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When Alma Randolph isn't coaching Green Valley High School's girls basketball team, she has plenty to occupy her time.



"I do a lot of reading in my spare time," Randolph said. "Believe it or not, I also like touring." Randolph, the only

coach in the Gators' 11-year history, says living in Southern Nevada gives her an opportunity to visit several interesting places. She recently voyaged to the Grand Canyon.

Randolph came to Green Valley from England where she taught physical education and coached volleyball and basketball.

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Stoked About Spokes

Kids claim free bikes, helmets

By Sandy Thomas
News Managing Editor

A dozen years ago, Henderson Fire Department captain Steve Walton and a few other firefighters dipped into their own pockets to buy a bicycle for a Henderson child.

What began then has rolled into the major project fitting 171 children and youth with bikes and helmets Saturday in the parking lot at Sunset Station. The fire department now works with Variety — The Children's Charity of Southern Nevada to make Bikes for Kids happen.

"The need was always there but our ability to deliver was not," said Walton.

No longer is there a delivery glitch for kids in need of wheels. Also working in the spring with the Henderson Police Department, Variety distributes at least 100 more bikes.

Saturday's event saw children eyeing a sea of



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Time constraints force developer to request denial from commission

By Kris Hill
News Staff Writer

In an unusual move, the developer of Sunset Ridge near the Mission Ridge condominium development on Horizon Ridge Parkway at Annet Street sought a recommendation for denial from the Henderson Planning Commission Thursday night.

Given the options of denial or continuance, the developer preferred a recommendation for denial be forwarded to Henderson City Council. Time constraints do not allow for a continuance, company officials said.

On the 20-acre site the developer proposed a 256-unit condominium project that would cover 16 acres. On the other four acres, a restaurant, gas station and convenience store had been proposed as a buffer between Horizon Ridge Parkway and the condos.

Neighbors of the proposed condos said there are already enough condos and apartments in the surrounding area.

"I can't imagine why we'd want to cram so many people into this area ... or add commercial," resident Craig Nichols said. "We have nice homes. We'd like to keep the area nice."

There were nine other residents in attendance. Most were opposed to the project.

Laurie Robinson Sipan, who also lives near the proposed project, said she's concerned about how adding 256 condos would affect traffic patterns. The neighborhood is near a major arterial and slated to have Green Valley Parkway extended into it.

"The residents of my neighborhood have to traverse Horizon Ridge Parkway every day to get to work," she said. "You take on death just to do that. Putting in a gas station would just add chaos."

Continuing the proposal became an option when the developer volunteered to pull the commercial portion of the project and take time to meet with the neighbors and revise

Developer takes next step to building homes where casinos might have stood

By Kris Hill
News Staff Writer

Homeowners who live near Wagonwheel Drive and Boulder Highway were faced with a common proposition at Thursday's Henderson Planning Commission meeting.

Something will be developed within a mile of their homes — either a proposed multi-family housing project or a casino.

For nearby residents, it sounds like the housing, which would add some 500 condos and 145 single-family homes, would be the lesser of two evils.

The commission, however, voted unanimously in favor of the residential project, with commissioner Gary Bochanis absent.

Most neighbors were not convinced these are the best options.

"I am about a half mile from that project. I have five kids. I am also a teacher at John Dooley Elementary," resident Connie Stolworthy said.

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Rob Weidenfeld
News Staff

Above: Terrie Greenlee, 4, Saturday at Sunset Station rides her new bicycle, assembled by Henderson firefighters. Left: Burkholder Middle School students Jairon Bray, Ashleen and Aaron Bhim check out the possibilities.

Green Valley Ranch Station set to open

By Kris Hill
News Staff Writer

Glenn C. Christenson is about to breathe a 450,000-square-foot sigh of relief.

His Green Valley Ranch Station, an elegant casino, resort and entertainment center, opens Dec. 18 in Henderson, after two years and millions of dollars.

"The first word I think of to describe how I feel about this is pride," said Christenson, who lives in the Green Valley area himself.

Though he's the vice president and chief financial officer of Station Casinos, Christenson says this project is unique.

"We didn't want this to be Sunset Station 2," he said. It isn't.

A tour of the venue five days ago revealed tantalizing

restaurants, such as Il Fornaio, a warm, Italian restaurant featuring traditional dishes at affordable prices. The heart of the casino — the gaming table pit — features 53 table games surrounded by hundreds of slot machines.

On the tour, most of the slot machines looked the way people rarely see them — open and partially disassembled. As the visitors meandered around workers — placing finishing touches and firefighters completing inspections, Christenson noted every aspect of the operation will be ready in a few days. During the week leading up to the opening, staff will go through

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Ron Martinez/News Staff

NEARLY FINISHED — The main entry is ready and waiting at Green Valley Ranch Station for the first customers. The hotel-casino on Green Valley Parkway just south of Interstate 215 will open its doors Dec. 18.

Insurance alternative helps people save money, get care

By Carla Riddle
News Staff Writer

A toothache, sore back, or emergency room visit can be financially impossible for people without health insurance. And for those who do have coverage, the monthly fees often seem out of reach.

Care Entree, a Texas-based company which has expanded to Henderson and Las Vegas, is offering a less expensive alter-

native to health insurance costs.

"This is an important service ... a lot of people who can't afford paying the premiums or who have preexisting conditions that aren't covered, for example, can really save some money and get health coverage," said Gale McNelley, Care Entree representative for Las Vegas.

The program offers major

medical, hospitalization, dental, prescriptions, vision, holistic care, veterinary care and more. Costs range from \$9.95 to \$54.95 per month for the entire family. McNelley says the program will especially come in handy Jan. 1 as premiums rise 13 to 50 percent.

MacDonald Ranch residents Linda and Richard Smith say they've been using the Care Entree program for almost a

year and saving money.

"Of course the older you get, the more pills you take," said Linda Smith.

The couple heard about the insurance alternative through a Del Webb community newsletter. Since neither had insurance and were paying high prices for medication and doctor's visits, they decided to check it out.

"We pay \$54 a month and it's

worth the money," Richard Smith said.

According to Smith, prescriptions that normally cost the couple \$30 were reduced to \$7, and doctor's visits, which were between \$60 and \$150, are now \$30.

"Sure, some of the higher

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Rob Weidenfeld/News Staff

MESSAGE FROM AMERICA — Tim Burns videotapes a message to American military personnel stationed around the world recently at Circuit City, 561 N. Stephanie St., through the 'Message From America' program sponsored by Circuit City, CBS, Sony and several other companies. The program, which continues through Dec. 31, allows Americans to visit any Circuit City store and record a 30-second greeting. Some greetings will be broadcast nationally and compiled into a montage to be shared with military personnel via the USO and Armed Forces Network.

Council will consider billboard removal

By Kris Hill
News Staff Writer

Harsch Investment Properties would like to let tenants move into Henderson Commerce Center, but that may not happen unless the owner of billboards surrounding the property won't take them down.

Conditions of approval for two permits issued to the developer require removal of the billboards. But the owner of the billboards has told city staff the billboards will not be dismantled because they have been leased out until 2004.

Henderson Planning Commission forwarded the requests for certificates of occupancy to allow the tenants to move in with a recommendation the council deny the requests.

According to city documents, Young Electric Sign Company, the owner of the billboards, was to have removed them by June 30.

"The requirement to remove billboards has been twice enforced and therefore does not create a precedent," city staff's report said.

Those cases were the Wal-

Mart Supercenter and Central Christian Church, both of which terminated existing leases to remove five billboards, all told.

"While the applicant does have a valid concern, they have tenants waiting to occupy the buildings, conditions of approvals ... have been accepted but not met," the analysis report said.

In other news, council will consider a resolution allowing it to sell 22 and 26 S. Water St., to Henderson Redevelopment Agency for \$555,822.21.

