction in school

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News Staff Writer

When classes started for Taylor Elementary last fall, work also began on modernizing the school. Some of the effects of the work linger, with possible health repercussions.

Roof work using a foam was done on the school in September and workers applied a sealer so it won't deteriorate. One teacher had an allergic reaction in September with glands on her neck swelling, principal Art Ochoa said.

The teacher also experienced restricted breathing and apparently had medical problems since then, he added. The teacher went on medical leave two weeks ago.

But the case is not isolated to one teacher. Ochoa said another teacher is also under a doctor's care.

"We had an extreme, out-of-the-ordinary coincidence," Ochoa said. "Six out of nine teachers in one building have chemical sensitivity."

Some of the reactions include discomfort, difficult breathing on

occasions and a little redness. But other factors such as a high pollen count may attribute to some reactions, Ochoa added.

Parents weren't notified of the potential health hazard, Ochoa said, because school officials weren't sure of the cause and effect.

Some children have recently experienced some type of allergic reaction. But those students feeling sick do not have class in the building that had the roof work. The building that had the roof work is detached and has nine classrooms.

Some children have had running noses and headaches but that could be allergic reactions to the mulberry trees, he added.

The school district has tested the building for inorganic and organic substances. Mold which wasn't visible to the eye was found ranging from the ceiling to the carpets, Ochoa said. The area

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ZONE CHAMPS



John Judge/News Staff

LET THE CELEBRATION BEGIN — Members of the Green Valley boys basketball team celebrate after beating Rancho 82-80 in the Southern Zone title game Saturday night at Durango. The Gators, as well as the Basic girls team, advance to this week's state tournament in Reno. The Lady Wolves will go in as the No. 4 seed after two wins at zone. For more details, see Sports on Page 10.

Education legislation discussed

A workshop informing parents about the bills in the state Legislature concerning education will be held at 6:30 p.m. March 8 in Room 200 at Green Valley High School.

Some of the issues that will be discussed include: deconsolidation; charter schools; privatization; school choice and vouchers.

An organizer for the event said they want to inform parents by providing information so they can call their legislators.

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PAUL SZYDELKO

Three strikes, and let's mean it

"Pizza thief gets life in prison." Is this a newspaper headline from Singapore? No, it's from California.

Voters in the Golden State approved of a "Three Strikes and You're Out" law, meaning the accumulation of any three felonies would send a person to prison for life.

A judge last week sentenced 27-year-old Jerry Dewayne Williams to life in prison after he was convicted of stealing a slice of pizza from a youngster.

Williams has a felony record that includes robbery and attempted robbery, unauthorized use of a motorized vehicle and possession of a controlled substance.

Some have argued that Williams didn't deserve a life sentence for this crime — a pizza thief deserves something less than a life term. They say the law's weakness is it makes no distinctions between petty theft and grand larceny.

The law's strengths include its apparent simplicity and certainty, which might be a deterrent. Californians rightly don't want people like this on the streets, conviction after conviction, parole after parole, scaring children, intimidating adults or worse.

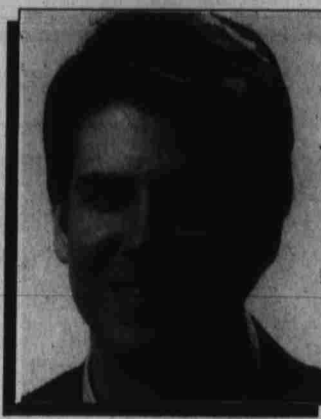
Certain, quick correction makes any punishment more effective and more of a deterrent. If a child knows he will be

punished a certain way for a certain transgression, he will ask himself if the transgression is worth it.

Of course, criminal justice is far more complicated, but those who bemoan the already overcrowded prisons that will become even more crowded with this law seem to forget the deterring effects of certain punishment.

Gov. Bob Miller has proposed a more flexible law, "Crime Points to Prison," that assigns point values to different types of crime. Whether the perpetrator used a gun or some other weapon, and whether the victim was a child or senior citizen would determine the number of points for each crime. I'm guessing a pizza theft would still be assigned some points. Attaining a certain number of points would lead to life in prison.

This plan echoes what many judges already go through when deciding a sentence and would likely add some consistency from judge to judge. But it is less rigid than "Three Strikes and You're Out" and has a less catchy title. It also takes away some of the certainty involved with punishment.



Whether the "Three Strikes and You're Out" system is a passing fad or a rule we can pass down from generation to generation is up to voters — voters who are fed up with lenient sentencing and too-easy paroles.

While O.J. Simpson is providing a lesson to many Americans about courtroom procedures and ethics, the Williams sentence, like the Singapore caning of an American youth, might start a more serious discussion about certain, swift sentencing.

Szydelko is managing editor of the Home News

"Sometimes," "maybe" and "probably" are all qualifiers that diminish the effectiveness of punishment.

Our justice system should try simplicity and inflexibility. Publicity about the Williams case might have the desired affect of discouraging other felons, both petty and major, from committing other crimes.

Grand jury indicts Ebert

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Former Henderson Constable James Ebert was indicted by a grand jury Friday morning.

Ebert was indicted on six counts of obtaining money under false pretenses from the Nevada State Industrial Insurance System.

All six counts refer to instances between Sept. 5 and Dec. 4, 1991, when Ebert collected workman's

compensation for being injured at Titanium Metals Corp.'s Henderson plant.

Ebert was still claiming total disability when he began serving as a constable for the city of Henderson.

Ebert faces up to 60 years in jail and/or \$60,000 in fines if convicted.

His initial arraignment has been set for March 13 in Clark County District Court.

Residents foil car theft attempt

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The quick action of two Henderson residents helped police recover a stolen car.

At 1:24 a.m. Friday, Cassandra and Charles Tooker heard a noise outside of their home. When Charles Tooker went outside to investigate, he saw his silver 1986 Toyota truck speeding away from the house. He immediately called the police.

Henderson Police began a search of the area for the truck. A short time later, the truck was spotted traveling northbound on Stephanie Street near Sunset Road with two occupants inside.

The suspects failed to yield to the following police car, causing police to follow the vehicle into

East Las Vegas. The suspects abandoned the vehicle on Missouri and fled the scene on foot.

After a short foot pursuit, police captured the driver, Nicholas Orlando Echandy, 19. Echandy was charged with grand larceny, possession of a stolen vehicle, possession of burglary tools, and fleeing/refusing to stop for police.

The second suspect was not captured. He is described as a black male, approximately 20 years old. He was last seen wearing a green jacket and blue jeans, running into Blegger Estates.

The incident is still under investigation. Police are asking anyone with any information to contact Secret Witness, 385-5555, or the HPD Investigations Division, 565-2009.

Body unearthed at construction site

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A shallow grave was discovered just east of Sky Harbor Airport last week.

At 2:30 p.m. Thursday, an equipment operator was grading the dirt at a construction site south of Lake Mead Drive for a new city pipeline. The operator unearthed the body of an unidentified white female.

The autopsy revealed that the woman was approximately 35 years old. She was 5'7", 130 pounds, with reddish-blond hair. The cause of death was strangulation.

"She was apparently killed at another location and then dumped here later," Henderson Police Lt. Monty Sparks said.

Police said there was an elec-

trical cord around her neck, and her hands were bound with rags.

The body was in an advanced state of decomposition. Police estimate she had been buried for approximately two weeks.

HPD is working with other agencies to investigate the case.



John Judge/News Staff

READING — Sandy Miller, Nevada's first lady, reads to students at Thorpe Elementary on Thursday as part of Nevada State

Reading Week. Miller read to various classes and stressed the importance of reading in general.

Sandy Miller visits schools

Sandy Miller, Gov. Bob Miller's wife, visited a number of elementary schools to read to students during Nevada State Reading Week.

She formerly taught deaf and hard of hearing in the Clark County School District. Nevada's First Lady champions education and children's causes, a spokesman said.

Due to her special interest in children with hearing problems, her visit to Thorpe Elementary School included reading to Stefanie Hess' kindergarten class and to Diane Crawford's first-grade students in the library. Both classes include children who

are hearing-impaired. Miller gave a cookie to each child as she concluded her stories.

This is the first year for the Aural/Oral Program to be at Thorpe Elementary School. It is a part of Clark County School District's Sensory Deficit Program.

An Aural/Oral Classroom is a speech language-based program that emphasizes the use of residual hearing, speech and speech reading.

Instructor Lin Werner and her aide, Bobbi Plourde, do not use sign language. They teach their students to speak. The class includes kindergarten and first

grade students. All of the students are mainstreamed with regular education students for non-academic subjects and some are mainstreamed for selected areas.

Dr. Cathy Conger, assistant principal, noted that Werner brings a wealth of experience to Clark County. She has taught hearing-impaired students for a total of 23 years.

In addition to her four years here, she has taught in California, Ohio and Rhode Island. Her bachelor's degree is in education of deaf from MacMurray College and her masters in reading is

from Pepperdine University. Principal Sylvia Springer, commends Werner and the entire staff for making this first year a successful one.

On Wednesday, Ron Malcolm, coordinator of the district's hearing-impaired programs, spoke to the staff during inservice. He gave ideas to all the staff about working with children with hearing losses.

