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Renters to be downwind of trash facility

Council narrowly approves apartments off Sunset Road and Boulder Highway

By ABIGAIL GOLDMAN

Future renters of a proposed apartment development near Sunset Road and Boulder Highway will live just downwind of a 24-hour garbage transfer station and asphalt plant, if the complex is built according to plans approved by the Henderson City Council.

The council voted in favor of the development project on

Dec. 6, though not easily. "Quite frankly, I'm barely going to support this," Councilman Jack Clark said.

The Sunset Springs project calls for rezoning almost 70 acres of land off Boulder Highway for developers to build a gated apartment community nearly surrounded by industrial buildings.

Casino magnate Jack Binion owns the site, between Warm Springs and Sunset roads,

downwind from a Republic Services transfer station and the Las Vegas Paving asphalt plant.

At the suggestion of city planning staff, Sunset Springs developers have agreed to provide future tenants with a disclosure documents warning of all neighborhood odors and noises.

The need for affordable apartment housing supersedes what may be an undesirable location, Clark said.

"Do we allow apartments to be built that people can actually live in, wherever that may be? Or do we insist that all

'This is not the best location for apartments ... But we're in dire need of workforce housing and we have to find that balance.'

Amanda Cyphers,
 Councilwoman

of our apartments be placed in Seven Hills and Anthem, where people can't afford to live?" he said.

Henderson's Planning Commission did not approve of the Sunset Springs project, citing concerns that a gated apartment community was

not compatible with the surrounding industrial area and that noxious odors and noise resulting from the nearby garbage facility would impact a resident's quality of life.

When the proposal came before the City Council, developers were armed with sev-

eral letters of approval from area businesses — a cache of high-powered support that Las Vegas Paving representative Golden Welsh told council members his company could not fight.

"Most of the zoning lawyers and zoning consultants that you would normally hear on an item like this refused to represent us," Welsh said.

Developers presented the City Council letters of support from several area businesses, including Findlay Management Group, Harsh Invest-

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Teacher to face 21 charges

Former instructor at Kesterson accused of inappropriate contact

By ABIGAIL GOLDMAN

A Henderson elementary teacher will be arraigned in District Court next month on 21 felony charges of lewdness with several minors and possession of child pornography.

Mark Zana, a former Kesterson Elementary School teacher, was arrested on Sept. 29 after female students alleged the fifth grade teacher touched them inappropriately.

Zana was charged with nine counts of lewdness with a minor under the age of 14 and 12 counts of possession of child pornography and videos.

Defense lawyer Vince Consul unsuccessfully argued during a Dec. 13 fact-finding hearing in Henderson that some of the charges should be dropped, because the statute of limitations had run out on five felony counts for lewd acts that allegedly took place more than three years ago.

Judge Rodney T. Burr was not convinced, and set a Jan. 9 court date for Zana's initial arraignment on all 21 counts.

Outside court, Consul said he planned to file motions to

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LEILA NAVIDI/NEWS STAFF PHOTO

During the official groundbreaking for the expansion of the Desert Wetland's Park, County Commissioner Rory Reid, right, accompanied by State Assemblyman Mark Manendo, drives a bulldozer over land to signify the groundbreaking.

Natural and pristine

Wetlands park to expand, connect to bird viewing preserve and trail loop

By NICOLE FENEBERG LUCHT

A small bit of wilderness in the Las Vegas Valley is about to expand.

The Clark County Wetlands Park, just north of Henderson will have an additional 200 acres added to its 130 acres of developed land, bringing access to the park's 2,900 acres near the edge of the Henderson Bird Viewing Preserve and allowing visitors to travel freely between the two recreation areas.

The Wetlands Park, which encompasses the Las Vegas Wash and several other washes and ponds surrounded by indigenous trees, shrubs and grasses, is the habitat of hundreds of bird species and other wildlife, such as kit foxes, beavers and coyotes.

Donning a hard hat, Clark County Commissioner Rory Reid roared a bulldozer to life at the entrance to the park. Once the land-moving vehicles was in gear, Reid rolled it forward, displacing a layer of earth and a tree.

"Today is an important part of the journey," Reid said Dec. 12 at the groundbreaking for the second phase of the park.

As the park grows, it will be connected to the Henderson Bird Viewing Preserve through a trail system. The park will also connect to the River Mountains Trail Loop, a currently under-construction recreational path for hikers, bicyclists and equestrians.

The Bird Viewing Preserve is centered on the Wastewater Treatment Facility and includes nine evaporative ponds, which migratory and resident waterfowl and desert birds have made their home.

The expansion has a great impact on Henderson's own wildlife preserves, Reid said. "Anyone who's been to the bird preserve, this will make it



LEILA NAVIDI/NEWS STAFF PHOTO

The Las Vegas Wash runs through the Desert Wetland's Park.



LEILA NAVIDI/NEWS STAFF PHOTO

Bruce Sillitor, a Clark County Parks and Recreation manager, looks for seed pods on a mesquite tree.

better," Reid said. "Certainly it will be a big addition to what exists. Anyone living in Henderson can get here in 15 minutes or less."

Henderson Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Dirk Richwine said he agrees with the commissioner's

'Certainly it will be a big addition to what exists. Anyone living in Henderson can get here in 15 minutes or less.'

Rory Reid,
 Clark County commissioner

assessment of the two complementary wildlife areas.

"I don't see that there would be a negative impact," Richwine said.

The bird preserve is gearing up for an expansion of its own, he said.

The department was awarded \$1.8 million in March through Southern

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Tough rules for loan stores sought

By HELEN AFRASIADI

Henderson is working on tightening rules for payday loan stores with an ordinance that will be considered by the Planning Commission next month.

The concentration of check-cashing facilities on Boulder Highway and Sunset Road is an example of how the limited areas zoned for these facilities is causing them to practically overrun one another — the main reason for stricter rules, city planner Shelly Labay said.

Before 2000, there were only two check-cashing facilities in Henderson and that number increased to nine by 2003, according to city records.

There are currently 30 check-cashing facilities within 96 square miles, according to the city's Business License division.

Members of the City Council have expressed concern about the number of payday loan stores that have opened in Henderson, and asked the city's Community Development department to look into how to regulate these businesses, Councilman Andy Hafen said.

Mayor Jim Gibson has also expressed concern, his spokesman Bud Cranor said.

"Some of these businesses are legitimate, and some have been known to be predatory," Cranor said. "They prey on those who can least afford it."

"The council wants to be sure they take care of our residents, and be sure that those that aren't legitimate aren't here."