Once the agency has closed on the properties, it can resell them as part of efforts to redevelop downtown Henderson.

Also up for consideration at the council meeting will be the purchase of 15 new defibrillators for the city's emergency services departments.

After discounts of more than \$21,000, the city will pay \$34,770 for the defibrillators, which are used by emergency technicians and firefighters to revive patients whose hearts have stopped by administering an electric

shock to the heart.

The city has a preventative maintenance agreement with Physio-Control, the company from which it might buy the devices. The agreement covers quarterly checks by a field technician to help extend the life of the equipment.

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Galleria evacuated because of grease fire

A grease fire in Chevy's restaurant at the Galleria at Sunset Saturday night led to evacuation of the mall and caused an estimated \$2,500 worth of damage.

There were no injuries.

At about 6:50 p.m. Saturday, Henderson Fire Department units responded to a report of smoke from the mall's roof.

Light smoke was found in Chevy's restaurant and the adjoining mall area. The origin of the smoke was a grease duct above the restaurant's mesquite grill and the spark was limited to the duct system. The cause is still under investigation.

Christmas shopping was temporarily interrupted while the mall was evacuated.

Seven engines, two rescue units, one truck, a light and air unit, and two chief officers responded. Second-alarm units from Clark County Fire Department were dispatched for mutual aid.

The fire was extinguished within 20 minutes. Fire units remained on scene as a precaution and to investigate.

Wolff teachers, principal working at McDonald's

Students at Wolff Elementary School never thought they'd hear their school's namesake ask, "Do you want fries with that?"

Elise Wolff will be flipping burgers, making fries and ringing up orders along with the school's principal, Donna Barber, and teachers

Wednesday at McDonald's, 10020 S. Eastern Ave., from 5 to 7 p.m.

It's all part of McTeacher's Night

"This really means a great deal to me (to be involved in school activities)," Wolff said.

This will be the first time Wolff has worked at McDonald's

and the third time Wolff has participated in McDonald's McTeacher's Night.

Fifteen percent of total restaurant sales between 5 and 7 p.m. will be donated to the school.

"I think it is just so fun ... the kids just love seeing their teachers working there," Barber said.

Bereaved parents, friends to celebrate children's lives

By Carla Riddle
News Staff Writer

Parents, friends and families of children who died prematurely will celebrate those short lives at a special commemorative ceremony Sunday at Community Lutheran Church, 3720 E. Tropicana Ave.

"The holiday season is tough enough as it is ... this is kind of our way of remembering the lives of children who've passed on," said Cathy Bender, president of the local chapter of Bereaved Parents of the USA.

Set for 2 to 4 p.m., the ceremony will be the chapter's seventh annual celebration. It takes place in conjunction with National Children's Memorial Day.

A balloon release launches the event and a candlelight ceremony follows.

Participants read poems, light candles and read the names of children being remembered. Special angel ornaments are given out.

"It's a very emotional day, but you can't wait to go," Bender said. "Anyone who has lost a child knows it's the most horrible pain to go through ... but after (the ceremony) you feel so good."

Refreshments will also be available.

The local chapter of Bereaved Parents of the USA meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at the church at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 393-1810.

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Morrow ES students make sack lunches to help less fortunate

By Carla Riddle
News Staff Writer

Third-grader Michelle Petty says if she was homeless, she'd want others to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for her.

She was among some 50 students at Morrow Elementary School who helped the homeless Thursday by preparing 120 sack lunches.

Friends of the Desert, an organization assisting Henderson's homeless people, will distribute the lunches. Its goal had been 100 sack lunches.

"We wanted to do something for the community," said teacher Laurie Nanni.

Nanni and another third-grade teacher, Karen Martinez, both on Track 5, came up with the idea so students could give thanks to the community during the holiday season.

Every sack lunch contained a peanut butter and jelly sand-



Ron Martinez/News Staff

HELPING HANDS — Third-graders at Morrow Elementary School Thursday prepare 120 sack lunches for homeless people.

wich, napkin, a juice drink, and a variety of raisins, apples, oranges, chips, or crackers, student Bailey Carl said. The students and their parents donated everything used to make the lunches.

"The homeless people will probably like this ... it was really fun making the sandwiches 'cause I got all messy," student Joseph Gigante said.

Student Brooke Richardson said the project was great.

"I like helping other people because it makes me happy and I like that," she said. Another student, Kyle Solloway, agreed that if the class were homeless, other people would do the same thing for them.

Parent Caren Igert, who watched the children during

their sandwich-making project, was impressed at how well they worked together to make the sack lunches.

"I think it's pretty neat the way they all lined up and knew what to do," she said. "The homeless people are going to like this ... they're probably going to be surprised that it came from elementary students."

Price of gas down to an average \$1.41 per gallon

Gas prices continue to fall in Nevada, even as OPEC prepares to announce its fourth oil production cutback this year, reports AAA.

The goal of the cutback is to shore up falling crude oil prices.

In the past month, the average price for a gallon on regular unleaded self-serve gas in Nevada's urban areas fell 12 cents to \$1.41. The cheapest gas in the state can be found in Las Vegas, where the average price for a gallon of regular unleaded is \$1.29, down 14 cents from last month.

The national average fell 16 cents to \$1.19, a 35-cent drop since September.

"A slumping U.S. economy and the fallout from the Sept. 11 attacks has reduced demand for oil," said Lisa Foster, AAA Nevada spokeswoman. "Not long ago, it

seemed that oil would become alarmingly expensive. Now the question is, how much cheaper will it get?"

According to the International Energy Agency, world oil demand in the third quarter fell by an estimated 750,000 barrels per day, or about 1 percent, from the same quarter last year.

Motor gasoline demand remained strong, according to the Energy Information Administration, at approximately 3.6 percent above the same period last year. Jet fuel demand continues to increase on a week-to-week basis, but still averages 8 percent below the same time last year.

"Although OPEC is determined to stabilize crude prices, it is not in the cartel's interest to prolong or perhaps deepen the global economic downturn," said Alan Kovski, energy analyst.

Republican Women to meet

Kathy Augustine, Nevada State comptroller, will be the guest speaker at Saturday's breakfast meeting of the Green Valley Republican Women's Club.

She will update the financial picture of Nevada and answer all questions.

In addition, officers for 2002 will be installed by Lia Roberts,

president of the Nevada State Republican Women's Club.

The 10:30 a.m. meeting and breakfast will be in the Willows Restaurant at MacDonald Ranch, Horizon Ridge Parkway, just off Green Valley Parkway. The charge is \$15 per person.

The event is open to the public. For reservations, call Nickie Diersen at 897-4682.

Millennium Scholarship workshop set

This year, students who might not have otherwise had the opportunity to go to college are hitting the books and enrolling in public institutions of higher education through the Millennium Scholarship program.

"This program removes a great many of the financial barriers surrounding a college education," said Susan Moore, program director. "This money will help Nevada teens get the education they need to get a head start on their careers."

The Millennium Scholarship is the first of its kind. It offers all Nevada high school students meeting the residency

requirements and having a minimum grade point average of 3.0, a \$10,000 scholarship if they attend a public college or university in Nevada. Funded by the Tobacco Settlement of 1998, the program will continue to assist students indefinitely.

To encourage students to partake in this worthwhile program, The Barbara Greenspun WomensCare Center of Excellence, along with the Office of the State Treasurer, will offer a class to help students meet eligibility requirements. Students will find out what they need to do to qualify, learn about other

financial aid options and get college cost estimates.

The class will be at The Barbara Greenspun WomensCare Center of Excellence, at St. Rose Dominican Hospital, 100 N. Green Valley Parkway, Suite 330, at Interstate 215, Dec. 11 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Moore and Christine Aherns, department coordinator for Green Valley High School Counseling, will instruct.