Staff members were given opportunities to experience what it might be like to be hearing impaired and be in a classroom. He also commented on how well the program had been received at Thorpe.

First Arts in Education Conference takes place March 19-20

The first statewide Arts in Education Conference is sponsored by the Nevada State Council on the Arts. "Schools, Communities, and the Arts" will take place on March 19-20, at Sam's Town Hotel.

The conference is designed to:

- Support educators, artists and arts organizations in forming new partnerships and in developing new programs.
- Share ideas and information about arts education initiatives.
- Provide a forum for in-depth discussion of issues involved in offering quality arts education

for Nevada's students and adults.

It is open to all interested persons who create or perform art, teach the arts, teach and want to learn more about arts education, support the arts, who see an important role for the arts in school and community development.

The registration fee for either March 19 or 20 only is \$25; the combined fee for both days is \$35.

Keynote speakers are Jonathan Katz, executive director of the National Assembly of

State Arts Agencies, Washington, D.C.; and Bill Cleveland, director of the Center for the Study of Art and Community, Citrus Heights, Calif.

Katz meets regularly with legislators, arts administrators, staff from state agencies, and officials of the National Endowment for the Arts and the U.S. Department of Education. He will speak about the current state of arts and arts education funding and legislation nationally.

Cleveland, a musician, educator, writer and arts adminis-

trator, has served as coordinator for Sacramento's "Artsreach Community Artist" program, director of California's "Arts in Corrections" program, and as director of the California Summer School for the Arts.

"Hands-on" workshops in different disciplines will be led by artists from NSCA's Artists-in-Residence Program roster.

For more information or to register, call Bob Parker, program coordinator, 687-6680.

River Mountain homeowners meet Wednesday

The River Mountain Ranch Estates Homeowners Association will conduct its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Dooley Elementary School, 1940 Chickasaw Dr.

Guest speakers will include Clark County Assessor Mark Schofield and Councilman Larry Scheffler, who will discuss property values and the River Mountain Planning Area.

Newcomer luncheon set for March 15

The Desert Newcomers Club will hold its monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15, at the Cadillac Grill, 2801 N. Tenaya Way.

Desert Newcomers Club is open to any woman who has lived in the area for three years or less. Call 361-6906 for reservations.

Correction

The phone number for the Rifle Club in Boulder City was incorrect in Thursday's edition due to a source error. The number is 293-1885. The club hosts various weekly events including silhouette and high power shootings, junior training and safety instruction.

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African Children's Choir to perform in Henderson

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News Staff Writer

A choir performance in Henderson will benefit the children of Rwanda and other African countries.

Twenty-six East African children are touring the country in a bus, performing at area churches, and increasing awareness of the

problems children face in their homeland.

Brutal fighting and disease have claimed the lives of hundreds of thousands of Rwandans. A great number of the victims are children, many of whom are orphans.

Contributions collected at the African Children's Choir's free

concerts will be used to provide food and medicine for Rwandan children. In addition, those who attend the performance will have an opportunity to select an African child through photographs and sponsor that child on a month-to-month basis.

Melanie Hawbaker, tour leader for the group, said many

of the children in countries such as Kenya, Uganda, Sudan and Rwanda have no other means for acquiring clothing, medicine, food and schooling.

"We have people choose a child and develop long-term relationships," Hawbaker said. "That is what makes these kids have a better future."

Friends in the West, the 20-year-old organization which sponsors the African Children's Choir, is a Christian humanitarian group based in Arlington, Wash. The 1993 choir was nominated for a Grammy Award.

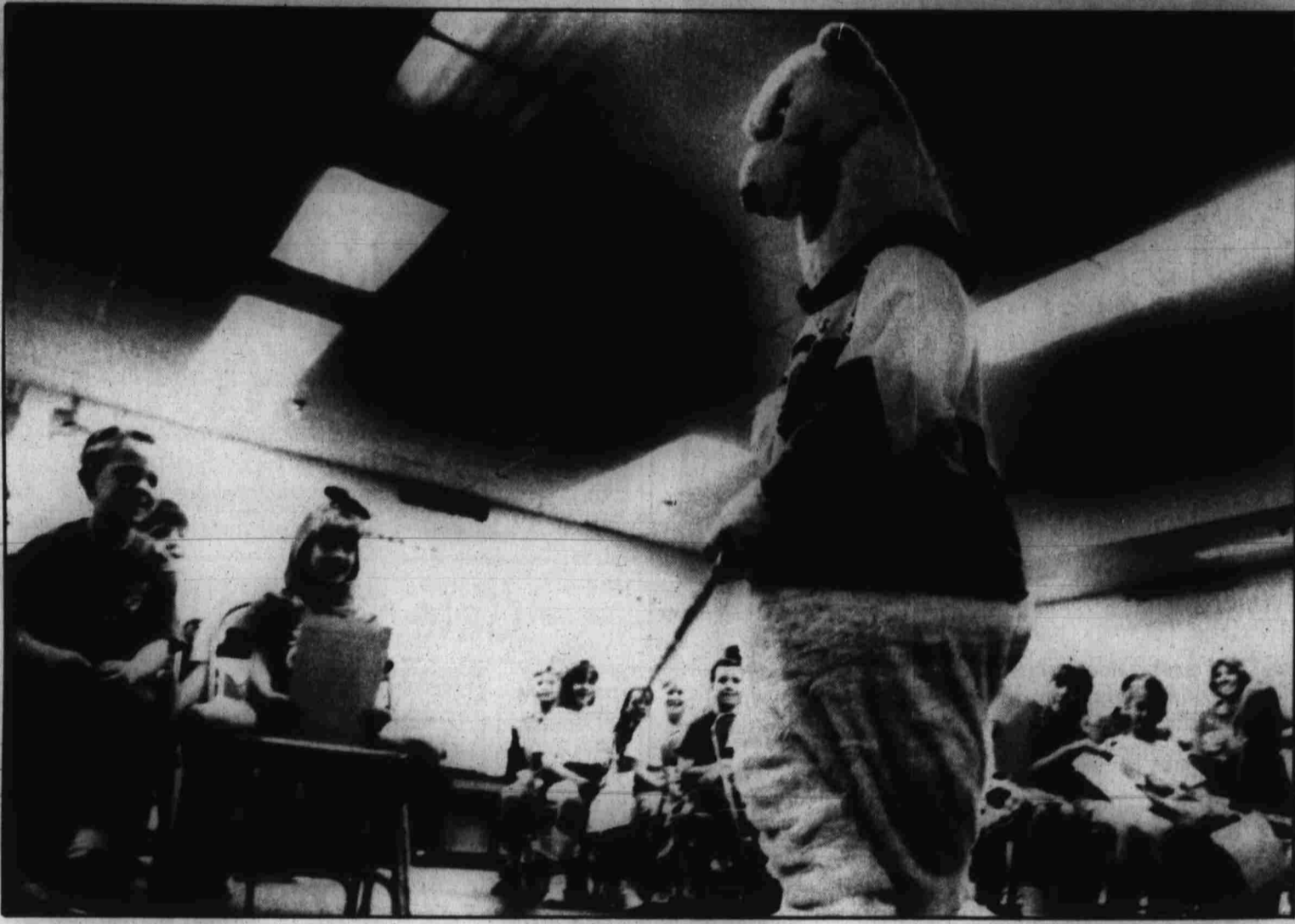
On March 18, the children and their chaperones will arrive in Henderson. They will stay with families of the Green Valley Assembly of God Church where they will perform three concerts before continuing their journey.

The children and their chaperones have been traveling the United States 10 months and are near the conclusion of their tour. The choir members range in age from 6 to 13 and were chosen based on need as well as talent.

"Coming over here [to the United States] helps them instill

confidence in themselves," Hawbaker said. "They have hope for a brighter future. They meet doctors, business people and other professionals. It encourages them to go home and make a difference."

Two March 19 concerts are scheduled at the Green Valley Assembly of God, which is located at 711 Valle Verde Court. One performance will begin at 9 a.m., the other 11 a.m. An evening concert is planned, but the location and time have not been established.



John Judge/News Staff

MASCOT — Boom Boom, the Las Vegas Thunder mascot, spent some time at Galloway Elementary last month along with Todd Richards, a player for the team. Richards talked

about hockey and the time and effort that was necessary to succeed in sports and in school.

Crescendo Awards luncheon honors Bacharach and Warwick

Burt Bacharach and Dionne Warwick, among the most celebrated musical collaboration teams in musical history, will be honored by the Nevada Symphony Orchestra Guild at their annual Crescendo Award luncheon on Sunday, March 12 in the Nero Room at Caesar's Palace. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m.

They will be honored for their outstanding contributions to the cultural enrichment of Las Vegas and their support of the Nevada Symphony Orchestra.

Established in 1992, the award honors those musical personalities and patrons the

Guild recognizes as having demonstrated a passion for all music from classical to rock, and added color and texture to the fabric of our national culture. Previous honorees have been Robert Goulet, Shirley MacLaine, and Phyllis McGuire.

The gala Guild event will include a drawing for a grand prize that features five nights in Athens, 3 nights in Frankfurt, free roundtrip airfare for two, with accommodations at Intercontinental Hotels, whose management provided the adventure.

For ticket information, call the Nevada Symphony Guild, 791-1745.