One of the other purposes behind the revised ordinance is to ensure other financial businesses can set up shop, Labay said.

"We're looking at the numbers of check-cashing establishments we're getting in our city, and don't want to see banks not be able to put a branch somewhere because there is a check-cashing place everywhere they want to be," she said.

That hasn't become an unmanageable problem yet, but city officials want to

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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Week in Review

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8
 A new McGruff the Crime Dog mascot made its appearance for the Henderson Police Department at the Galleria at Sunset mall. ADT Security Services donated the new mascot costume to the department, one of 25 it donated to law enforcement agencies across the country. The Henderson department has had its McGruff costume more than 15 years.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9
 Henderson celebrated the holidays with the lighting of its Christmas tree downtown. Winners of the city's holiday decorating contest were also announced.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10
 In the last of two performances, tenor Andrea Bocelli performed on a floating stage at Lake Las Vegas Resort. The concert was taped as part of a special to be aired in PBS in March in conjunction with Bocelli's new CD release.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12
 Assemblywoman Sharron Angle, R-Reno, held an open forum in Sun City MacDonald Ranch to discuss the a property tax restraint initiative she is



PHOTO COURTESY CITY OF HENDERSON
Channel 8 weatherman Kevin Janison, left, watches as Mayor Jim Gibson flips the switch to light Henderson's Christmas tree downtown.



PHOTO COURTESY ST. ROSE DOMINICAN HOSPITALS
Santa Claus spends some time with the Schaaf family at St. Rose Dominican Hospitals Siena Campus during a recent visit by the Harley Owners Group to deliver gifts during the holidays. Ryan Schaff holds his son, Ethan, who was in the hospital for an infection. Ethan's brothers are Nathan, right, and Reese.

proposing. The constitutional amendment proposal calls for determining property tax percentages based on the value of the home at the time of purchase, not appreciation.

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 The new Whitney Recreation Center opened at 5712 E. Missouri Ave., off Boulder Highway in the Whitney Township. The 20,000-square-foot facility includes a large multipurpose room, teen room, computer lab, fitness room and gymnasium. For more information about the center, call 455-7576.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13
 Construction of The Meridian, a mixed-use development in downtown Henderson, broke ground. It is the only mixed-use project that will offer rental apartments. The building is part of the redevelopment effort for downtown Henderson.

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 The Nevada Commission on Tourism awarded six Hender-

son businesses their Tourism Development Awards. The award is given out to businesses that showed creativity, giving a boost to Las Vegas' attractions, amenities and entertainment.

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 The Henderson Community Foundation honored military wife Tuesday Perkins for her volunteer efforts while her husband was deployed to Iraq earlier this year, and the fund's largest benefactor, Anthony Marnell, for his contributions to the Military Families Assistance Program.

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 Henderson Deputy Police Chief Jutta Chambers was sworn into office during the Henderson City Council meeting at City Hall. She will be the highest-ranking woman in the Henderson Police Department and the second

highest ranking police woman in the state.

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 Preliminary hearings ended for former Kesterson Elementary School teacher Mark Zana in Henderson Justice Court. Zana will face 21 felony charges for lewdness with a minor and child pornography possession at his arraignment in District Court in January.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14
 The city was expected to hold a public meeting about planned roadway improvements on Burkholder Boulevard between Lake Mead Parkway and Race-track Road. The project also includes a trail along the roadway improvements, extending east to the River Mountain Loop Trail system.

Week Ahead

TODAY, DECEMBER 15
 The Regional Fixed Guideway Steering Committee meets from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Regional Transportation Commission administrative building, 600 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas. This is the final meeting the committee is expected to hold before making a recommendation to the commissioners on whether to pursue mass transportation along the 33-mile route from Henderson to North Las Vegas. The meeting is open to the public.

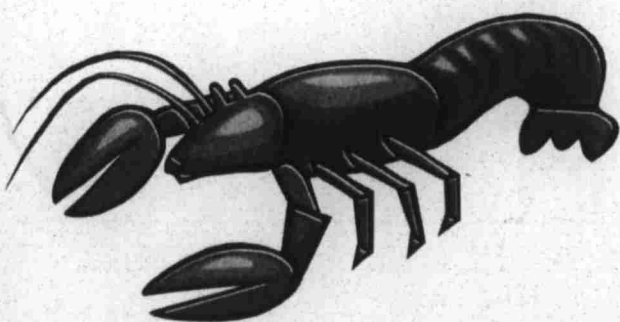
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 The Planning Commission will meet at 7 p.m. Final votes will be made on issues including approval of an apartment complex on Nevada State Drive in Mission Hills, increased lot size for the Serrano "M" at Lake Las Vegas residential development and zoning approval for a medical office at St. Rose Parkway and Jeffreys Street

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 Timet Metals Corp. will install the titanium cross it built for St. Rose Dominican Hospitals new San Martin Campus, at the corner of Warm Springs Road and Durango Drive, at 10:30 a.m. Bennie Pipes supervised the project worked on by machinists Raymond Martinez, James Lewis and Allen Craft. A representative of the Las Vegas Diocese will bless the cross and the hospital.

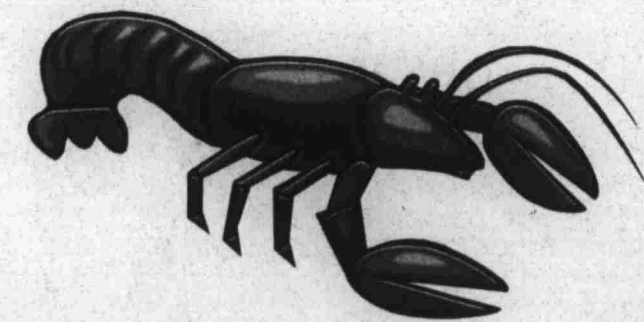
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17
 A permanent memorial for the 30 Nevadan service members killed while serving in the U.S.-led wars in Iraq and Afghanistan will be dedicated at 11 a.m. at the Red Rock Visitors Center, 1000 Scenic Loop Drive, Las Vegas. From Henderson, Nevada Army Guard Spec. Anthony Cometa, Marine Cpl. Jesse Jaime and Marine Lance Cpl. Richard Perez Jr. will be remembered for their sacrifice while serving in Iraq.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21
 The Henderson Redevelopment Advisory Commission meets at 4 p.m. at Henderson City Hall, 240 Water St. It is open to the public.