For more information, call (888) 477-2667. For more information about the WomensCare Center or to confirm your child's attendance, call 616-4900.

Utilities meeting set

The Public Utilities Commission will host three public sessions to discuss utility issues.

The first will be Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Henderson Convention Center.

A second meeting will be at 4 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Winchester Community Center.

The third session will take place in Reno.

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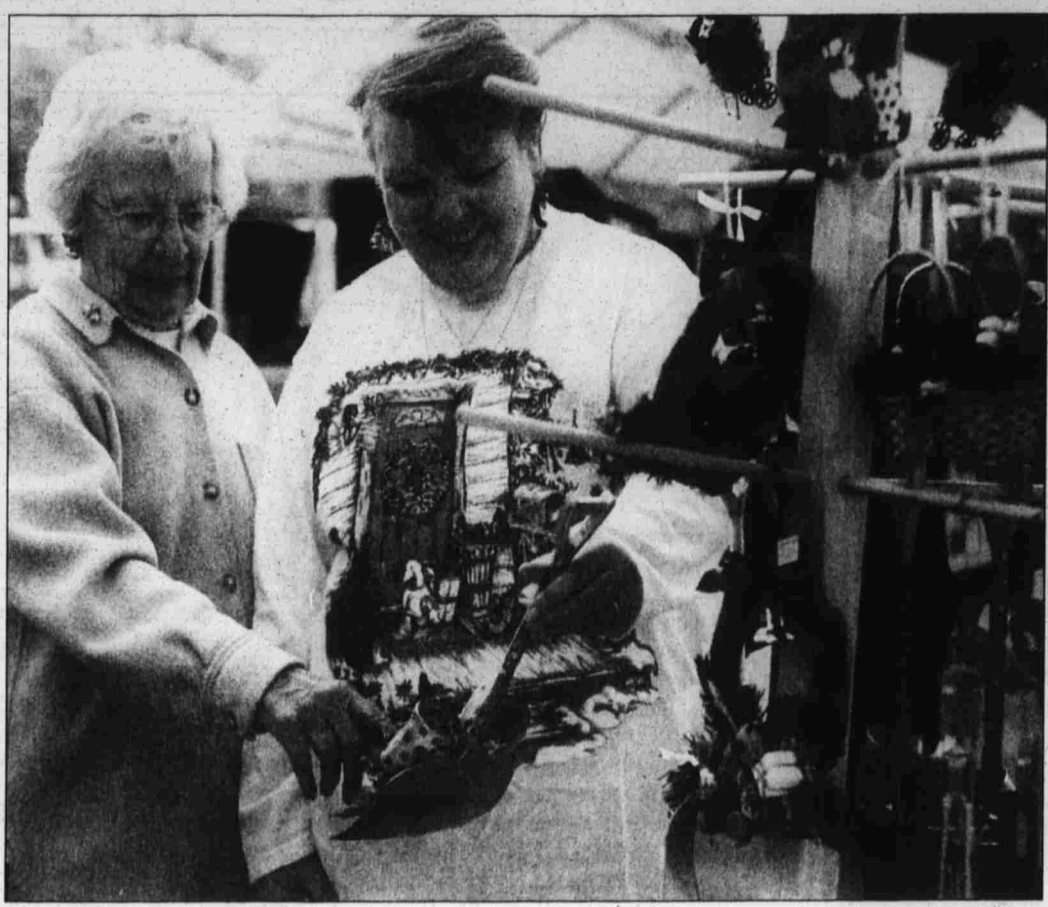
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CRAFT SHOW— Irene Hylton and her daughter, Diane Nyland, examine items at the Pamela's Creations booth Saturday at the Christmas Gift and Craft Show. The event, which took place Friday through Sunday at the Henderson Convention Center, featured more than 80 booths of vendors selling craft, gift and food items.

INSURANCE

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priced medicines might not be reduced a whole lot, but it still helps," Richard Smith said.

Brady Buchanan, the Henderson representative for Care Entree, who has also been an insurance broker for more than 35 years, calls the program one of the best programs he's seen.

The program, an alternative to insurance, acts as the "middleman" between the patient and people who are providing the services, like an insurance company would but at a lower cost.

For example, Buchanan said, when an insurance company like Blue Cross receives the claim for a patient, they pay the providers at wholesale cost and then charge the patient the price they paid plus additional costs, creating a retail price.

"(Care Entrée) gives people the opportunity to pay what Blue Cross paid at wholesale cost instead of a retail price," he said.

Providers for Care Entrée are contracted through Private Health Care Systems Inc. It is a nationwide Preferred Provider network with more than 30,000 participating doctors who have agreed to charge a set amount for services rendered. PHCS also covers every hospital in Clark County, Buchanan said.

"Rates don't increase every year and there is no underwriting," he said. "This is a good deal for people who can't afford insurance or don't qualify... it's a godsend."

Care Entrée also offers a cash back program for businesses that sign up and offer the program to their employees.

"This is savings of at least 50 percent for businesses... that's like \$15,000 to \$25,000 a year for employers in savings," Buchanan said. "I think it's the wave of the future, personally."

For example, a business that decides to join Care Entrée and

offer the highest package available to their employees will pay a first-time membership fee of about \$150, and \$54.95 every month after that. If they decided to pay zero percent of the employee's cost of \$54.95 per month, the business would receive 25 percent cash back every month for each employee who uses Care Entrée. Businesses also receive bonus cash, about \$5 to \$15, for every employee using the program.

"The cash back program is phenomenal," McNelley said. "A company can really become wealthy just off of the cash-back offer."

Care Entrée will host its grand opening in Las Vegas Dec. 15, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 1344 S. Decatur Blvd. Free chair massages will be available as well as free health seminars. A drawing for dinner for two with a choice of six restaurants will take place. To reach McNelley, call 870-9701, or Buchanan, 260-3505.

Holiday stress raises health risks, chiropractors warn

With the holiday season in full swing, it's important to reduce stress and strain.

This is especially important in light of the added anxiety resulting from the Sept. 11 tragedies.

Slow down, recognize the need for more patience, plan ahead to ease last-minute efforts and be aware that others are under pressure. Make a special point this holiday season to express your thoughts and feelings to your friends and loved ones.

You can start by taking a little extra care of yourself and your family at the dinner table. Don't fill yourself with holiday food, says the International Chiropractors Association.

"A bulging stomach can put pressure on your body's support systems, including your spine and spinal nerves," said Dr. D.D. Humber, ICA president. "Every extra pound in the abdominal region could put 10 pounds more stress on the lower back. This stress can last a short time, such

as just after eating a heavy meal or lifting a package improperly. It may also become chronic, as heavy eating during the holidays may lead to unhealthy weight gain, and carrying extra pounds can put added strain on the supporting structures of the spine and nervous system."

Additional weight can force the pelvis and torso to shift and cause changes in spinal balance, leading to spinal misalignments (known as subluxations) and malfunction in the entire body, said Dr. Humber. ICA suggests eating in moderation and taking a 15- to 20-minute walk after a big meal to ease discomfort and burn a few calories. Fitness research findings indicate you can burn up to 100 calories in a 30-minute walk.

ICA has prepared a list of health tips to help protect your back and general health over the holidays:

- Lift packages, firewood, a frozen holiday turkey and other heavy items with your legs, not

your back. When lifting, hold objects close to your body; rather than flexing forward, maintain a slight arch in your lower back and bend at the knees before standing up with the object. That way, the lifting is done primarily with the strong muscles of the legs supporting the load.

- When cooking or standing for an extended period, elevate one foot with a foot rest or stacked books, about six inches from the floor. Alternately elevating each foot relieves tired back and leg muscles - similar to the function the foot rest serves for customers standing at a counter - and helps prevent bad posture habits that can lead to abnormal spinal curvatures.