Poems sought for contest and anthology

Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum Inc. is offering a grand prize of \$500 in its new Distinguished Poet Awards poetry contest; 34 other cash awards are also offered. The contest is free to enter.

Poets may enter one poem only, 20 lines or less, on any subject, in any style. The contest closes May 31, but poets are encouraged to submit work as soon as possible.

Entered poems will also be considered for publication in

"Treasured Poems of America," a hardcover anthology. Prizes will be awarded by July 31.

Publisher Jerome P. Welch said, "We are looking for sincerity and originality in a wide variety of styles and themes. You do not have to be an experienced poet to enter or win."

Entries should be sent to Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum Inc., Dept. E, 203 Diamond Street, Sistersville, WV 26175.

Watch out for 'easy' loans

The Nevada Attorney General's office provided the following consumer information.

Classified ads often appear in newspapers offering to consolidate credit card debts, business or personal loans. Regardless of your credit history, they say they'll lend \$1000 to \$20,000 or more.

Be very careful about these so called "easy" loans. Consumers are usually told to send a processing fee which is often hundreds of dollars. Problems occur when no loan money is sent to the applicant as promised on the telephone, the "quick" approval process takes several months, or the loan is denied without refunding the expensive processing fee.

Beware of any loan company that has no affiliation with a financial institution. Avoid dealing with unknown companies, particularly those offering "guaranteed" credit.

Verify that the company is registered with the state and carefully review written information before you commit any money for fees. Make sure you understand any limits or restrictions, what kind of interest rate is charged and know what — if any — fees are required. Don't give out your social security or bank account numbers over the phone. If a loan offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is and you may become a victim of a loan scam.



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BARBEQUE — Vicky Dalesandro O.P., right, and Sandra Cromwell, director of nursing serve up hot dogs and hamburgers during the Heritage Day festivities at St. Rose Dominican Hospital at Lake Mead and Boulder Highway last

week. The celebration included a display highlighting the various languages and cultures represented on the hospital staff. Students from Taylor Elementary also colored flags from various nations.

Hospital celebrates Heritage Awareness

St. Rose Dominican Hospital marked Friday, March 3 as Heritage Awareness Day.

According to director of mission services, Sister Vicki Dalesandro, it is through understanding each others' differences that we can treat others with respect and reverence. Misunderstanding cultural differences can result in fear and

frustration when dealing with our diverse population.

Employees have been invited to celebrate and share their unique cultural heritage at a barbecue held in the cafeteria courtyard from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Not only are we raising our own awareness of cultural dif-

ferences," added Cindy Higgason, mission services council member,

"but we asked students at Robert Taylor Elementary School to help us celebrate. Mr. Ochoa, the principal, encouraged each art class to make flags representing different countries. We had an overwhelming response. The entire hospital is decorated with flags from all over the world

thanks to the students at Robert Taylor."

"If we can teach children to understand and appreciate the many different cultural heritages they encounter every day, they will learn to appreciate them," continued Sister Vicki. "The world could use a little more understanding."

Sprint/Centel Nevada introduces new billing systems

Sprint/Central Telephone-Nevada customers will see changes in the size and format of their telephone bills, beginning in March. An innovative printing

Sadler to head Pioneer citizens cash services program

Banking veteran Nancy J. Sadler has joined Pioneer Citizens Bank as vice president, cash management services, coming from U. S Bank of Nevada. Her 15 years of Nevada banking experience also include tenure with First Interstate Bank and Security Pacific Bank.

Sadler's extensive banking experience includes four years in overseeing and developing individualized cash management service programs for businesses of all sizes.

The new vice president described Pioneer Citizens Bank's cash management services as "a group of specialized services which assist commercial customers in consolidating their banking activities and concentrating their funds, allowing them better ability to utilize their available funds, and to make more informed investment and credit decisions."

Sadler is a certified cash manager, a graduate of Leadership Reno, the School of Financial and Funds Management, and the National School of Bank Investments. She also holds a bachelors degree from Westmar College in Iowa.

Her community involvement includes board membership of the American Red Cross, and professional organizations, the Cash Management Association of Northern Nevada and Western Industrial Nevada.

system now allows S/CTN to produce two-sided bills on smaller paper; a change which makes the bills more convenient for customers.

The first page will give customers complete information and a summary of their account. The top section is designed to tear away and returned when making payments. Other pages provide more details about the bill.

"To better serve our customers, we are consolidating the billing functions of all local tele-

phone operations," said Mick McCarthy, group vice president, Sales and Services. "In the end, the system conversion will provide customers with a bill that's more convenient and easier to read."

The new format is a result of S/CTN initiatives as well as the other Sprint Local Telephone Divisions to convert from Centel to Sprint computer billing systems. Conversion to the new system took place on Feb. 25-26.

S/CTN is part of Sprint's Local

Telecommunications Division. The diversified international telecommunications company has more than \$12.6 billion in annual revenues and the United States' only nationwide all-digital, fiber-optic network. Its divisions provide global long distance voice, data and video products and services; local telephone services to more than 6.4 million subscribers in 19 states, and cellular services to 42 major metropolitan markets and more than 50 rural service areas.

Watercolor Society notes anniversary

The Las Vegas Art Museum, 3333 W. Washington Ave., is presenting the 25th anniversary Spring Show of the Nevada Watercolor Society, in conjunction with the museum's 45th anniversary, in the Main and Nevada Galleries through March 27.

Recent photos by Claire Bumstead of Belleport, New York, will be on display in the Youth Gallery.

An opening reception and award ceremony will take place Sunday, March 5, from noon to 3 p.m. Admission is free.

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Store climbs to new heights

Roy Theiss
News Staff Writer

A unique store will soon open that challenges both the mind and the body. Rocks and Ropes builds self-esteem while testing one's abilities.

The indoor gym is the first in the valley dedicated solely to the sport of rock climbing. Located at 3065 E. Patrick, Suite 4, the shop offers climbing routes for the beginner to the expert.

"My 78-year-old father-in-law climbed up that wall," co-owner Trent Billingsley said, pointing to one of the many walls pocked

with different size epoxy or cement nobs.

Ropes dangle from the faded desert pink colored walls which stretch 30 feet to the ceiling. The centerpiece of the 6,000-square-foot climbing area is the 40-foot cave with a 45-degree wall. Climbers can be literally hanging upside down from the wall.

Billingsley described one route up the cave as a 5.13. "It's incredibly hard. There're probably only 100 people in the world who can climb it."

The United States uses the Yosemite Decimal System for rating climbing routes which

ranges from 5.1 to 5.14.

Rock climbing develops both strength and agility, but Billingsley admits the sport does not provide an aerobic workout. In addition to strengthening the muscles, rock climbing tests the tendons and ligaments of even the smallest appendages.

Unlike working out in a regular gym where people tend to be introspective, Billingsley said a rock climbing gym is much more social. "At a gym, no one talks. Everyone's looking, but no one wants to admit it. Climbing walls sponsors interaction."

That's because rock climbing requires interaction. To climb a wall, a person needs a belayer, someone on the ground who feeds the rope to the climber and who can also stop the climber from free falling.

The idea of opening a rock climbing gym came to Billingsley while he was still in law school. Midway into a case book, Billingsley gave a primordial scream, "there has to be a better way to make a living." Although Billingsley did graduate from law school, his heart isn't in that profession.

Now with the help of his long-time friend, Patrick Putnam, Billingsley is realizing his dream. Between the two friends, they have 24 years combined experience as climbers and instructors.

Charlene Morrison described the indoor rock shop as real world climbing. "It's just you and your fears intertwined on the wall."

Laurie Sullivan added, "You can make it as challenging as you want." She said she likes the accessibility of the different routes.

Rocks and Ropes has 40 routes and by the time the shop opens in March, the owners expect to have 60 routes for climbers.

The rock climbing gym offers membership on a monthly, semi-annually or annual basis. People can also drop by for a day pass.

Traffic restricted on U.S. 93 today

Lane restrictions will greatly impact traffic flow from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. today on U.S. 93 (north- and southbound) between Yucca Street in Boulder City to the U.S. 93/95 interchange (See: chlight turnoff).

"Our maintenance personnel will be in this area most of the day to repair potholes in each of the roadway's travel lanes," said Bobby Shelton, a spokesman for the Nevada Department of Transportation. "While these repairs are being made, intermittent lane restrictions will affect motorists as they commute

between Boulder City and Las Vegas."

Initially, NDOT maintenance personnel will work on southbound U.S. 93 between the 93/95 interchange and Yucca Street. The right-hand travel lane will be worked on first then the left-hand travel lane will receive repairs.

Once the southbound repairs are complete, NDOT's maintenance personnel will move to the northbound lanes and work northbound from Yucca Street to the 93/95 interchange. Work

will be done in the right-hand travel lane first and then switched to the left-hand travel lane.

Motorists are asked to use caution when traveling through this NDOT maintenance work site. Safety is of utmost importance for everyone—motorists and maintenance personnel alike—associated with this work.

For additional information regarding this repair work, contact Bobby Shelton at NDOT's District 1 Public Information Office, 385-6504.

Brock celebrates 90th birthday

Cordie Brock celebrated her 90th birthday March 2 with the help of four generations of her family.