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Still not a drop of rain in sight for Las Vegas



Ready or not — here comes winter! Meteorological winter actually begins Dec. 1 while astronomical winter begins

Dec. 21. Dec. 21 is our shortest day of the year with only 9 1/2 hours of daylight and 14 1/2 hours of darkness.

Fortunately, the extra warm days lately have helped us ward off winter's chill so far. But evenings do cool down quickly with that sun dropping behind the Spring Mountains before 4 p.m.

Temperatures have backed off a little heading into the weekend, but we should rebound by Sunday and into early next week.

Looks like a little wind kicks up by midweek. And no rain in sight!

We are so dry and thirsty, going on nearly two full months without a raindrop in the bucket. Those beautiful leaves — which are usually

gone by now — are just drying up and falling to their crunchy demise. Lawns and bushes are gulping every precious drop of H2O on our one-day allotted for watering.

The long-range outlook isn't that promising for extra rainfall either. Computer models are betting on a 50-50 chance of average rainfall this winter, which would only be a couple of inches.

That doesn't necessarily reflect a poor snow season for Mt. Charleston (although we're not off to a rip-roaring start) because oftentimes winter storms will dump on the mountains, with few leftovers for the valley.

So let's think positive! Let it snow; let it snow up high... and in the Rockies!

Don't forget, drink plenty of water! Dry winter air dehydrates your body. Have a great, safe weekend.

Sherry Swensk is the morning weather anchor for KLAS-TV Channel 8. She can be reached at sswensk@klastv.com.

6-DAY FORECAST

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| FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16 Mostly Sunny High 57 Low 37 | SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 Sunny High 57 Low 37 |
| SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 Sunny High 59 Low 38 | MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 Sunny High 62 Low 40 |
| TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20 Sunny High 61 Low 39 | WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21 Mostly Sunny High 59 Low 37 |

Raffle comes up short, leaving promised prize of condo out of the pot

By NICOLE FENEBERG LUCHT

about \$75,000.

A raffle by a local developer in support of the Henderson Community Foundation came up short by 2,900 raffle tickets, and a promised prize of a three-bedroom Las Vegas condominium could not be given away.

The condominium, offered through a fundraiser by real estate developer Sovereign Capital, was held back from the four other prizes because a minimum of 4,400 tickets, at \$50 a piece, were not sold by Nov. 30, said Laurie Beach, investor relations manager for Sovereign Capital.

But on Dec. 10, the raffle drawing moved forward, minus the condo. Four winners won a total of \$85,000 in cash prizes, including two Henderson residents and a Las Vegas resident. A Kansas man won the \$50,000 prize.

The developer also donated an additional \$50,000 to the foundation, to be distributed to the 12 nonprofit organizations selling the tickets, foundation treasurer Lisa Sich said.

The raffle failed, Sich said, because the nation, including Henderson, was concentrating on raising money for Hurricane Katrina survivors.

"At the same time," Sich said, "it didn't do anything for local charitable giving."

She said she was still pleased with the outcome, "regardless of the limited success that went into the raffle sales."

Beach said the developer wanted to assist a local charity since it is building homes in the area. One of its developments is Horizon at Seven Hills.

The raffle ticket sale raised

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O'Callaghans get values award

By NICOLE FENEBERG LUCHT

Former Gov. Mike and Carolyn O'Callaghan were remembered for their parenting during a ceremony that awarded their children the 2nd annual Lloyd D. George Family Values Award. The couple died last year within months of one another.

The Dec. 7 event at Wynn Las Vegas was also a fundraising dinner for the International Scouting Museum.

The museum, a collection of scouting artifacts from around the globe, is temporarily housed in an office suite on West Charleston Blvd., displaying three percent of the collection.

The event raised \$107,000 toward building a 55,000 square-foot facility, so that the rest of the collection can be displayed.

Master of ceremonies was former U.S. Sen. Richard Bryan and Judge Lloyd D. George, after whom the award is named, were in the audience. George was the only person in the room who met Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scout organization in 1908, Bryan said.

Teresa Duke, one of two O'Callaghan daughters, accepted the award on behalf of her four siblings, Michael, Brian and Tim O'Callaghan and Colleen O'Callaghan-Miele.

"Our parents did a wonderful job," she said. "Not only did they inspire us to be good, responsible people, they inspired hundreds of others."

Tim O'Callaghan, co-publisher of the News, gave an invocation before dinner using the same prayer his father would say in the kitchen of the Catholic Worker before heading out into the soup line to help feed the homeless, he said.

Sen. Harry Reid, via a video message, spoke of his former teacher, Mike O'Callaghan, his best friend and Carolyn O'Callaghan as "friends for so many years."

"These two families (O'Callaghan and George) are the epitome of what families should be," Reid said. "They worship their families as well as the religion of their choice."

Duke said that in honor of Dec. 7, 1941, the day Pearl Harbor was attacked, she wanted to recognize service members who fought and died for the country.

"My father would want me to do that," Duke said.

Calling George a "phenom-



LEILA NAVIDI/NEWS STAFF PHOTO

Teresa Duke receives a congratulatory hug from Lloyd D. George after the O'Callaghan family received the 2005 Lloyd D. George Family Values Award during a benefit dinner for the Las Vegas International Scouting Museum at the Wynn Casino.

enal human being," Duke said, "We are humbled, totally humbled, to be recipients of the Judge Lloyd George family award. We thank God for giving us life and giving us such a wonderful life."

Brian Greenspun, co-chairman of the dinner and publisher of the News, spoke fondly of Mike and Carolyn O'Callaghan, who published the News from 1980 through 2003.

Mike O'Callaghan was executive editor of the Las Vegas Sun at the time of his death. Greenspun is the editor of the Sun.

"There's a whole lot I can add about Mike and Carolyn

O'Callaghan," Greenspun said after several speakers shared their memories of the couple. "The few of you ... who didn't know Mike ... have benefited because he and Carolyn were here before us."

Not only did the couple value their own family, Greenspun said, they "valued everyone else's."

Following the dinner, Carolyn O'Callaghan's youngest sister, Harriett Martinez, spoke of her sister's strong family values, something she got from her parents.