- When traveling by car or plane, place a pillow or folded towel behind the small of the back to help maintain the arch in your lower back and support the rest of the body properly. This relieves the discs and joint structures of the spine from unnecessary pressure.



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Catholic Charities receives 600 turkeys from anonymous donor

Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada will benefit from a donation of 600 turkeys.

One hundred turkeys were received before Thanksgiving and 500 were received Monday at Catholic Charities Lied Dining Room. The anonymous donation was coordinated through the

Nevada Community Foundation.

"An anonymous donor wanted to help as many people as possible with a holiday donation," said Lou Gramage, executive director of the Nevada Community Foundation. "A decision was made to purchase turkeys to help feed the homeless and needy

served by Catholic Charities." She said the turkeys will provide approximately 7,000 meals.

Catholic Charities Lied Dining Room has been serving meals to the community's homeless and needy since 1965.

More than 550,000 meals are served each year.

Book signing set for Saturday

Terry Goodkind, author of the New York Times best-selling series "Sword of Truth" novels, will have an exclusive national signing of "Pillars of Creation," No. 4 on the New York Times bestseller list, Saturday at 4 p.m. at Barnes and Noble-Henderson, 567 N. Stephanie St.

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Eagle Scout honor awarded to three

Three area Boy Scouts have completed requirements for Eagle Scout. They are:

Kevin Owen, a son of Robert and Kathy Owen and a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is a junior at Desert Pines High School where he is active in the marching drill team. He enjoys soccer. He plans to join the Marines.



Kevin Owen

Mitchell Barlow, a son of John and Pam Barlow, is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where he has served as deacon's Quorum president and Scout troop leader.



Mitchell Barlow

A freshman at Boulder City High School, he has had straight A's and perfect attendance for three years, straight E's in citizenship for two years. He has received the Nevada Rural Cities Youth Award twice. Barlow enjoys soccer, basketball, baseball, tenor saxophone and piano. His career interests involve sports.



Justin Lesperance

Justin Louis Lesperance, a son of Eugene and Susan Lesperance, is a member of Concerned Citizens of Troop 249 and has served as junior assistant scoutmaster and was on staff at the Boy Scouts of America National Jamboree Western Region Rappelling Team. He is a 2001 graduate of Chaparral High School where he logged four years with the school band.

His hobbies are music, camping, backpacking and sports. He plans to earn his fire science degree and serve as a professional firefighter.

Nevada unclaimed property auction slated for Saturday

An auction of Nevada unclaimed property will start at 11 a.m. Saturday at Robert Diero and Associates, 4050 West Harmon St., Suite 1, Las Vegas.

The unclaimed property division is under the administration of the State Treasurer's Office.

According to state law, when unclaimed property is turned over to the Treasurer's Office, any items not claimed within one year must be sold at auction.

In order to participate, interested parties can pre-view the items available and register with the auctioneer between 8 and 11 a.m. the morning of the auction.

Items up for auction this year include: a pearl necklace, a coin collection and numerous pieces of jewelry.

To view a sample of the items or to search the database for unclaimed property, visit NevadaTreasurer.com.

For more information, call (702) 792-4050.

MILITARY

Christopher J. Perrault

Army Pfc. Christopher J. Perrault has arrived at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md., to complete the wheeled vehicle repairer advanced individual training course. Perrault, a son of Jim W. and Rita B. Perrault of Henderson, is a 2001 graduate of Basic High School.



Rob Weidenfeld/News Staff

BREAKFAST WITH BERKLEY — U.S. Rep. Shelley Berkley talks with members of the Jewish War Veterans Post 65 during their monthly breakfast meeting Sunday at Sun City MacDonald Ranch's Desert Willow Community Center. Berkley was the featured speaker.

Military mail set to go online

The Department of Defense has an alternative to the Any Servicemember and Operation Dear Abby programs, which were suspended in the wake of anthrax mail attacks.

The Navy has developed a Web-based alternative to benefit members of all services. The program can be reached at the Navy LIFELines Services Network at <http://www.LIFELines2000.org>.

Those who want to send a message of support or holiday greeting to military service members will find a simple. Also called Any Servicemember, the program allows participants to select from one or all branches of the military. There is no way to direct greetings to Nevada

National Guard members.

"Having been away from home myself during the holidays, I know how much they'll appreciate greetings and letters from home," said Maj. Gen. Giles Vanderhoof, adjutant general for Nevada.

To receive a message, servicemembers will log onto the Web site and choose messages for their branch of service and home state. Those sending a message and wishing to receive a response may include a return e-mail address. Since all messages are viewed on the Web, the military's regular e-mail service is not affected.

Operation Dear Abby, founded by the newspaper advice columnist, has delivered mail to ser-

vicemembers overseas during the holiday season for more than 17 years. The Any Servicemember mail program began during Operation Desert Storm in 1990, and continued to grow during operations in Bosnia, starting in 1995.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Women's center to offer seminar on heart health

Many mistakenly think the leading cause of death in women is breast cancer, but it's heart disease.

The Barbara Greenspun WomensCare Center of Excellence will offer a seminar, "Heart Health for Women." Taught by Angie Palomo, open-heart clinical nurse specialist for St. Rose Dominican Hospital, this class will dispel myths of heart disease and discuss different types of treatment.

The seminar will be at the center on Green Valley Parkway at Interstate 215 from 6 to 7 tonight.

For more information, call 616-4900.

Brown Junior High Drama Club presents play

Brown Junior High School thespians today, Wednesday and Thursday will ask audiences to play sleuth.

They're staging "The Verdict" by Jacobson and Kricler at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. each of the days.

The setting is a 1930s courtroom drama. During each performance 12 audience members will be selected to serve as the jury.

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LOOKS GOOD ON PAPER— Green Valley Ranch Station designer Scott Avjian, left, talks about some of the interesting features of the hotel-casino. Glenn Christenson, Station Casinos chief financial officer and vice president, right, listens to the presentation.

RANCH

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dry runs on all services offered by the resort.

"We hope to work out as many bugs as we can but we won't be able to work out everything," Christenson said. "And hopefully we'll find out what we didn't think of and get that taken care of, too."

Next stop on the tour was the lobby of the Regal Cinema complex, followed by a visit to the spacious, 500-seat buffet. Near the hotel tower - which has 201 rooms equipped with a wet bar, soft bedding, full bathrooms and 500 square feet of space - is what he designer, Scott Avjian, called the backyard area.

In the backyard are tennis

courts and pools accessed by a grand sweeping staircase. Avjian said he expects the backyard to be a prime place for weddings.

Nearby is an entrance to the Whiskey Sky, a nightclub expected to rival hotspots on the Strip. "This will be the party place in Vegas," Avjian said.

From a designer's perspective, Green Valley Ranch Station in reality far surpasses Avjian's concepts.

"I have the easy part, I just come up with the design. The artists have to execute it," he said. "I always tell people it looks better than I imagined, but that's because I have had

such good artists to work with."

For Avjian, the design process was a delight. "One of the exciting parts is that ... I could use real, authentic materials," he said. "It all has to do with authenticity. That's what I learned when I restored a 17th century villa in Europe. If you miss a detail, the eye goes right to it."

Henderson City Council and neighbors have been supportive of the project.

"It's a property you can bring anyone to and feel comfortable and it's a place they can enjoy," said Christenson, whose own parents live nearby.

Las Vegas Sun and In Business Las Vegas combine business editorial staffs

Michael J. Kelley, Las Vegas Sun managing editor, and Bruce Spotleson, In Business Las Vegas publisher, have announced the Sun and In Business staffs will join as one team to cover business news in Southern Nevada and the Southwest.

The In Business staff is expected to move to the Sun offices next week.