Brock, a resident of Henderson since 1951, has four children, 12

grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. Three of her children held a special birthday party at the Henderson Convalescent Home, where Brock now

lives.

Paul Brock from Reno, Barbara Hitt from Southern Utah and LouAnna McGlotchlin of Henderson brought flowers, cake, gifts and cards to celebrate the event. Stanley Brock of Arlington, Tex. was unable to attend.

Cordie was born in Oklahoma, in Indian territory in 1905. She later met her husband, Tom, in Oklahoma. They moved to Clark County in 1949, and Henderson in 1951.

Cordie worked as a housekeeper for Harry Dwyer and helped raise his two children, Rory and Sheila. Tom, a carpenter, opened a saw filing shop on Idaho Way.

'Giant Garage Sale' March 18

Let HPRD help you with your Spring cleaning. Grab those little extras lying around the house and make a few extra dollars at our "giant garage sale" from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, March 18 at the Youth Center, 105 W. Basic Road.

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are available for \$10 each. Set-up will begin at 7 a.m. and display tables will not be provided.

Registration is required by Wednesday, March 15 at the Youth Center. This event is open to the public, so whether you're selling or buying, prepare to have a good time. For more information, call 565-2124.

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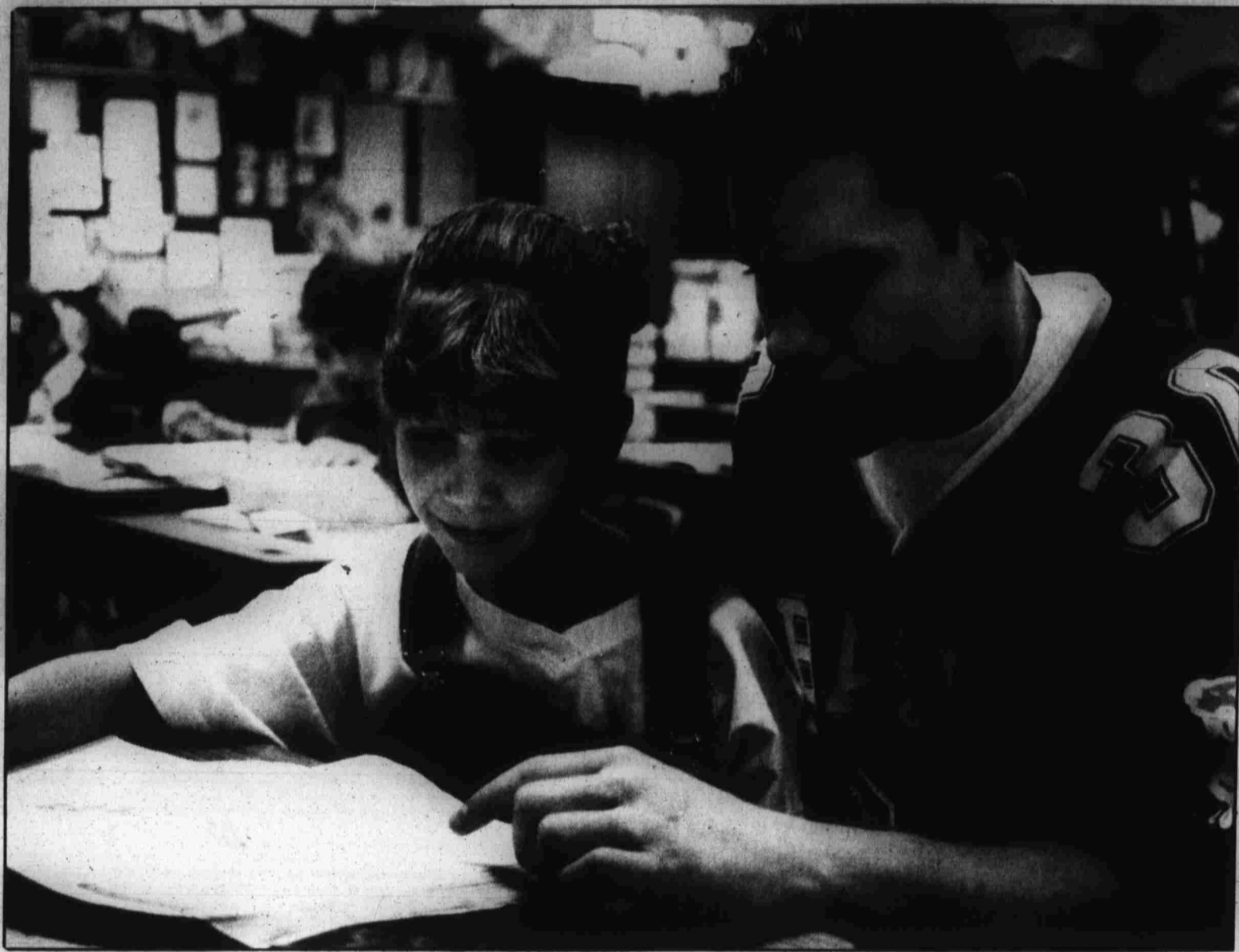
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HIGH SCHOOL HELPER — Basic High football player Travis Tilman lends a helping hand to McCaw Elementary third-grader Lyndsee Sellers. Tilman and Basic teammates Jeremy

Ludlow and Jeremy Maestas visited McCaw Friday to read to students in celebration of Nevada Reading Week.

Burkholder Fair March 9-11

Burkholder Middle School will hold its annual science fair March 9-11 at the Kesterson Valley View Recreation Center, 500 Harris St. It is co-sponsored by the Henderson Parks and Recreation Department.

Approximately 300 student projects will be on display. Public viewing is 5 to 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday, March 9 and 10. The awards ceremony is 9:30

a.m., Saturday, March 11. Winning projects will proceed to the 34th annual Southern Nevada Science Fair at Cashman Field March 20-23.

Due to other HPRD events at the facility, additional parking will be available at the Megafoods parking lot on Basic Road. For more information, call 565-2121.

Local residents on Boston University dean's list

Henderson residents Rowena M. Dalipe, and Jennifer L. Johnston were recently named to the dean's list at Boston University for the fall semester.

enrollment of more than 29,000 students in its 15 schools and colleges.

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"It was a real difficult decision for my whole life has been in schools, and working with kids has been excellent experience."

Principal Steve Augspurger

BASIC: Augspurger resigns

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He left Basic to become principal at Sunset High and subsequently bounced around at three other schools before returning to Basic as the principal in the spring of 1993.

Change is usually met with apprehension and the re-assignment of the principal at Basic High is compounded with a double session scenario.

Starting in January, Basic High will close its doors for asbestos removal. Classes will be held at Green Valley High School with both schools going on double sessions to accommodate the scheduling.

Augspurger concedes the forthcoming double session represents a challenge he anticipated. He has attempted to make sure everything is in place for the project and feels someone will be able to step in and do a good job.

The announcement that he will be moving on is bittersweet for Augspurger. "It was a real difficult decision for my whole life has been in schools, and working with kids has been excellent experience."

"What happens with these types of positions [his new job], is it happens only once in a while. I decided the window of oppor-

tunity was closing and it is one of those positions if you do not take it, it doesn't come again.

"I hope to be in a position to still help Basic. My allegiance will be to continue to help students and teachers in this community."

Augspurger's family moved to Henderson when he was in second grade.

"But we all reach a point in life where we have to take a stretch. I think the biggest regret in a person's life is not doing what may be right and being content."

This fall, Augspurger is going back to school to work on a doctorate degree in education. Armed with that and his experience in administration, he feels he may be in contention for other administration positions with the school district.

Augspurger said his successor will immediately see the community support upon his or her arrival. "The person couldn't find a better school and better community. We have great kids and teachers and a great support group in the community."

Augspurger's replacement is expected to be announced at either the first or second School Board Trustee meeting in March.

ALLERGIC: Teachers affected

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has been disinfected with chlorine.

According to a school district report on rehabilitation work for older schools, Taylor Elementary is scheduled for \$1.4 million worth of revamping. The money will come from the \$605 million bond voters passed last November.

"We are beginning the rehab process and evaluating what work needs to be done," Ochoa said. "It looks like that wing needs extensive work."

Carpets, ceiling tiles and air conditioning must be renovated to bring the school up to par with the new schools.

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Henderson sailor recruits for Navy

Douglas P. Gorham

At no other time in our history has the Navy been able to boast a higher quality of recruits, both men and women, than it can today. One reason for this is recruiters like Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Randal J. Wilson, the 27-year-old son of Jimmie and Rosalie Wilson of Henderson.

Wilson is assigned to Navy Recruiting Station West Las Vegas which is part of Recruiting District San Diego. Although he is trained as a sonar technician, he now focuses all of his efforts on attracting quality people into the Navy.

The Navy requires successful and experienced sailors to serve as recruiters to help enlist the men and women of tomorrow's Navy. Wilson, who has worked as a recruiter for only a few months, is playing an important role in this effort.

"I'm a general duty recruiter responsible for all the enlisted ratings," said Wilson, a 1985 graduate of Basic High School. With all its high-tech ships, submarines, aircraft and equipment to operate, the Navy offers a variety of programs to its prospective recruits.