Twelve years Martinez's senior, Carolyn O'Callaghan, who would have turned 70 on Dec. 15, took up the role as

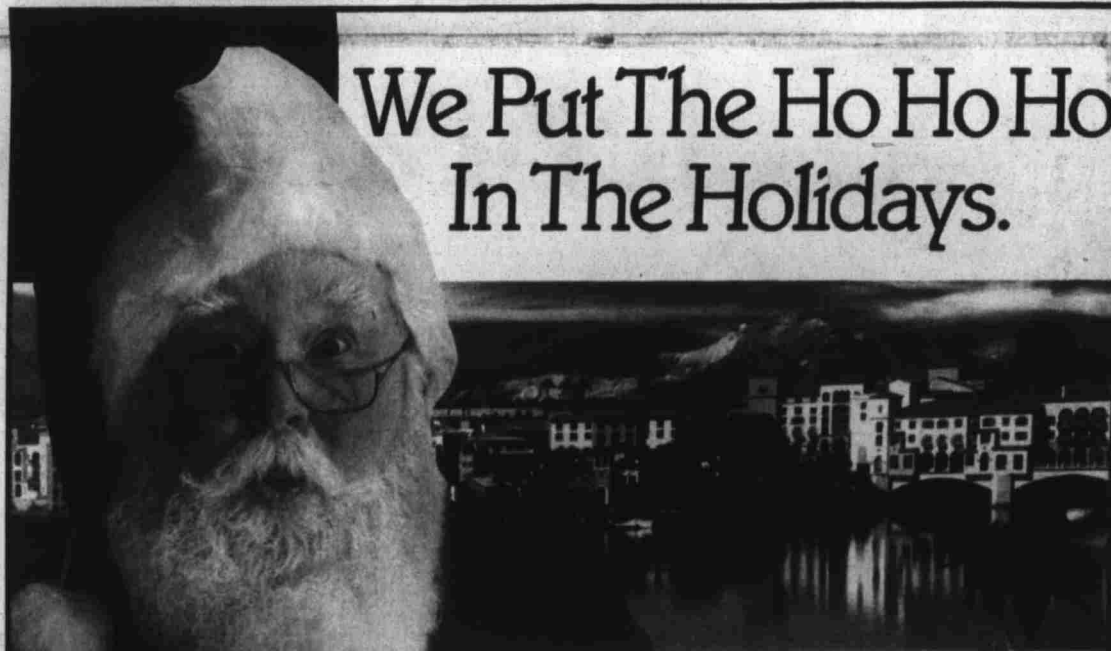
Martinez's surrogate mother. "It started with my mom," Martinez said. "She was strictly family. My sister epitomizes what family is. ... I was her first baby."

Once she had a family of her own, Carolyn O'Callaghan would invite anyone to her table.

"It didn't matter who came in the house," Martinez said. "Everybody was family. My sister never said anything bad about anybody. ... She was just the most beautiful person."

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IN THE CLASSROOM

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ELEMENTARY

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Jolly Dooley Holiday is at 6 p.m. Dec. 15. The Bell Choir will be performing.

Ulis Newton
799-0500
Tracks 2, 3, 4 and 5 return Jan. 2.

Gordon McCaw
799-8930
Santa's shop, at which children can buy presents for their

family, will be before school, after school and during lunch through Dec. 16. Breakfast with Santa will be at 7:30 a.m. Dec. 15.

HIGH SCHOOL

Foothill
799-3500
Holiday concert will be 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 15. The winter assembly will be Dec. 16 during third period.

Basic
799-8000
The Theatre Winter Show will be 6 p.m. Dec. 15.

Green Valley

ELEMENTARY

James Gibson
799-8730
The winter program will be at 7 p.m. Dec. 15.

Estes McDoniel
799-7788
The holiday music program

will be at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Dec. 15.

Nate Mack
799-7760
The Holiday Shop will be Dec. 12 through 16.

HIGH SCHOOL

Green Valley
799-0950
A choir concert is at 7 p.m. Dec. 14.

South Valley

ELEMENTARY

Elise Wolff
799-2230
Mac Pac, lunch with the principal, will be Dec. 15.

Frank Lamping
799-1330
The Lamping choir has been invited to sing at the Flamingo Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Road, at 3 p.m. Dec. 17.

John C. Vanderburg
799-0540
The student of the month luncheon will be Dec. 16.

MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH

Charles Silvestri
799-2240
A holiday assembly will be during school hours Dec. 16.

HIGH SCHOOL

Coronado
799-6800
Improv shows will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 15.

Silverado
799-5790
Band Winter Concert will be at 7 p.m. Dec. 15 in the theater.

Private Schools

Foothills Montessori School
407-0790
A winter music festival will be at 10 and 10:40 a.m. for the

primary programs and 1:30 p.m. for the elementary programs on Dec. 15.

Warren-Walker Lower School
896-8430
The holiday program will be Dec. 16.

The last day of classes before Winter Break will be Dec. 16. Classes will resume Jan. 3.

Black Mountain Academy
564-2435
The Christmas Program will be at 7 p.m. Dec. 16.

Library Events

Meet author Daria Zuhdi
Meet Zuhdi, author of 'Finding your Dream' and 'A Tale of Three Amigos', at 6 p.m. Dec. 15, Enterprise Library, 25 E. Shelbourne Ave. Book sales and

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signing to follow program.

Elf workshop
Experience what it's like to be an elf — wear elf fashion, eat sweet and surgary treats, sing out loud, and make a toy, at 4 p.m. Dec. 21 at Clark County Library Storyroom, 1401 E. Flamingo Road. Ages 6 to 9. 507-3400.

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Coronado High School dancer Mollie Goldman holds teammate Piama Mifayrova during the dance program's winter concert.

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EDUCATION IN BRIEF

Silverado student honored by Rotary

Silverado High School senior Jessica Zurko has been named the Green Valley Rotary Student of the Month for November.

Zurko currently has a 4.6 grade point average and is in the running for valedictorian.

Zurko has been a scholar athlete for four years and is involved in extracurricular clubs like Mu Alpha Theta and Interact Club. She plans on pursuing a career in obstetrics and gynecology then later sub-specialize in the field of fertility.

Student helps lead campus group

Lindsay Jones, daughter of Charles and Carolyn Jones of Henderson, serves as the vice president of the Disciples on Campus organization at Lynchburg College, a private college in central Virginia enrolling 2,500 students in the professional, liberal arts and sciences, and graduate studies.

Jones is a graduate of Governor Thomas Johnson High School and is a senior marketing major at Lynchburg College.

Newton Elementary honors students

The Newton Elementary Navigators of the month for November are:

KINDERGARTEN — Crystal Atoz, Jaret Bell, Bailey Dennett, and Ken Gonthier.

FIRST GRADE — Chad Anderegg, Beau Fairless, David Hajjar, Sydney Quarnberg, Leah Remigio and Raphael Sandoval.