"The merger will strengthen both publications. The Sun's strong resources in gaming and tourism coverage, for example, will enhance coverage of those industries in In Business," Kelley said. "In Business reporters - already known for strong coverage of real estate, finance and utilities - will

employ their expertise for improved coverage of these areas in the Sun."

Spotleson added, "This move will bring additional depth and expertise to the editing and reporting in both publications. Our readers will be the winners."

Both publications received awards earlier this year for their business coverage. In April, the Sun was voted Best in Business by the Society of American Business Editors and Writers (SABEW). In Business was honored in August with Best in Business Coverage by the Nevada Press Association.

Steve Green, Sun business editor, will lead the combined

business team, while Kirk Kern, In Business managing editor, will add the title of Sun assistant business editor to his responsibilities. Kelley will be responsible for news content of In Business and Spotleson will continue to lead business operations, including advertising sales and circulation.

In Business is published by Greenspun Media Group. GMG's primary businesses also include the weekly newspaper and magazine publications Las Vegas Life, Las Vegas Weekly, the Ralston Report, ShowBiz Japan, ShowBiz Weekly and VegasGolfer. GMG also consists of the Sun, the website vegas.com and Las Vegas ONE, an all-news cable channel.

Terracon's names Bowman operations manager in LV

Andrew Bowman has joined Terracon as operations manager for its Las Vegas office.

He has more than 13 years of civil and geotechnical engineering experience. Before joining Terracon, Bowman was project manager and a department manager providing geotechnical consultation on public works and private development projects including major freeway interchanges, large-diameter pipelines, transmission lines and power stations, flood control projects, and airport structures and pavements.

Bowman has bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from San Diego State University.

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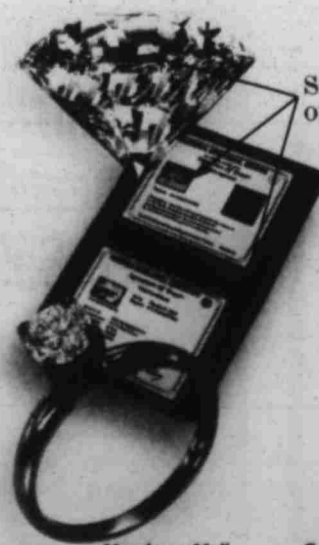
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DEATHS

Anthony W. Gardner

Anthony Wells Gardner, 59, died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2001, in Henderson.
Born March 23, 1942, in Overton, Nevada, he was a life-long resident of Henderson. He was a dietary aide with Sunrise Hospital.
He is survived by his mother, Lavinia Gardner of Boulder City; a brother, Rulon Barry Gardner of Henderson; and a sister, Valorie Davis of Henderson.
Visitation was at Hites Chapel. Graveside services are today at 11 a.m. at Logandale, Nev.
Arrangements were handled by Hites Funeral Home.

Timothy A. Martinez

Timothy Adam Martinez, 46, died Nov. 14, 2001.
The three-year Henderson resident was born May 21, 1955, in Wyoming and had been a construction cement finisher.
He is survived by: two sons, Joshua and Adam Martinez, both of Boise, Idaho; a daughter, Lindsay Martinez of Boise; his mother, Genevieve Martinez of Henderson; three brothers, Henry Martinez of Placerville, Calif., Ivan Martinez of Boise and Mark Martinez of Las Vegas; three sisters, Delilah Resenes of Fontana, Calif., Rebeca Salazar of Las Vegas and Lillian Hall of Stockton, Calif.
Interment was in Henderson.
Hites Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Elizabeth S. Ritchey

Elizabeth S. Ritchey, 75, died Nov. 27, 2001.
She was born Aug. 7, 1926, in Blairsville, Pa., and had been a Henderson resident since 1984.
In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Rose Dominican Hospital or Nathan Adelson Hospice.
She is survived by her husband, Robert Ritchey of Henderson; two daughters, Judith R. Young of Germantown, Tenn., and Allison Kalbfleisch of Auburndale, Fla.; a son, Dr. Robert A. Ritchey of Henderson; a sister, Virginia Lopez of Belle Vernon, Pa.; a brother, William Sehman of Franklin, Pa.; and three grandchildren.
Interment was in Palm Valley View Cemetery.
Palm Mortuary-Henderson handled the arrangements.

Leonard E. Smith

Leonard Edward Smith, 80, died Nov. 28, 2001, in Henderson.
Born in Nebraska, he was a 40-year-plus resident of Henderson. He was a truck driver and served in the U.S. Army in WWII.
He is survived by his wife, Beverly Smith of Henderson; and a son, Mark Smith of Henderson.
Interment will be private.
Arrangements were handled by Hites Funeral Home.

Raymond Snell

Raymond Snell, 78, died Nov. 28, 2001.

The 18-year Henderson resident was born Feb. 10, 1923, in Iowa. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.
He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Snell of Henderson; a daughter, Claudia Bridges of 29 Palms, Calif.; four brothers, Jack Snell of Henderson, Elmer and Herbert Snell of Fairfax, Iowa, and Albert Snell of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; three sisters, Edna Risdale of Norway, Iowa, Evelyn Brecht of Marengo, Iowa, and Mary Lou Seizer of Fair Fax, Iowa.
There were no local services. Interment will be in Iowa.
Hites Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Laura R. Gerleman

Laura R. Gerleman, 36, died Nov. 26, 2001, at St. Rose Dominican Hospital.
The 32-year Henderson resident was born Dec. 6, 1964, in Holbrook, Ariz., and had been a dental assistant.
She is survived by a son, Zachary Gerleman of Henderson; her mother, Georgianna Lloyd of Henderson; her father, Freddie Ulibarri of Glendale, Ariz.; sister, Amanda Ulibarri of Henderson; and two brothers, Michael and Delano Ulibarri, both of Henderson; a grandmother, Margaret Montoya, of Henderson; a companion, Kevin Hill, of Henderson and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.
Services took place at St. Thomas More Catholic Church.
Palm Mortuary-Jones handled the arrangements.

Everett N. Ericson

Everett Nicholas Ericson, 88, died Nov. 25, 2001.
The 40-year Henderson resident was born July 10, 1913, in South Dakota and had been an automotive shop mechanic.
He is survived by a daughter, Charlynn S. Case of El Cajon, Calif.; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.
There will be no local services. Interment will be in El Cajon.
Hites Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Bank robbed of undisclosed amount SPOKES

By the News Staff
Early Thursday afternoon a man robbed a teller at Wells Fargo Bank, 10010 S. Eastern, Ave., Henderson Police Department reported.
An undisclosed amount of money was taken. No weapon was seen. The suspect,

described as 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighing 160 pounds, was white with dark hair and a mustache. He allegedly handed the teller a note saying, "Give me your money. I have a gun."
He was last seen fleeing through the Rebel gas station

near the bank. He was wearing a blue and red baseball cap and a blue denim shirt, police said.
The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information should call the police department at 565-2009 or Secret Witness at 385-5555.

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newly assembled bikes and eating refreshments, clowns making balloon animals, Santa Claus taking wishes and city officials making a few comments.
The bikes are valued at roughly \$8,550.
Bicycle recipients were chosen from Variety Day Home, CASA, Regina Hall, Boys and Girls Club of Henderson, St. Jude's Ranch, Thurman White Middle School, Burkholder Middle School and Brown Junior High School.
In order to qualify, students had to demonstrate good behavior, strong citizenship and have a financial need.