The goals of Wilson and other recruiters around the country are to attract and enlist the brightest and best young men and women possible to operate this sophisticated hardware. Although the Navy has reduced the number of sailors on its payroll over the past couple of years, it has not stopped recruiting.

"Many people today have the erroneous view that the Navy has stopped hiring, and the defense cutbacks have lessened the

military as a viable employment opportunity for high school and college graduates," said Lt. Cmdr. Ann Stencil, the executive officer of Naval Recruiting District San Diego.

"This is just not true. We're still hiring. The reality is that the Navy currently has more than 57,000 new jobs available for men and women annually in more than 90 different career fields," she said.

With so many job vacancies to fill, Wilson works some very long hours but finds recruiting both enjoyable and challenging.

"I enjoy meeting all different kinds of people and helping them achieve their goals," said Wilson, a seven-year veteran.

Even though the Navy offers its sailors a wide array of benefits and opportunities, being a successful recruiter requires a lot of hard work, dedication and commitment.

"I don't really have any secrets to success. I do know that the Navy seems to sell itself," Wilson said.

With benefits like free medical care, 30-days annual paid vacation, education and training, Wilson feels the Navy is a good career choice.

"There are more benefits and opportunities in the Navy than most people realize," Wilson said. "The education and job experience alone make it a good deal. The college opportunities and health benefits are other positive factors."

Because the number of graduating seniors has dwindled the past few years, recruiting duty has become that much more difficult. In spite of this, last year



Randal J. Wilson

the Navy Recruiting Command was successful in its goal of recruiting nearly 54,000 men and women into the Navy. This year, Wilson and other recruiters like him, will be working hard to keep

quality people coming into the Navy.

Douglas P. Gorham is a journalist assigned to the Navy Public Affairs Center at Naval Station San Diego.

Marine Air Reunion scheduled in August

The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Vietnam Service, has scheduled a national reunion in San Francisco Aug. 3-6.

All air and ground crews, operations, maintenance, pilots, missile battalions, medical and support personnel, all fixed and rotary wing personnel are welcome.

Multicultural Education conference next week

The 12th annual Spring Multicultural Conference entitled "A Collaboration of Cultures through Multicultural Education" will be held on Thursday, March 16 through Saturday, March 18 at the Hacienda Hotel, 3950 S. Las Vegas Blvd.

For more information and a registration form, contact Jacki Brown, 593-1091.

For more information, call 868-3276 or write, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Association, Vietnam Service, P.O. Box 7240, Freeport, N.Y. 11520.

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Trust fund established in memory of Ryan Witt

A trust fund to help implement a graduate profile to assist CCSD students as they enter the job market has been established in memory of Ryan Witt, son of school Trustee Judy Witt.

Ryan Witt, a freshman at Las Vegas High School, was killed by a motorist while skateboarding February 17.

Judy Witt, a trustee since 1991, has been dedicated to developing a graduate profile during her years on the Board of School Trustees. The purpose of the graduate profile is to make academics relevant to all students, and to prepare them for the world of work, either immediately following high school or after college. A pilot graduate profile project is under way this year at Las Vegas High School.

The graduate profile consists of three parts: a counseling component with a career emphasis; a revision of the curriculum so that work ethic concepts are integrated in all subject areas; and the profile itself, a document for each student that would provide information useful to a prospective employer, such as grades, attitude and accomplishments.

To implement the graduate profile, money is needed for staff development, teacher training,

printing costs and computer software.

Donations may be made by personal check, payable to the Clark County School District. Please indicate "graduate pro-

file trust fund — Ryan Witt" on the check. Checks may be mailed to the CCSD Accounting Department, Attention Ken Selch, 2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121.

17th annual dance festival sponsored by CCSD

The Clark County School District's Dance Education program will hold its 17th annual Dance Festival at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 14 in UNLV's Ham Hall. Students from 12 area middle and high schools will participate.

The festival is a concert of dance presented by students in middle and senior high school dance classes or extracurricular dance companies. It provides students with the opportunity to

perform before an audience, to see performances of dance students from other schools, and to demonstrate the results of the district's dance program.

The public is invited to attend. Tickets are \$4 and are available at the box office or at the door. For information, call 895-3801.

For more information, contact Miranda Ogawa, Festival director, 799-5980 ext. 238 or Jill Averett, 799-7200 ext. 238.

Monthly steak dinners, fish fry hosted by VFW

Beginning this month, VFW Basic Post 3848 will continue their New York strip steak dinners on the second Friday of each month.

Serving time is from 5 to 8 p.m. There will be a donation charge. The public is invited Friday, March 10.

On Friday, March 24, the VFW will host a fish fry dinner with all

the trimmings from 5 to 8 p.m. Donation is \$3.25. The public is invited. Fish fry dinners will be hosted on the fourth Friday of each month.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Basic Post 3848 is located at the corner of W. Lake Mead and Basic Road in Henderson.

For further information, call 564-5822 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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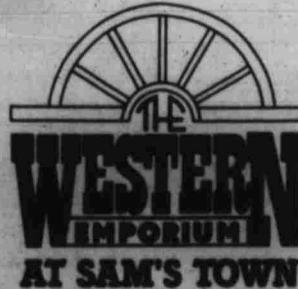
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Take advantage of tax-free fringe benefits

Today, many companies provide a wider array of fringe benefits than ever before. The Nevada Society of CPAs says that many of the fringe benefits offered by your employer have tax consequences. To better understand how much some fringe benefits boost your compensation package, CPAs recommend that you take the time to understand the tax implications of each benefit.

The company car
Driving a company car strictly for business purposes is tax-free. However, as soon as you log your first personal mile, you are considered to have personal income, and the tax treatment is different.

To calculate income derived from its use, you and your employer can use the standard mileage rate—29 cents a mile for 1994—or other methods based on actual costs to operate the car. In either case, you must keep

accurate records that clearly reflect your personal and business use of the car. Your employer will then include the taxable amount on your Form W-2.

Financial and tax planning assistance

If your company pays for personal financial planning, tax planning, or tax return preparation assistance, you must include the fair market value of these services in your taxable income.

However, fees that you pay for such assistance are considered miscellaneous itemized expenses and are deductible to the extent that all your miscellaneous expenses exceed 2% of your adjusted gross income.

Educational assistance

Educational assistance provided by your employer is generally not taxable to you if the education maintains or improves skills for your current job. In 1994, employer-provided

educational assistance of up to \$5,250 a year for non-job related undergraduate and graduate courses can also be excluded from your taxable or gross income.

To qualify for this latter exclusion, your employer's program must meet specific requirements. For example, it must not discriminate against any employees and your employer must maintain written documentation of the program.

Dependent care assistance

You can get up to \$5,000 of tax-free dependent care assistance for children under age 13 in one of two ways.

You can take advantage of up to \$5,000 of employer-provided on-site dependent care, or, if your employer offers a flexible spending account, you can generally set aside up to \$5,000 of your pre-tax income in a special reimbursement account that will pay for qualified dependent care expenses.

The portion of your earnings channeled through these accounts is exempt from federal income and social security tax.

401(k) Plans

Company-sponsored 401(k) plans allow you to save for your retirement using pre-tax income. In many instances, employers will match all or part of your contribution. — earnings accumulate tax-free and you needn't pay tax until you withdraw funds at your retirement. Generally, you will be subject to a penalty if you withdraw funds before you reach age 59-1/2.

Life insurance

Generally, you are not taxed

on employer-paid group term life insurance premiums on policies of up to \$50,000. However, if your employer pays premiums for policies in excess of \$50,000, you must include an amount based on the excess coverage in your gross income and pay taxes on that amount. Your employer should supply you with a statement of the taxable amount.

Other tax-free fringe benefits

For the 1994 tax year, an employee can receive up to \$60 per month, tax-free, from an employer to cover the cost for a transit pass. Employees can also exclude from their taxable in-

come up to \$155 per month in employer provided parking expenses. The Nevada Society of CPAs points out that many other fringe benefits of minimal value, such as holiday and retirement gifts, need not be added to your taxable income. Cash gifts, however, are considered extra salary, or wages, and are subject to income tax.

Money Management is a public service announcement on personal finance prepared and distributed by certified public accountants. The Nevada Society of Certified Public Accountants, 5250 Neil Road, Suite 205, Reno, NV 89502.

Drug free celebration planned

An expected 2,500 students, parents and teachers involved in substance abuse prevention clubs will converge for a Drug Free Celebration on Saturday, May 13 at Freedom Park, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. To attend, registration is required through Clark County School District drug prevention clubs.

Festivities for the third annual Drug Free Celebration will be

hosted by Gary Waddell, KLAS TV-8 anchor. Highlights of the day will include games, the recmobile, a display of race cars, Officer McGruff, singing, dancing and a live radio broadcast.

In addition to the Drug Abuse Prevention Officers (DARE) who work in schools throughout Clark County, DARE program students and other prevention groups will be represented. These include

Just Say No clubs and Students Taking Action to Terminate Unlawful Substances (STATUS).

The event, coordinated by the CCSD office of Substance Abuse Education, Las Vegas Parks and Leisure Activities, KLAS, and DARE, will culminate with the district's Drug Awareness Week.

More information is available by calling 799-8440.

MS Society branch seeks input

The Las Vegas branch of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is seeking to understand the needs of Southern Nevadans with multiple sclerosis (MS).