SECOND GRADE — Tamikea Agullar, Imani Anslow, Keana Calagua, Summer Pope, Joshua Reid and Lucas Werle.

THIRD GRADE — Morgan Dennett, Zion Klinger, Jaenica Mendoza, and Ammon Okazaki.

FOURTH GRADE — Josh Anderegg, Jennifer Dougherty, Anthony Entrikin, Macy Frazier, Vaneeet Kailey and Megan Quarnberg.

FIFTH GRADE — Derick Bowers, Cody Cathey, Alex Crossley, Walter Diebold, Curtis Huntsman, and Mekell Peterson.

Students perform at mall show

On Dec. 3, eight pupils of Jean Guanci performed selections at the Galleria at Sunset mall during the seventh annual show of the Las Vegas Musical Theater Association.

The event was designed to give back to the community and all instruments and ages where invited to perform. All recital pieces were either jazz, pop, rock, or holiday fun tunes.

The following students performed: Clark Evans, Rozario Orlan, Ashley Edington, James Skelly, Elsie Evan, Valerie Evans, Joslyn Evans and Kelly Smith.

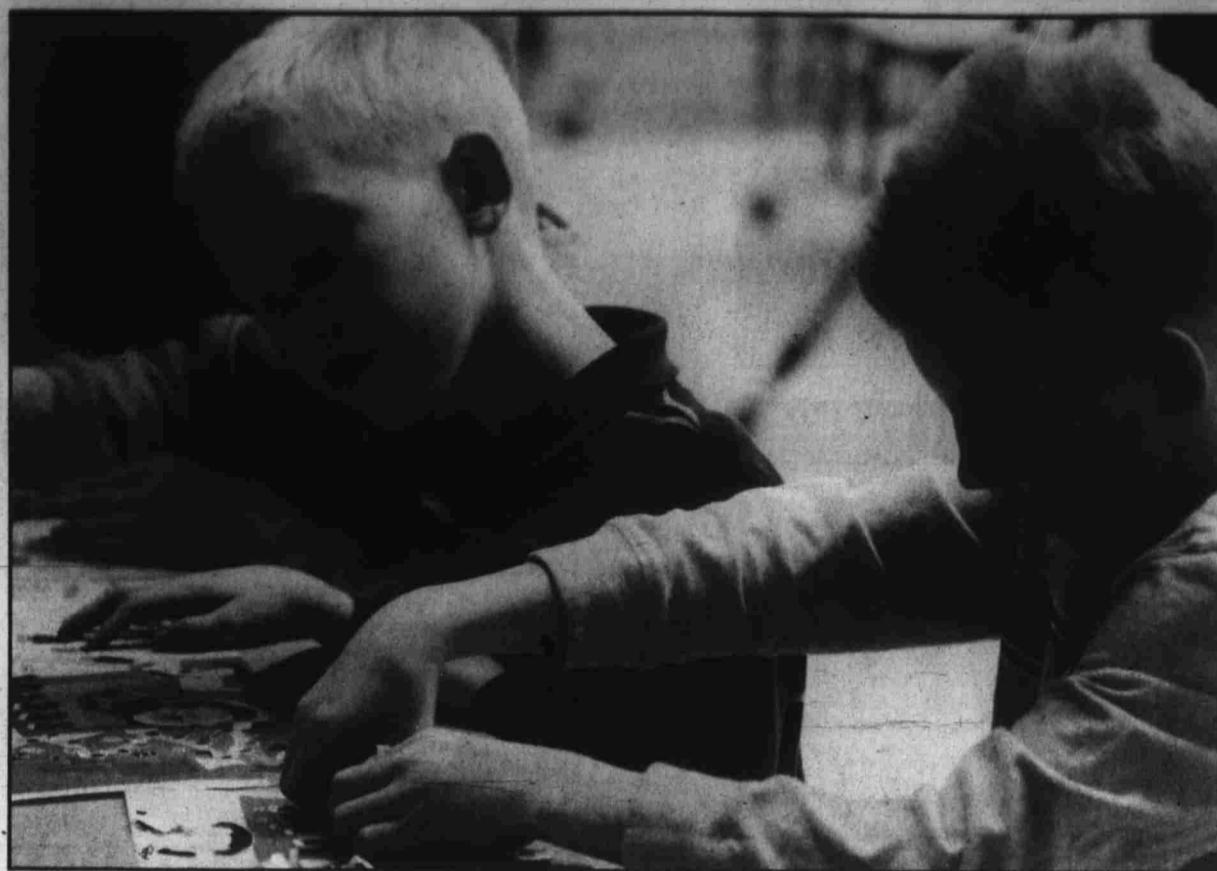
McDonald's promotes reading at libraries

The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District and McDonald's have teamed up to present "Book Time with McDonald's This Holiday Season," a month-long free reading program for elementary school-aged children in December.

Participants read four books, fill out the reading log and return it to any Library District Branch to receive a coupon for a free Happy Meal. You can also enter the grand prize drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to a local toy store by completing a book report form and returning it to any Library District branch.

Four lucky winner will be announced during the first week of January.

The program ends Dec. 31. For more information, call 734-READ.



Dooley Elementary School third graders Brett Sillitoe, left, and Nathan Ray assemble Sticker Pictures for their parents during Santa's Workshop.



During Santa's Workshop at Dooley Elementary, Ana Hayden, left, and Jensen Homa add stickers to their gifts.

Dooley kids work like elves for a day

Students make Sticker Pictures for family gifts at Santa's Workshop

BY ERICA GRIMALDO

John Dooley Elementary School students gave the North Pole elves a hand last week, making hand-decorated gifts for family and friends to give during the holiday season.

"I'm trying to make an ornament," said first-grader Bryanna Marquez as she drizzled blue and green glass paint on a transparent sphere hanging from a garland. "It's for my big sister Vanessa. She likes these colors."

Bryanna's mother, Paz Marquez, was one of many parent volunteers helping kindergarten and first-grade students make their gifts Dec. 7.

"The kids really like making gifts for their family. It's a thrill for them," Paz Marquez said. "This is a chance for them to give from the heart, because it's something they're making."

Organizers said about 300 children participated Dec. 5 through 7 in the school's third annual Santa's Workshops.

"I think some of the kids are a bit overwhelmed by the big crowd," said Russell Gerard, who attended the workshop to help his daughter, Elizabeth Gerard with her two projects. "It just goes to show Henderson's sense of community. I love it."

Elizabeth, a kindergarten student, said she chose to make a pink, beaded necklace with a pendant shaped like a blond ballerina because she hoped her mother would think of her every time she wore it.