PUC approves Southwest Gas rate decrease

The Public Utilities Commission has voted for an overall lowering of Southwest Gas rates.
The action will lower rates 11.7 percent for Southern Nevada customers and 7.9 percent for Northern Nevada customers. The dollar reduction in rates is \$35.1 million for Southern Nevada customers

and \$9 million for Northern Nevada customers. The new rates took effect Saturday.
The Southern Nevada residential consumer who averages 79 therms per month during the winter months will see
Overall decrease in rates is because of a small increase in general rates and a large decrease in gas cost rates. In its

rate applications, Southwest Gas applied for an overall decrease in rates of \$22.2 million. The PUC staff and the Bureau of Consumer Protection determined an additional \$21.9 million should be decreased from consumers' rates.
Consumers will benefit from these lower rates as the winter heating season begins.

HOMES

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"I don't mind homes there, but I think Dr. Horton is thinking too much quantity. If it were not such high density, more homeowners would be in favor of the project."
Suzanne DiNicola suggested an alternative to the high-density project.
"You can put in a very nice project," DiNicola said. "Why can't you put in some bigger units and double the price so there aren't so many?"
The developer has proposed nearly 500 condos on 41 acres, which would require a zone change for the property from gaming to residential.
Some neighbors said because the area hasn't been developed as a casino, it would never be developed if the commission denied the housing project proposed in its place.
"Ten years is long enough to wait for the land in question to come to fruition," Diane Booker, president of the River Mountain Ranch Homeowners Association, said. "To this day we have only had extensions of time. I personally feel this is a dead horse. It is the consensus of the homeowners that this (casino) project will not come to be."
Another resident, however, spoke in support of the proj-

ect.
"Living across the street from this property I'm either going to have a casino or a neighborhood," Tim Rogers said. "I would rather have a neighborhood. One of my biggest concerns ... is that it would end up being a modified truck stop just like Railroad Pass. I think we're stepping on our own foot if we disallow this project."
Residents had other concerns about what might result from the high-density project, particularly increased traffic and the impact it would have on Dooley Elementary School, which they said is already overcrowded and would become even worse if this project were built. The developer, D.R. Horton, answered those concerns with experts from the Clark County School District, a local engineering firm and the city.
With the projected number of schools being built in the area - at least two in the near future, a school official said, the district would be able to handle the additional students that might come from the new neighborhood.
Or would traffic pose a problem.
"It would generate signifi-

cantly less traffic (than a casino) and the infrastructure would be adequate for the residential project," Scott Jarvis of the city's traffic department, said.
Members of the commission were sufficiently swayed by the developer's argument.
"I've always felt that was an appropriate place for homes," commissioner Danny Sanders

said. "I'm excited about the prospect of getting rid of a big, proposed casino."
Sanders had lived in the area near the proposed project for 23 years before moving recently to another area in Henderson.
The commission's approval is a recommendation, which will be forwarded to council for its Dec. 11 meeting for final approval.

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HENDERSON HOME NEWS SPORTS

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Coronado girls basketball looking impressive



Ron Martinez/News Staff

INAUGURAL SEASON - Coronado girls basketball player Erica Santigate looks to pass Friday in the Cougars' win over Desert Pines.

By Kevin Fiddler
News Staff Writer

When Coronado girls basketball head coach Joe Moyes left Silverado's basketball program to take the position at Henderson's newest high school, he wasn't sure what to expect.

That is until he saw the group of girls that turned out to play on the team. As luck would have it, seven out of the ten girls that play on the varsity team, played for him during his tenure at Silverado. The other three happen to be freshmen.

With the leadership of junior Erica Santigate and sophomore Tiara Bowman, Moyes has good reason to be confident. Moyes knows what they can do because he has coached them before.

"We're not your typical first year team," Moyes said. "I think we have a good chance of having a winning season. I think we have a good shot to make the playoffs and win a game or two."

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✓ Girls roundup, Page 11

If current trends persist, Moyes just may be right. Coronado is 2-0 with two big wins against Eldorado (61-51) and Desert Pines (46-38).

Leading the team in scoring is Santigate who dropped 23 points in the Eldorado game and then responded with another 13 points against Desert Pines.

Also putting up consistent numbers for Coronado is Bowman who scored 18 points in the opener and then tallied 11 points against Desert Pines. It was Bowman's free throws down the stretch that put the game out of reach against Desert Pines.

Moyes will be looking to both Bowman and Santigate for their leadership and for their ball handling skills. Both can

run the point with confidence and shoot the ball well.

Also receiving high marks early on in the season is junior Kristy Lastwika, who pulled down 10 rebounds in the home opener against Desert Pines. Lastwika is 5-foot-11 and has the potential to be a force down low in the paint.

Moyes will be looking to Maria Djokovic for added leadership down the stretch as well. Djokovic has played for Moyes for the past two years and has the potential to effectively help the Cougars on offense and defense.

The Cougars also have a set of sisters who will look to be a factor. Traci and Stephanie Delgado will be the first sister tandem in the history of the school and both continue to improve as the season gets under way.

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Another day at school

Basic ROTC cadets earning their stripes

By Kevin Fiddler
News Staff Writer

The air is cold as the sun and its warmth begin to find its way from the east. The group marches in unison towards the football stadium, with each step never missing a beat. Cadet 1st Sgt. Drew Jerger calls out the orders as they break formation and sprint to their stations.

Is this the local Marines training on an early Friday morning?

No, this is the Marine Corps Junior ROTC at Basic High School and they are ready for PT otherwise known as physical training on this chilly morning.

Each group splits up and heads to a different location where they will begin their Friday morning trials. Before they begin the usual assortment of push-ups, chin-ups and sit-ups, this group must first get the heart pumping with some jumping jacks.

This is where these brave young cadets will be learning the true meaning of the term "physically fit" as they spring from station to station.

This is not a gym class. This is far tougher.

This is the ROTC and they mean business.

"It's a different program for a lot of kids, they find family-like teamwork," retired Lt. Col. D.J. Montgomery, United States Marine Corps and Senior Marine Instructor at Basic's ROTC. "This is an elective class. The kids take care of each other, they look out for each other, and they have started to become a part of something important."

There is no mistaking the discipline on this gray morning. Each cadet shows the utmost respect to their commanding officer, 1st Sgt. Sam Rael, as he barks the day's



Ron Martinez/News Staff

PASSING THE TEST - Members of Basic's ROTC work out Friday as part of the program's physical training. The cadets are required to do various athletic activities, like running and pushups.

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Girls soccer set to start season today

By Kris Hill
News Staff Writer

It was easy for Silverado to win the Sunrise Regional girls soccer title last year.

The Skyhawks had 11 seniors on their roster to lead them to victory as they finished the season 18-5-3, ending the year on a playoff loss to Bishop Gorman in the state tournament.

Now all those seniors are gone and with Coronado now open, there are plenty of obstacles in Silverado's path.

With a younger squad, things will be different for the Skyhawks on the soccer field.

"This year we'll have to do more of the basics, focus more on the fundamentals and work as hard as we can," Silverado coach Adam Taylor said. "If we can do that, the wins and losses will take care of themselves."

His group of seniors will shoulder a heavy load as they prepare to defend the Sunrise Regional title.

Taylor said he expects seniors Abbey Mathis, forward and center midfielder, Christina Priest, a midfielder, Dani Bromberg, sweeper, to lead the offense.

Meanwhile, helping to prevent opposing offenses from penetrating to the goalie's box will be senior defenders Nicole Whittman and Lisa Tigert.

As for players who have moved up from junior varsity and other younger players, Taylor wants to wait and see how they perform this season.

"There will be a quite few key newcomers who will make an impact, but I don't want to name any names yet," he said.

Silverado will take the field for its first match of the season at 5 tonight at Valley.

GREEN VALLEY

With only two seniors on the squad this year, the Gators will have their work cut out for them after making it to state last season.

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Thomas beginning first season as Green Valley wrestling coach

By Paul Howard
News Staff Writer

Green Valley's wrestling team will look to its past for success this season.

Aric Thomas, a 1995 graduate of the school, took over the program this summer and has big plans for his alma mater.