Members of the branch's board of directors are reviewing results of a written survey, evaluating self-help group comments and conducting phone surveys during March to at least 15 persons registered with the Las Vegas office.

Scott Howard, chairman of the board, said that the board, as it continues to develop and implement strategies from recent planning retreats, wants to hear the needs and desires of their clients. He added, "What the board and staff feel are needed may not be priorities of those

faced with MS."

If you are interested in contributing ideas contact the Las Vegas office.

Current local services include: Self-help groups, information and referral, advocacy, a lending library, medical equipment loans, national teleconferences, hydro-therapy classes, and therapeutic recreational activities.

Funding for the Society comes through private donations and special events such as the planned MS Walk in Summerli on March 18, and the Cycling Celebration on May 20, a 25, 50, or 100 mile bike ride. The largest event, held in October, is the MS 150 — a two day bike tour covering 150 miles.

For further information on activities or services, call 736-7272.

DEATHS

Julia A. Lucero

Julia A. Lucero, 81, died Sunday, March 5, 1995 at a local hospital.

Born Feb. 21, 1914 in Park View, N.M., she was a resident of Henderson since 1961.

She was a retired laundry company presser.

She is survived by two daughters, Selza Brown, of Tucson, Ariz.; Dorothy Greissel; two sons, Sisto Lucero, and Richard Lucero, all of Henderson; 13

grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren.

Viewing services will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. today. Vigil service will be held at 5 p.m. at the Palm Mortuary, Henderson chapel.

Mass services will be held at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Henderson.

Arrangements were handled by Palm Mortuary of Henderson.

Arlene 'Gerwolls' Sroka

Arlene "Gerwolls" Sroka, 76, died Tuesday, Feb. 28, 1995 in Henderson.

Born July 24, 1918 in Michigan she had been a resident of Henderson since 1988, moving from Detroit, Mich.

She is survived by her husband, Anthony H. Sroka, of Henderson; two daughters, Jo

Ann Aber of Arizona; Hita Myer of California; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Newton.

Private services were held. Arrangements were handled by Desert Memorial Cremation and Burial Society, of Las Vegas.

Rosalie A. Lucero

Rosalie A. Lucero, 54, died Saturday, March 4, 1995.

Born, May 13, 1940 in Moquah, Wisc., she was a resident of Boulder City for 26 years. She was a retired clothing manufacturing clerk.


She is survived by her husband, Albert G. Lucero, of Boulder City; three daughters, Jo Ann Taylor, also of Boulder City; Debi Ells and Kim Herndon, both of Henderson; one son, Ricky, of Boulder City; seven sisters, Inez Trubachik, of Heppner, Ore.; Tillie Lunda, of Moquah,

Wisc.; Georgia Sigl and Mary Trubachik, both of Hood River, Ore.; Helen Elinger, of Estacada, Ore.; Lillian Russell, of South Bend, Wash.; and Susan Valasity, of Portage, Mich.; three brothers, Rudy Misun, of Moquah, Wisc.; Jack Misun, of Two Rivers, Wisc.; Johnny Misun, of Ishpeming, Mich.; and five grandchildren.

A closed casket service will be held at 10 a.m. today at Palm Mortuary, Henderson Chapel.

Arrangements were handled by Palm Mortuary of Henderson.


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Ben Stepman, Marketing committee chairman, is donating a \$3,500 car to raffle during the sale. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10.

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Give a helping hand by calling the Chamber office, 565-8951. We will pick up your goods and be glad to hear that you have a couple of hours for us on March 10, preparation day and/or March 11, rummage sale day from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The March 11 event is more important this year than ever before because of the increased cost of our new office on Boulder Highway and Major Avenue.

Although First Interstate Bank allowed us to make the purchase very reasonably, the renovation costs and increased monthly maintenance of this large building has strained our budget.

This makes the success of the rummage sale more critical than ever. We need you to volunteer a couple of hours of work and we need donations of your discarded or unused treasures.

Applications being accepted for annual Spring Craft Fair

Artisans who wish to participate in the 1995 Green Valley Plaza Spring Craft Fair have until March 20 to submit their applications and entry fees.

Scheduled for April 1 and 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the annual event is sponsored through Green Valley Plaza Merchants, and the American Nevada Corp., the primary developer of Green Valley. According to the Organizers, last year's event attracted more than 75 exhibitors and several hundred patrons.

To meet eligibility require-

ments, all materials exhibited for sale must be original and the work of the entering artist. No commercial kits or works produced by commercial plans will be accepted. Space is available on a first-come basis.

The entry fee is \$75. Applications and complete details can be obtained at the headquarters of American Nevada Corp., 2501 N. Green Valley Parkway, Ste. 101.

Information can also be obtained by calling 458-8855, then pressing *(star) 400.

Goodwill honors Crispell March 31

Goodwill Industries of Southern Nevada, Inc., has named Ed Crispell, Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino general manager, as Humanitarian of the Year.

He will be honored at a black tie dinner dance at the Imperial Palace on Friday, March 31, along with Steve Ptak, Fletcher Jones Chevrolet; MGySgt Gordon A. J. Souza, U. S. Marines Corps Reserves; Tom Martin, Four Queens Hotel & Casino president; and the family of Edd and Josette Kluth, daughter Sherry, husband Dan Austin and children, Jenna and Jason.

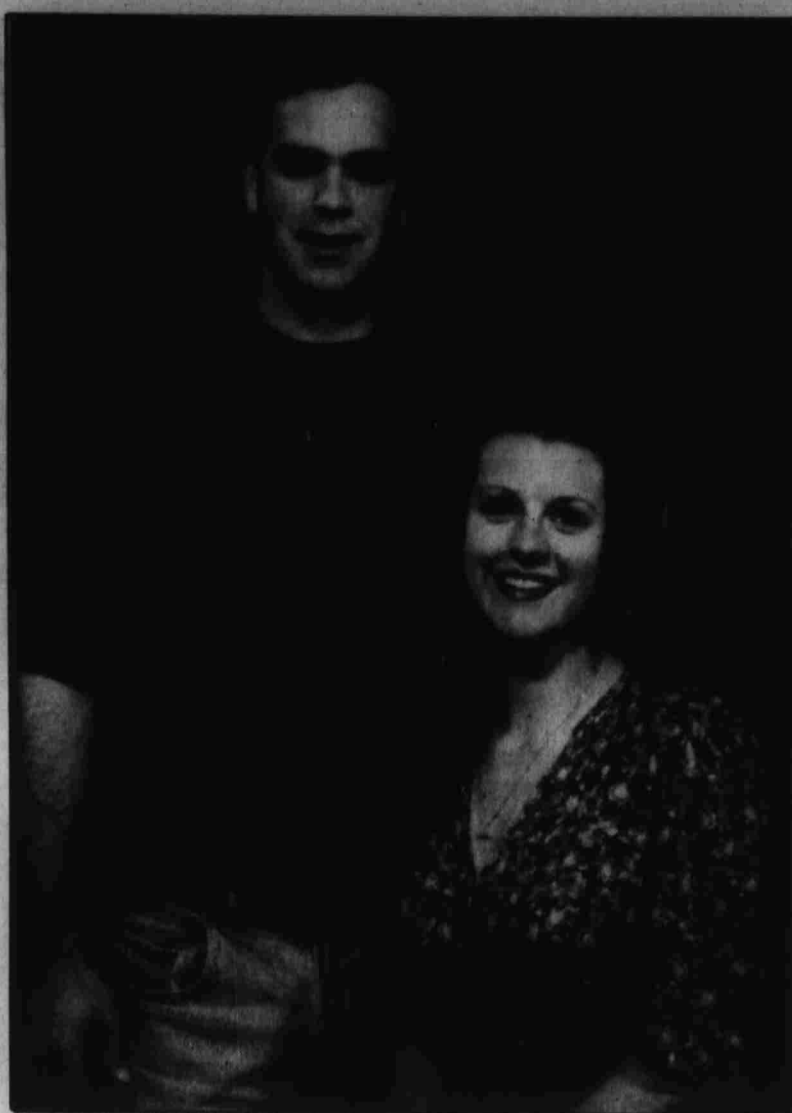
Well-known throughout the valley as a supporter of the disabled, his personal involvement extends to such agencies as the Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, Easter Seals, National Foundation for the Blind, Make A Wish Foundation, Police Special Olympics, and Opportunity Village.

Under his leadership, the Imperial Palace has been recognized nationally, state-wide and locally for its human resource. It is Nevada's largest employer of people with disabilities. The work force of 2,600 employees includes 13% with disabilities ranging from hearing impairment to multiple sclerosis.

In 1991, the hotel casino was named "National Employer of the Year" by the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. It was the only company to be twice named "Employer of the Year" by the Nevada Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities in 1987 and 1989.

The awards dinner and dance will begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, in the Imperial Palace's Royal Halls A and B.

Tickets are \$40. For reservations or further information, call Goodwill Industries, 367-7272.



Avery-Clark

Rita and Larry Watkins and James J. Avery recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Sonja Avery, to Kevin Clark, son of Gary and Dorothy Clark.

They are both 1991 graduates of Basic High School. Avery attended the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and is a pharmacy

technician for Payless Drug Stores.