"I wanted to make it for my mom because it's her birthday soon," she

said. Elizabeth wouldn't comment about the recipient for her other project, an antenna ball shaped like a snowman, but she pointed in her father's direction under the table.

Each child who participated in the workshops had a chance to choose among several age-appropriate projects ranging from \$2 to \$8 each, said teacher Debra Tallent, the student council adviser and project organizer.

"That's how we cover the materials for these projects and do a bit of fundraising for the jump-rope team and other school activities," Tallent said. "Last year we made about \$800 and this year we expect to make about \$600."

Participants completed about 650 projects this year, Tallent said.

"Now the student council members get to spend the evening wrapping,

sorting and putting the ornaments in their bags so they can deliver them," Tallent said.

Fifth grader Kenny Thurtle was one of the student council members who volunteered during the gift-making workshops.

"Today I've been working with the antenna balls," Thurtle said.

"It's been cool helping out, because you get to meet kids in all different grades and you get to see your old teachers," she said.

Fellow fifth grader Marné Helbing said she enjoyed volunteering during the workshop because the students were orderly and followed directions.

"They all like getting presents, so they think it's cool making presents for other people," she said.

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Mannion gets a 'Dynamite' speech about bullies

By ERICA GRIMALDO

A famous bully delivered an anti-violence message Dec. 6, and about 2,000 local middle school students heard him loud and clear.

"It's not cool to be a bully," Bracken Johnson, the actor who played the bully in the movie "Napoleon Dynamite," told Mannion Junior High School students during the first in a series of speaking engagements at schools throughout the Las Vegas Valley.

"I hope the kids understand that what they saw me do in the movie was just because that was a movie," Johnson said after the assembly. "It's important not to bully people, because it ends up affecting you more."

Motivational speaker Dan Porter, who partnered with Johnson earlier this year to deliver the anti-bullying seminars, spoke to the students about his own experiences dealing with bullies while growing up in Idaho.

"The bully said we were going to fight after school and he was going to kill me," Porter said. "I was scared. I'd never been killed before."

Porter said after school that day he ignored the bully's taunting words and kept walking, avoiding the fight.

"Then that night the phone rang and it was the bully," Porter said. "He



Students at Mannion Middle School pay attention during an assembly that addresses the negative aspects of bullying. Featured speaker Bracken Johnson, who played the bully in 'Napoleon Dynamite,' stands in front of the group.

called to say that he was sorry."

Porter told the students he forgave the bully and the two became best friends. Sixth grader Elizabeth Mona, 11, said she could identify with Porter's story.

"People said mean things to me before and then they said they were sorry," Mona said. "I think sometimes

it makes them feel better to get out their stress on someone else, but then they see it's wrong."

Mannion Dean of Students Linda Rolle said the anti-bullying workshop, which cost the school \$1,000, was part of a new "Positive Discipline Program" the school decided to implement after conducting teacher and student sur-

veys at the end of last school year.

Rolle said she was surprised when the survey came back with mostly positive feedback about the school.

"The students said they were happy to be at school and they thought the work they got from their teachers was valuable," Rolle said. "But they also wrote in the comments that there were times, in places like the school bus stop, where there is no supervision, when kids said mean things to each other."

She said the school is in the process of implementing curriculum recommendations to enforce peaceful conflict resolution. Staff also began using "Gotcha Coupons" to reward good academic performance and behavior. Kids can redeem coupons for prizes like snacks, books and board games.

Sixth grader Ebony Gordon, 11, said she was a big fan of Bracken and getting his autograph after the assembly was reward enough.

"The whole thing was great. I loved it," Gordon said. "I think people could avoid bullying by just talking nicely to each other and then school would be a great place because everyone would get along."

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A TEACHER'S VIEW Rene Hill

Children require advocates who address their needs



In the classroom, teachers see children with all sorts of problems, many of which schools do not have the resources to address.

The Legal Clinic at the William S. Boyd School of Law does provide many resources.

Last week I discussed the Kid's Court at the clinic. There are several other programs sponsored through the school as well. The juvenile services offered at the clinic was the second topic of my interview with Rebecca Nathanson.

The children's services offered by the clinic fall into three general categories. The first is the area of child welfare. Each year many children fall through the cracks of the already overworked foster-care

system in Clark County, and it is the goal of the child welfare group to act as an advocate for these kids. Many of them, according to Nathanson, are children with disabilities. These children are hard to place and definitely in need of a permanent home.

It is the group's mission to help fill the need by finding them placement. They want to make sure the children don't get lost in the system.

The juvenile justice clinic is another service offered. This group serves as an advocate for children who are charged with crimes, many of which are school related. Nathanson notes that more and more students are being criminally charged with school-related crimes ranging from assault on a teacher or other staff member to destruction of school property. Many of these children, according to Nathanson, are emotionally disturbed and haven't yet been identi-

fied as such. If the student's problems are diagnosed, he or she is able to get the help they need. By working with the schools on behalf of the child, a solution is obtained which helps both parties involved.

The last of the services that Nathanson discussed was the education clinic, which specializes in the resolution of issues in special education, school expulsions and suspensions.


The education clinic employs the services of professionals and graduate students in the areas of social work, psychology, education and law. The team encompasses a wide group, Nathanson says, because it is important to view the child in a holistic manner in order to best help him or her. An integrated approach better serves all involved in the situation.

The education clinic gets involved

in cases where the schools are not working with a child in a special education placement, expulsion or suspension case to find a solution for all of the child's problems. The team works with the school to develop strategies and plans to address the student's behavioral and educational needs.

The legal clinic at the William S. Boyd School of Law, currently ranked 17th in the nation among programs of its kind, has grown considerably in the short time it has existed. Richard Morgan, the dean of the law school, is committed to training and giving back to the community, and this philosophy is paying off.