So far so good, as the Gators finished in third place with a nice showing last week in a meet held at Clark High School.

"I was pleasantly surprised with our first couple of matches," said Thomas, who coached at Valley last year. "Our conditioning was good and

we faced some pretty solid competition."

The Gators will be led by senior Anthony Guadagna and also will use added experience from Mike Bowman, David Prell and Devon Thomas.

Guadagna, Bowman and Prell all went 7-1 over the weekend to lead the Gators.

Thomas expects this year's team to be in the top four in the Henderson area and contend for in the Sunrise Region.

"We are capable of doing some great things this year," Thomas said. "Our kids are strong, well conditioned, and and putting it together early on. We get a couple kids back from injury in a few

weeks and then we will take it from there."

CORONADO

The first year school starts out the wrestling season with a lot of inexperienced kids in a fairly tough conference.

Coach Bob Clements brings his great track record to the school where he has already fared well with a nice showing in girls' tennis.

The Cougars will have Ronnie Kearney (155) to lead the way on a squad that features four freshmen.

Austin Byrd will be a key contributor as will

Josh Barnes, (112), and Jason Maimes.

The Cougars started off the season dropping a pair of matches to Foothill and Valley by the scores of 55-24 and 54-22.

"I was very proud of our kids," Clements, who coached at Silverado last year, said. "Maimes was great and Byrd is extremely hard working so we should be better in a few weeks when we get a lot of players eligible who will contribute right away."

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17 - Points scored by Las Vegas High in its 17-10 win over McQueen for the 4A football title

23 - Points scored by Coronado's Erica Santigate in a win over Eldorado

College Scene

The Lady Rebels played over the weekend in Berkeley, Calif., at the Oakland Tribune Classic and went 1-1 to win the consolation. The Rebels fell to No. 13 ranked Georgia 77-62 in the first game after leading by nine with 11 minutes to play. Linda Frohlich led the Rebels with 27 points.

The Rebels got into the win column with an impressive 83-28 victory over Central Connecticut State on Sunday. Frohlich had 20 points to lead the way. Next up is a trip to face Nevada Reno on Dec. 9. UNLV improves to 5-1 on the season.

The men went to 3-2 on the season with a 79-64 win over Georgia Southern on Saturday night at home. Lou Kelly led the team with 19 points and Marcus Banks added 12. UNLV next faces Alabama-Birmingham on the road next Saturday.

In swimming, the Rebels placed first in both men's and women's meets at the Mountain West Invitational Saturday night. The women had a 168 point advantage over second place San Diego State. Tamme Ebert and Alyson Noble placed one-two in the 1650 freestyle.

Basic boys basketball splits over the weekend

By Paul Howard
News Staff Writer

The Basic boys basketball team is already on pace to eclipse the number of wins it had all of last season in the first two weeks of play.

Basic used strong defense and balanced scoring to get by Chaparral on Friday night 71-39 at Chaparral High School.

Allan Smith led the Wolves with 22 points while Robert Hardy and James Dinicola added 11 points each.

"We started out real well after getting out to slow starts in our first two games," Basic coach Kurt Bailey said. "I was happy with the way we played, but we still have a few areas we need to work on."

It was the second win of the season for the Wolves who won only five games all of last year.

Basic took control early leading 20-8 after one quarter of play and extended their lead to 18 at the half.

The Wolves held Chaparral to eight points in the first and third quarters to put the game away.

It was a different story Saturday.

The Wolves suffered a tough loss as they failed to hold a six-point lead in the last minute of play to fall to Mojave 77-71 in overtime at Basic High School.

"We should have won the game and I am disappointed with the way some of our seniors played down the stretch, especially decisions they made," Bailey said. "We are 2-2 on the season but our record should be 3-1, but we have to learn from this."

Basic led for most of the game before Mojave came from behind late to send the game into overtime, before holding on in the extra quarter.

Robert Hardy led the Wolves with 19, Smith had 17, and Eric Cooper was strong on the boards for the Wolves.

GREEN VALLEY

The Gators opened the season strongly this past week.

On Wednesday, they handed Rancho a 89-35 drubbing



Rob Weidenfeld/News Staff

SPLITTING THE DEFENSE —Basic's Dexter Centeno takes a shot in Friday's win over Chaparral.

which featured balanced scoring for the Gators.

Jon Osborne led the way with 20 points and Chris Holm added 18.

"We played great defense and were very physical throughout," Green Valley coach Jim Allen said. "A lot of kids got to play and it was a good effort all around."

Things were much closer

Saturday as the Gators played Pineview High School of Utah.

Osborne was the hero as he sank two clutch free throws late in the game as the Gators held on for a 50-47 win.

Mitch Platt had 14 while Osborne chipped in 13.

The key to the win was the Gators ability to shut down Pineview in the second quar-

ter holding them to only two points.

SILVERADO

The Skyhawks went 0-2 over the weekend as they battled Friday night but fell short against Rancho, 60-51.

Silverado made a valiant comeback after falling behind early and trailed at the half 33-15.

Corey Tyler was held in check throughout the game and Steven Whiteman picked up the slack scoring 10 points to lead the way.

Saturday, the Skyhawks fell to Snow Canyon, Utah, 56-47.

Things were different this time as the Skyhawks jumped out to an early lead and led 24-21 at the half.

But Snow Canyon rallied and outscored Silverado 13-5 to get the win.

Chris McCoy scored a game high 15 points, while Tyler added 10.

FOOTHILL

The Falcons scored early and often to jump all over Eldorado on Friday, getting the victory 92-61.

The Falcons scored 20 or more points in every quarter to win going away.

Foothill dominated early taking a 22-6 first quarter lead and using a three-point barrage from Chance Holland to jump out on top.

Holland finished with 16 points and four three-pointers.

Kevin Marshall added 11 for the Falcons.

CORONADO

The impressive athletic success the Cougars have enjoyed in their inaugural year continued on Wednesday as the basketball team won their first-ever game with a 71-61 victory over Eldorado.

Wes Hager led the Cougars in scoring with 22 points and Mike Kale chipped in 11. Brandon Degregorio had 19.

"We are getting kids to buy into our system and we think we are making progress,"

Cougar coach Paul Berg said. "We only had two turnovers in the second half, which is great for a young team, and we used our athleticism to win tonight."

The key to the win was consistent and timely shooting from the Cougars, who did much of their scoring from the perimeter.

They shot 48 percent from the floor and dominated the glass.

"The kids have been playing together since the spring

so that has helped immensely," Berg said. "They just have to continue to work hard and execute and we should do well."

Things did not go as well on Friday as the Cougars were brought down to reality with a 79-51 loss to Desert Pines.

The Cougars fell behind early 30-11 and could never recover as the Pines opened up a big lead and never relinquished it.

Mike Kale led the Cougars with 16 points and Degregorio added 10.

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Kline making an impact at South Florida WRESTLING

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By Paul Howard
News Staff Writer

Former Basic star and Bishop Gorman graduate Jen Kline capped off an incredible week of women's hoops by being named Conference USA player of the week.

Kline, a freshman at South Florida, became just the fourth Bull to earn the award and the first since Dec. 2000. She averaged 19 points and six rebounds while leading South Florida to a 4-0 start.

The forward-guard is doing all of this as a freshman, an age that usually is reserved for bench and role-play on the team.

She also won an MVP award at the Boston University Invitational where she averaged 20 points and led the Bulls to an upset win over SMU, who is picked to finish high in the Western Athletic Conference.

She was heavily recruited out of high school by Pepperdine, Montana and Boise State, but chose South Florida because of the coaching staff and campus location.

"The coaches were great to me and assured me I could play a big role on the team

even as a freshman," Kline said. "We are playing well as a team and I hope we can continue to do well."

South Florida University is located in Tampa-St. Pete and the Bulls play in the competitive Conference USA.