Clark attended Cypress College of California, and is now a professional baseball player in the Boston Red Sox organization.

The couple has been together since high school, and they plan to marry Jan. 18, 1997.

Mediation workshop set

Mediators of Southern Nevada, Inc. announced their 1995 schedule of free presentations open to the public. A non-profit organization, it promotes the use of mediation as a way of resolving conflict and disputes.

MSN members will present "Conflicts and Youth," Wednesday, March 15 at the Flamingo Library. Presenters are: Danielle Dozier and Karen Kotchka, Clark County Social Service Neighborhood Justice Center school mediation specialists; and Shannon West of the Culture of Peace Project.

"Resolving Custody and Visitation Conflicts," will be presented Saturday, April 29, at the Rainbow Library. The presenter is Charlotte Kiffer, M.S., Alternative Solutions.

"Resolving Conflict in the Workplace," will take place Wednesday, June 14, at the Green Valley Library. Jeanne Emmerson, J.D., of the Mediation Center will be the presenter.

For reservations or information, call Kiffer, 225-3421 or 646-2645.

I-Days contest sought

This year's Industrial Days Talent Contest will be held at LDS Church, 303 Cholla St., from 7 to 9 p.m., Thursday, April 27.

Anyone who is a Henderson resident or Henderson school attendee will compete in categories of singing, dancing, variety, lip sync and instrumental. Bands will not be allowed.

Categories will be divided into age groups, allowing for the possibility of 26 different winners. The winners in each category and age group will receive a

trophy. A special trophy will be awarded to the entrant judged the most outstanding talent of the contest.

Applications will be available at all Henderson schools and the Henderson Chamber of Commerce, 590 S. Boulder Highway.

Entries should be returned to the Chamber office by 5 p.m., Monday, April 17.

Tryouts will be at the LDS Church at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19.

Discover Aviation March 13-19

The fourth annual "Discover Aviation Week" is scheduled for March 13-19.

Hosted by the North Las Vegas Air Terminal, volunteers from local aviation organizations will offer seminars, air traffic tours and visit local schools.

The final two days of the event will feature a wide variety of aircraft on display and in the air.

"Discover Aviation" was created to introduce opportunities

to youth, including job opportunities. The show will open at 8 a.m. March 18, 19 and will close at 4 p.m. Families are encouraged to attend. Admission is free.

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Gators rally to win zone title

Bill Bowman
News Sports Editor

Wade Perkins strikes again. For the second straight game against Rancho, Perkins hit two freethrows in the waning seconds to help Green Valley beat the Rams.

This one, an 82-80 victory, gave the Gators the Southern Division Zone crown.

This one was a never-would-have-believed-it-if-you-weren't-there victory.

The Gators trailed by 18 points — 53-35 — with 6:51 to go in the third quarter.

"This team has a lot of heart," Jon Denton said. Denton scored the winning basket with five seconds left on the clock to give the Southern Zone crown to the Gators.

"This is a big win," a smiling Green Valley coach Gene Carpenter said. "The key was not quitting. We told the kids Rancho couldn't keep making as many shots as they were [in the first half]. They shot the ball real well."

Well enough to open a 49-35 halftime lead.

"We didn't panic," Perkins said. "We just came out the second half and knew our shots would start falling."

Rancho scored the first four points of the third quarter to open the 18-point gap before the Gators started to whittle away at the lead.

A 10-2 run, fueled by four points from Perkins, two from Denton, two from Eric McCauley and two from Reggie Richards, got the Gators back to within eight points.

"We didn't panic or get too excited," Carpenter said. "We just tried to get good shots."

They also hit their freethrows. "People say we shoot free throws like Georgetown," Denton said. "But, we came through in the clutch."

The Gators hit 10-of-11 free throws in the final quarter, but the two teams were tied 80-80 with 16.9 seconds in the clock.

Rancho was at the line, but a missed free throw gave the Gators the ball.

Green Valley worked the ball around until McCauley found Denton for the final two points and the Gators' 28th victory of the season.

Area schedule

TUESDAY, MARCH 7
BASEBALL
Green Valley at Bonanza, 2:30 p.m.

GOLF
Basic vs. Silverado at Black Mountain, 3 p.m.
Green Valley vs. Bonanza at Legacy, 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Basic vs. Elko at the AAA state tournament in Reno, 3:20 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL
Green Valley vs. South Tahoe at the AAA state tournament in Reno, 8:05 p.m.

"We've got a team motto 'Refuse to lose,'" Denton said. "We're on a mission."

That mission now takes them to Reno as the top seed in the state tournament.

Five Gators hit double figures in the victory. Perkins and Don McCall each scored 16, Denton and McCauley each chipped in 15 and Darrick Boyd scored 10.

Jameel Harper scored 29 points to pace Rancho.

While the Gators now head into the state tournament as the No. 1 seed from the south, getting to Saturday night's title game was no easy task.

The Gators had to hold off a stubborn Bishop Gorman team 85-79 on Friday night.

"We needed a tough game," Carpenter said. "I thought it would be close because they have been playing well."

Green Valley hit two early 3-pointers for an 8-6 lead before going ice-cold from the arc.

That let Gorman stay close, trailing only 30-27 with 2:32 left in the first half.

Enter Tom Truman. Truman buried three 3-pointers in the final 2:30 of the half as the Gators took a 42-34 lead into the locker room.

"Those were big 3's," Carpenter said. "Tom did a great job for us."

The Gators' lead hovered around the eight-point range for most of the second half as



John Judge/News Staff

FLYING IN — Green Valley's Wade Perkins (22) flies in for two points on Saturday in the Southern Zone title game against Rancho. The Gators beat the Rams 82-80 to win the championship.

FROM THE PRESSBOX

GV boys rise to the test

Bill Bowman
News Sports Editor

I've covered plenty of prep basketball games in my 20-plus years of sports writing.

I've seen players who would go on to become good college players, players who would go on to play at small colleges and players who will not suit up after high school.

Then there's the Green Valley boys basketball team.

I've never covered a team like the Gators.

Never. These guys say they refuse to lose.

It's easy for them to say that, it's another thing to prove it.

The Gators have proven it to me twice this season — both against Rancho.

The first game, the final regular-season game of the year, the Gators were down by 10 with 7:01 left in the game.

The game meant nothing for the Gators. Green Valley had the Sunrise title wrapped up and the top seeding in the southern division tournament.

It was a perfect time to put it in cruise control and breeze into the playoffs despite a season-ending loss.

Wrong. The Gators, short on height, but long on desire, battled back to win the game.

Not that big a deal, until you look back on last Saturday night's Southern Division Zone title game

It was an instant reply.

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Basic girls earn trip to state

Bill Bowman
News Sports Editor

The Basic girls delivered a one-two knockout punch last week that would have made George Foreman proud.

Punch No. 1: Knocking out Bishop Gorman 53-44 on Wednesday in the first round of the girls zone basketball tournament at Durango High School.

Punch No. 2: Knocking out Las Vegas 55-48 in the second round and earning the team a trip to state this week in Reno.

"It's a great feeling," Basic's Brandy DePoorter said after Thursday night's win. "We're going to state. I still can't believe it."

It was DePoorter's free throw shooting that helped ice both victories.

She hit four free throws in the final minute of Wednesday night's game to seal the victory. They were the biggest free throws the Lady Wolves hit Wednesday. In fact, they were the only free throws Basic made in beating Gorman.

The Lady Wolves shot just six free throws in the game — all by DePoorter in the final minute of the game.

"There's not a lot to think about," a smiling DePoorter said. "I knew they were important. I just went up there trying to put

FROM THE PRESSBOX

Lady Wolves beat the odds

Bill Bowman
News Sports Editor

Basic girls, take a bow. You deserve it. In fact, take two bows for two of the biggest victories the school has ever seen.

The Lady Wolves not only beat two quality teams to earn their first trip to state, but they did it in opposite fashion.

In Wednesday's game, Basic was up by 12 points and saw Bishop Gorman storm back.

The Lady Wolves refused to give up the lead and held on for the victory.

In Thursday's state-clinching victory against Las Vegas, Basic fell behind by 17 points with 3:20 left in the third quarter.

The Lady Wolves clawed,

them in."

The tosses moved the Basic girls one step closer to the promised land — a trip to state.

"We have five seniors and they are ready for retirement for the number of hours they have put

scrapped and shot their way back into the game and eventually rolled to a 55-48 victory.

It was on to state. The celebration after the game was fitting of a world champion. There were tears, hugs and screams of joy.

It was a sight that sent chills down your back.

In both games, the Lady Wolves could have folded the tent and watched as another team made reservations for Reno and the state tournament.

Not this team. They put their game into overdrive in both games.

It would be easy to say that Gorman and Las Vegas lost both games.

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tal of 14 points," Van Tuyl said. "Personally, I think we're a good ball club."

The Lady Wolves proved it Wednesday.

Basic was up by 12 points with 3:54 left in the third quarter.

Gorman fought back and trailed by one, 43-42 with 6:04 left in the game.

It was a perfect spot for the team to fold.

"We got back in our offense," DePoorter said. "We had to work through some time where we had some stupid passes."

Following a timeout, the Lady Wolves scored six straight points and held on for the victory.