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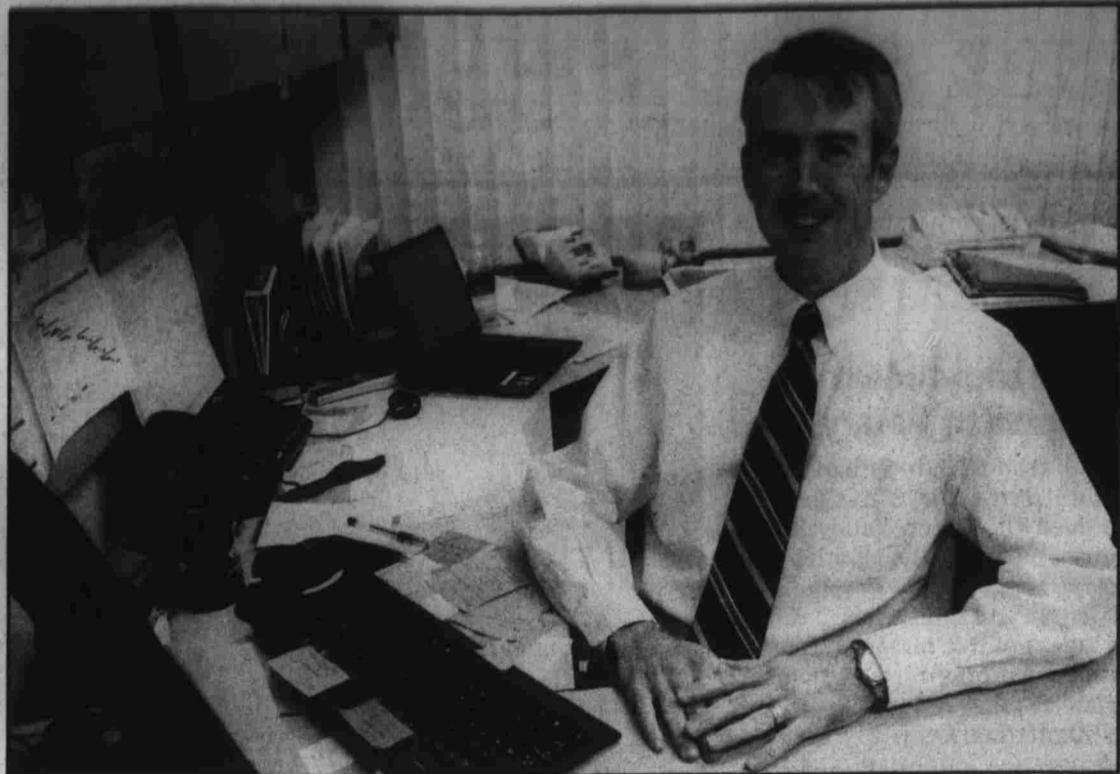
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Robert Herr was recently promoted to Assistant Director of Public Works in Henderson.

GOVERNMENT

Herr has plans for keeping Henderson running smoothly

By NICOLE FENEBERG LUCHT

A new Henderson program may help keep streets and other city facilities better maintained and make it easier to get through lights around the city, if Robert Herr has his way.

Herr, Henderson's assistant director of Public Works, is heading up a test of a new program that would store a database of all the city's facilities, streets and other improvements, such as lights, curbs and sidewalks, in an effort to streamline the process of finding out what needs repairs and upgrades.

"It gives us a better idea of where to sink our dollars," Herr said.

And no one knows Henderson's streets better than Herr. As the former traffic engineer for the city, Herr was in charge of overseeing every aspect of Henderson's roadways.

Recently promoted to the

newly created position of assistant director of Public Works, Herr is now not only in charge of the department's traffic division, but also land development, to help lessen the burden on Public Works Director Robert Murnane, who oversees the department's other divisions.

While Herr knows the city's traffic situation like the back of his hand, he said he is pleased to have the new challenge of being more involved in the land development side of things, something he is acquainted with from his years working on government projects.

The department is still in transition, as Herr learns his new job and John "J.P." Penueles takes over the traffic engineer duties. The city is still searching for someone to fill Penueles' former spot as a project engineer, so until that time, Herr will be helping out Penueles as he keeps some of his old duties.

Pointe, this spring to see what problems arise with the data base program, Herr said. The asset management project will pull together all of the city's departments to coordinate efforts in the upkeep of city facilities.

The short-term pilot program will help the city define what the final program will be, although Herr said the city is still several years away from implementing it full time.

As for the synchronized traffic signals, Herr said the city does its best to time the lights, but as time passes, the timers fall out of synch with each other, and they need to be resynchronized.

Other projects include an interchange on U.S. 95 for a back-door entrance to the Galleria at Sunset mall, interchanges along Interstate 15 at Starr and Cactus avenues, and an upgrade to the I-15/Sloan interchange.

The city will be testing a small area, potentially Liberty

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A large number of the street signs throughout Henderson are in need of some sort of repair.

GOVERNMENT

Some street signs need a little shine

By NICOLE FENEBERG LUCHT

appearance.

Routine maintenance of the city's lighted street signs revealed some 10 percent were in need of fixing, Henderson's traffic engineer said.

More than 30 signs of the 400 in Public Works' jurisdiction were fixed, Henderson Traffic Engineer John Penuelas said, although he could not confirm how many were along Boulder Highway between Lake Mead Parkway to the southern end of town.

When the department got a call from a reporter last month inquiring about street signs that were difficult to read at night, Penuelas said he was in the dark about the situation.

"Boulder Highway maybe got a little neglected," Penuelas said.

But now, new light bulbs are illuminating the street names along Boulder Highway, he said, based on his own drive down the highway after dark.

As for the grimy appearance of the signs, Penuelas said the plastic, not dirt, gives a filmy

When it gets hit by high-load trucks, swung by the wind or baked by the sun, the plastic becomes brittle and cracks or even falls out, he said.

The plastic is expensive, since it is several feet long and a couple of feet wide, and the city does not have a ready supply of it, he said. As the signs fall further into disrepair, the city, through new standards recently accepted by the city, it will replace the plastic and move the signs to sit on top of the post arm, where it will no longer be vulnerable to wind or passing trucks, he said.

The dangling signs are a problem throughout the Las Vegas Valley, but have been the standard up until six months ago, Penuelas said. They are difficult to correct because the signs have to be rewired to their new location and a mounting bracket has to be installed, he said.

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- Jeffery Schmidt, 39, was arrested Jan. 23 with a blood alcohol content of .18 and was convicted Dec. 1 of DUI. He was fined \$577 and sentenced to DUI school, victims impact panel, 30 days in jail and outpatient counseling.
- Lee Andrew Cupick, 38, was arrested April 13 with a blood-alcohol level of .20 and was convicted Dec. 1 of DUI. He was fined \$577 and sentenced to DUI school, victims impact panel, 30 days in jail and Alcohol Anonymous meetings.
- Karina B. Coulson, 41, was arrested Aug. 20 with a blood-alcohol level of .17 and was convicted Dec. 1 of DUI. She was fined \$577 and sentenced to DUI school, victims impact panel, and 30 days in jail.