Kline is pursuing an elementary aid degree as she wants to teach after her playing days are over.

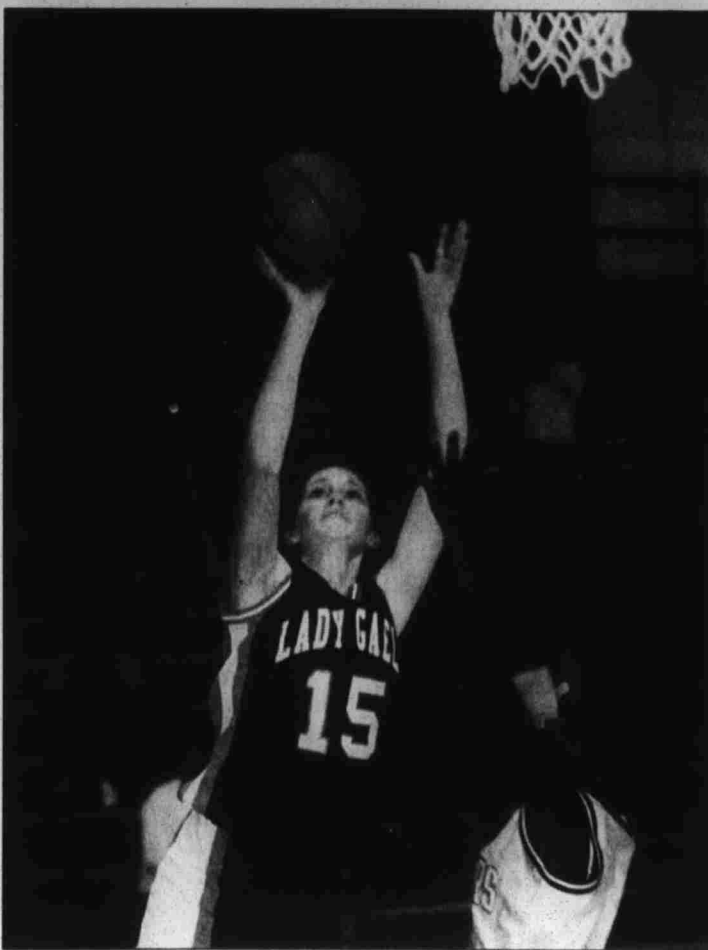
"I want to play basketball for as long as possible, even if that means playing overseas and trying to break in there," Kline said.

To her credit Kline refuses to accept the accolades and awards without thanking her teammates and coaching staff, who she feels are the main reason for the great start.

"My teammates keep getting me the ball when I'm open and shooting well," Kline said. "They get all the credit and have helped a lot."

To help ease the process, the Bulls also have three freshmen on the team who see significant playing time and allow Kline to fit in better.

"The other freshmen on the team are great because we have a lot in common and can learn together," Kline said.



File Photo

GREAT START — Former Basic High student Jen Kline had a great start to her collegiate career this past week with South Florida.

Gator girls off to 3-0 start in basketball

By Ray Brewer
News Sports Editor

Green Valley's girls basketball team is slowly becoming one of the more potent teams in Southern Nevada.

It started last February when the Gators won the Sunrise Regional title and has carried into the 2001-02 season.

Standing at 3-0, the Gators have been awfully impressive.

"We are starting to work together as a team to find that combination of eight to 10 players," Green Valley coach Alma Randolph said.

The Gators looked sharp Friday as four girls scored in double figures en route to a 61-36 home victory over Las Vegas.

Freshman guard Jabrinta Hubbard paced the Green Valley attack with 17 points. In fact, Hubbard has led the Gators in scoring all three games.

But the scoring doesn't stop with the youngster.

Ashley Chu and Laura David each scored 12 points in the win, while Jennifer Ribout added 11 and Jen Todd had nine.

"We don't have to depend on one or two kids for the

scoring," Randolph said.

The Gators used a 25-4 spurt in the third quarter in coasting to victory.

Even with Green Valley's fast start, they still aren't considered one of the team's to beat in the Las Vegas Valley.

Those honors go to Bishop Gorman, Bonanza and Centennial, all from the Sunrise Region.

The Gators have a date with Centennial Saturday, and a chance to become one of the valley's elite.

"We have two other games next week, so we can't look too far ahead," Randolph said.

FOOTHILL

The Falcons haven't had too much success this season, but almost broke into the win column Friday — losing 58-54 to Eldorado.

"We are playing a lot better than last year and the year before," Falcon coach Rich Handley said. "One thing that isn't going our way is that the shots aren't falling."

In the loss to Eldorado,

junior Roxanne Ritchie led the way with 17 points while twin sister Rebecca Ritchie added seven. Heather Haddock scored 15.

"They are understanding the game more," Handley said of his third year program. "They are doing better on defense and with the things we have been trying to teach them the past years."

Foothill is 0-2 overall.

BASIC

The Wolves also haven't won this season, including a 52-46 loss to Chaparral Friday.

Despite outscoring the Cowboys 19-9 in the fourth quarter, the Wolves couldn't come away with the win.

Andrea Ramirez and Angie Williams each scored 12 points in the loss, while Sade Bunch added 11.

Monday, the Wolves lost their season opener to Centennial 77-39 on the road.

Centennial is one of the top teams in town and it showed as the Bulldogs led 40-18 at halftime.

Bunch led Basic with 12 points and Keri Justice had

eight.

The Wolves only trailed 13-9 after the first quarter. Basic is 0-2 overall.

SILVERADO

The Skyhawks are 2-0 overall after hanging on for a 46-43 win over Rancho Friday at Silverado High School.

Brittany Turner had 16 points in the win and Janell Gibson added 11.

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CORONADO

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Traci Delgado, a junior, is dedicated and focused on constantly improving which makes Moyes' job much easier. Stephanie Delgado, a freshman, has the potential to be a good post player for the Cougars.

Moyes has a team that plays well under pressure and thus far, has shown they can put the close games away down the stretch but to do that, the Cougars will have to avoid turning the ball over.

In the first half against Desert Pines, the Cougars turned the ball over 10 times, which kept the Desert Pines team in the game much longer than they should have been.

Regardless of the turnovers, this team has the talent to compete this year and could qualify for the state tournament. The reason for this is the fact that the team shows many good qualities, one being coachability.

"They listen well," Moyes said. "They do everything we ask them to and are very coachable. We'll be fine if we could just get along and gel as a group and stay consistent in our relationships. We could only get better."

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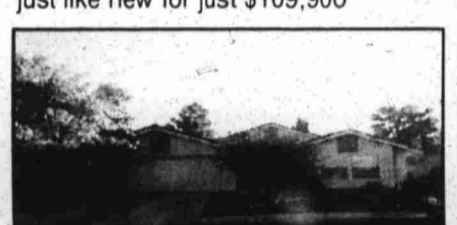
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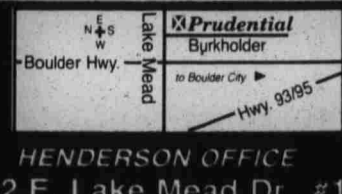
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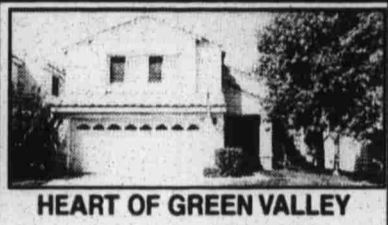
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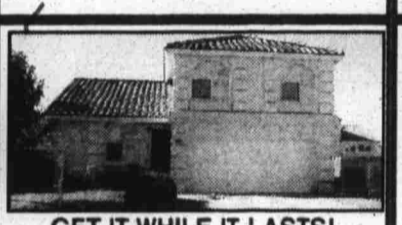
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