Kay Sweeney topped Basic with 19 points while Jenn Ullrich added 16 and DePoorter had nine.

"Kay's our spark plug," Van Tuyl said. "She leads us on the court."

"The girls want to become the first Basic team to go to state," Van Tuyl said.

The team accomplished that mission with a come-from-behind victory on Thursday that defied the odds.

Basic, down 17 points with 3:20 to go in the third quarter,

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ON THE DRIVE — Basic's Kay Sweeney dribbles past the Las Vegas defense in the Lady Wolves' 55-48 victory. Sweeney scored 20 points in the game as Basic earned a trip to the state tournament with the win.

FROM THE PRESSBOX

UNLV's Horton coaches on, off field

D.J. Allen
News Staff Writer

Listen to this:
"Success is not in money, it's how others perceive you in society and in life."

Great line, huh?
I wish I could tell you I thought of it, but I can't.

For that piece of advice we must thank UNLV football coach Jeff Horton.

I heard the 36-year-old from Texas speak for the second time in the past four months Saturday.

This time he spoke at the Henderson Boys and Girls Club Annual Awards Banquet.

The first speech, he was unbelievable.

The second time he was even better.

Horton, who took over the UNLV football program last season and turned it into a winner, makes everyone in the room to whom he is speaking feel that they can also become winners.

He is a motivator, stressing goal-setting and discipline.

After listening to the man speak, it is evident how the Rebels pulled out four wins in the final minute of play this past season.

He knows how to get the most out of people.

But just because someone is a motivator does not make them a good speaker, right?

So what makes Horton sound

like he would be the best used car salesman in the West?

It's easy. Besides using humor and attention getters like all interesting speakers, when he speaks, he hits home.

He knows his audience and incorporates them into his speech.

After all, he's had a lot of practice.

In talking with Horton, I learned he speaks 150 to 200 times a year — and he loves it.

Think about that. (That is one of the forgotten sides of coaching.)

That's once every other day, making the same points over and over to different people.

But still, he takes the extra

time and effort to know his listeners and include them in his presentation.

If I hadn't heard Horton speak at Silverado's football banquet in December, I would have thought Saturday was the first time he was explaining his plan on how to be successful in life. So I put it all together.

The reason he relays his message so well is because he believes in what he is saying.

He wants to make a difference in people's lives. Just ask anyone who has heard him and they'll tell you he can — and has.

If you ever get a chance to hear Horton speak, don't miss it. In fact, take someone with you. You'll hear a master at work.

GATORS

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Gorman's David Sawyer, who finished the game with 35 points, worked his magic in the middle for layups.

"He's a real good player," Green Valley's Wade Perkins said. "We tried to bump him around, but we don't match up well with him."

So the Gators went back to their original game plan.

"We wanted to keep the tempo up," Carpenter said. "We wanted to push the ball on offense."

The result was four players in double figures in the victory.

Perkins led the way with 26 points while Truman hit 14, Don McCall chipped in 13 and Jon Denton hit 12.

"Luke [Anderson] and Tom came off the bench and did a great job," Perkins said.

Carpenter also praised the

duo. "They gave us good efforts," Carpenter said. "It was a game we needed and the kids went out and got it."

Truman was just happy to contribute.

"I had a few shots go down and it felt good," Truman said. "Our quickness helped us a lot. We were sluggish early and I was just lucky enough to hit a few shots."

The Gators will now play South Tahoe on Wednesday in the first round of the state tournament which will be held at Lawlor Events Center in Reno.

"We've added a couple of wrinkles that we'll use if we have to," Carpenter said. "But, I don't see any reason to make any changes. We're playing pretty well right now."

TEST

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The Gators, down by 18 points with 6:30 left in the third quarter, had the perfect chance to throw in the towel and watch the Rams walk away with the title.

Wrong again. The Gators rallied — twice — to win and secured the No. 1 ranking from the south.

No matter how many titles or games you may win, you can't practice for games like the Gators have won. You fall behind and you battle back.

It looks good on paper, it looks entirely different on the court.

Now, the Gators will have to

vote for an MVP this season.

It's going to be a tough choice. After covering and watching this team for the basketball season, it's not such a tough decision.

Here's one vote for Wade Perkins.

The first game I covered, Perkins had an outstanding game — with one exception.

He struggled at the free throw line and said the team had to make sure it could shoot free throws to be a success this season.

Bingo.

The Gators, down the stretch, hit 10 of 11 in the crucial fourth quarter of the title game Saturday night and sent the crowd — and the team — into a wild celebration.

It was a game that had me shaking my head for three reasons.

1. This team was down by 18 points. There was no way to come back.
2. This was a tough Rancho team, there was no way to come back.
3. This was a Green Valley

team that struggles to shoot free throws.

Wrong on all accounts.

The Gators did come back and they did hit free throws.

If you're counting out the Gators — for any reason — better think again. They're probably going to win the state title.

If they meet Rancho along the way, it will just make it a little more interesting.

And, if you see Perkins at the free throw line with the game on the line, head for the door — the game's over.

But, that would be wrong.

Basic won both. It's that simple.

The Lady Wolves wanted it more and it showed on the court. It showed throughout the team.

It showed with hustle on defense as Kay Sweeney was all over the court wreaking havoc and forcing turnovers.

It showed on offense where Sweeney drove and dished off passes to open teammates for shots.

It showed at the free throw line where Brandy DePoorter was cool as ice as she helped secure the victories in both early games.

It showed when the Lady

Wolves had to play without key players Jenn Ullrich, out with a sprained ankle, and Sina Nofagatoto'a, who fouled out late in Thursday's game.

The Lady Wolves just plugged another spark plug into the five-cylinder engine and roared to the victory.

Whether the girls win a game at state doesn't matter.

What does matter is they've taken the girls basketball program to the next level — a trip to state.

But, teams better not overlook the Lady Wolves.

Bishop Gorman and Las Vegas already have and they'll spend this week at home.

STATE

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rallied for the victory.

It was DePoorter who put the Lady Wolves over the top with a layup with 3:57 to go in the game that gave Basic the lead for good — and a trip to state.

She went 4-for-4 down the stretch at the line to help seal the victory.

Sweeney led the Wolves with 20 points while DePoorter added 12.

"We're playing up to our potential," Van Tuyl said. "It was truly a team effort. We played without Jenn [Ullrich, out with a sprained ankle] and that's 16 points from [Wednesday] night. The girls were just determined

to win."

DePoorter agreed. "We deserve [the trip to state]," she said. "We've put in a lot of hours and we all played up to our potential. We're not ready to have the season over yet."

On Friday, Cim-Memorial raced to a 67-38 victory over Basic.

"We're getting there," Van Tuyl said. "Kay was sick and didn't play and that hurt us. But, the girls never quit. They kept up their intensity."

Georgette Brewer scored 30 points to lead Cim-Memorial while DePoorter had nine to pace the Lady Wolves.

The Lady Wolves then lost to Rancho 57-35 on Saturday, giving them the fourth-seeding heading into the state tournament.

DePoorter and Ullrich each scored 11 points to lead the Lady Wolves.

Now, it's on to state for Basic.

"We'll just go in and play our normal offense and defense," Van Tuyl said. "We'll keep using what got us to the dance."

The Lady Wolves will meet Northern Zone champion Elko on Wednesday in the first round of the state tournament.

Baseball, softball signups under way for HPRD

HPRD is currently holding signups for baseball and softball leagues for ages seven to 18.

Registration will be accepted for baseball at the Kesterson Valley View Recreation Center for students attending Basic High, Brown Junior High, Burkholder Middle School and Dooley, Galloway, Hinman, McCaw, Sewell, Taylor and

Newton Elementary Schools. For more information, call 565-2121.

For students attending Green Valley High, Greenspun Junior High, White Middle School and Bartlett, Cox, Gibson, Mack, McDoniel, Treem and Thorpe Elementary Schools, registration will be accepted at the Silver Springs Recreation Center. For more information, call 435-3814.

Minor Girls, Major Girls and Senior Co-Rec softball leagues are offered in the Valley View League for ages nine to 18, but players who reside in Henderson but attend other schools will be assigned according to address.

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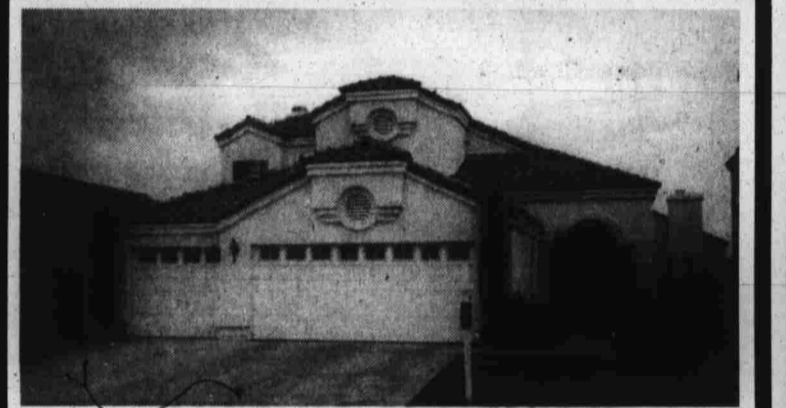
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