- Stephen Sterling Berlin, 57, was arrested Aug. 22 with a blood alcohol level of .21 and was convicted Dec. 1 of DUI. He was fined \$577 and sentenced to DUI school, victims impact panel, 30 days in jail and outpatient counseling.
- Glen Stephen Anderson, 25, was arrested Sept. 29 with a blood alcohol level of .27 and was convicted Dec. 1 of DUI. He was fined \$577 and sentenced to DUI school, victims impact panel, 60 days in jail, ignition interlock device, substance abuse counseling and Alcohol Anonymous meetings.
- Dustin Ryan Randolph, 23, was arrested Oct. 12 with a blood alcohol level of .22 and was convicted Dec. 1 of DUI. He was fined \$1,192 and sentenced to victims impact panel, 60 days in jail, 100 hours of community service and outpatient counseling.
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DEATHS

Evelyn M. Brown
 Evelyn M. Brown, 91, of Henderson, died Dec. 8.
 The 62-year resident was born July 8, 1914, in Sugar Lark, Miss. She was a retired seamstress, a member of the Order of Eastern Star, foster grandparent for the Henderson Boys and Girls Club and Mother of the Community Baptist Church of Henderson.
 She is survived by her daughters Donna Frazier of Henderson, Evelyn Brown of Las Vegas, Carol Parker of Henderson, Renee Brown of South Orange, N.J., and Charla Brown of Henderson; sons, Bailey Leroy Willoughby of Las Vegas, James C. Stingley of Las Vegas, Charles Brown Jr. of Amarillo, Texas, and Anthony Conway of Henderson; 26 grandchildren; 55 great-grandchildren; 36 great-great-grandchildren and numerous great-great-great-grandchildren.
 Service was Dec. 13 at the Community Baptist Church in Henderson.
 Palm Mortuary-Henderson handled the arrangements.

Lesley G. Burson
 Lesley G. Burson, 77, of Henderson, died Nov. 26.
 The 42-year resident was a transportation superintendent.
 He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Bobbie Burson of Henderson; sons, Spike Burson of Las Vegas, Mike Burson and Steve Burson of Pahrump; daughters, Brenda Hollers of South Carolina, Eve Timball of Las Vegas, and Diana Bursin of Las Vegas; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.
 Davis Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Laura E. Davis
 Laura E. Davis, 74, of Henderson, died Dec. 11.
 The 15-year resident was born

March 31, 1931, in Weston Mich. She was a retired cannery in a soup production company.
 She is survived by her husband, George Davis of Henderson; daughter, Christy Lombardo of McClure Ohio; and sons, Steve Nokias of Liberty Center, Ohio, and Randy Lombardo of McClure, Ohio.
 Palm Mortuary-Henderson handled the arrangements.

Philip Roy Duke
 Philip Roy Duke, 84, of Las Vegas, died Dec. 6.
 The 25-year resident was born Oct. 29, 1929, in New York. He was best known for helping Rodney Dangerfield launch his act and managing comics and singers. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air force.
 He is survived by his wife, Louise C. Adolphus of Las Vegas, sister-in-law, Shirley Shapiro of New York; two nieces, Marilyn Shapiro and Roberta Tynes; four grand nieces, Shannon, Devon, Caitlin, and Brienne Rush.
 Services were Dec. 12 at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City.
 Hites Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Richard Gardner
 Richard "Dick" Gardner, 67, of Henderson, died Dec. 8.
 The 23-year resident was born Nov. 21 in Fort Dodge, Iowa. He was an automotive mechanic and an U.S. Navy veteran.
 He is survived by his wife, Connie Gardner of Henderson; sons, Kevin Halligan of Arab, Ala., and Michael Gardner of Henderson; daughters, Kim Stewart of Las Vegas, and Lisa Gardner of Henderson; and nine grandchildren.
 Service was Dec. 13 at Palm Mortuary-Henderson.
 Palm Mortuary-Henderson handled the arrangements.

Lillian P. Kerr
 Lillian P. Kerr, 84, of Henderson, died Dec. 11.
 A resident since 1979, she was born Sept. 10, 1921, in Milwaukee. She was a retired owner and operator of restaurant supplies.
 She is survived by his daughters, Mary Bergin, Carol House, Lillian Shore and Nancy Lepak; nine grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.
 Palm Mortuary-Eastern handled the arrangements.

John Lem
 John Lem, 65, of Henderson, died Dec. 5.
 The 26-year resident was born Dec. 7, 1939, in Osls, Norway. He was a retired carpenter.
 He is survived by his wife, Rhonda Lem of Henderson; daughters, Debra Caronia of Margaretville, N.Y., Michelle Lem of Margaretville, N.Y., and Brittany Lem of Henderson; sons, John Lem of West Fulton, N.Y. and Eric Lem of West Fulton, N.Y.; mother, Ebba Lem of Levittown, Pa.; and seven grandchildren.
 Service was Dec. 9 at Palm Mortuary-Henderson.
 Palm Mortuary-Henderson handled the arrangements.

Flurette B. Lewis-Balfour
 Flurette B. Lewis-Balfour, 76, of Henderson, died Dec. 11. She was a homemaker.
 She is survived by her nephew and niece, Jerry and Beverly Church of Boulder City; daughter, Robin Diullo of Henderson; and one grandchild.
 Service will be 9 a.m. Dec. 17 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Palo Verde Drive.
 Palm Mortuary-Henderson handled the arrangements.

Arthur Morecroft
 Arthur Sullivan Morecroft, 86, of Henderson, died Dec. 9.
 The 11-year resident was born Feb. 6, 1919, in Liverpool, England. He was a retired engineer, a British Army World War II veteran and a proud American.
 He is survived by his wife, Segna Morecroft of Henderson; daughters, Marcia Barclay of Liverpool, England, Alma Peck of Salt Lake City, and Debbie Coulson of Salt Lake City; sons, Robert Morecroft of Liverpool, England, and Stephen Fleming of Salt Lake City; 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.
 The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or the Masonic Lodge, Shriner's Hospital for Children, the Salvation Army or Veteran's Association.
 Palm Mortuary-Henderson handled the arrangements.

Karl L. Peddy
 Karl L. Peddy, 72, of Boulder City, died Dec. 7.
 The 13-year resident was born June 21, 1933, in Fresno, Calif. He was a retired finance supervisor, a U.S. Marine Corp. veteran who fought in the Korean War and was a Purple Heart recipient. He was a member of the Boulder City Planning Commission, chairman of Boulder City Senior Center, chairman of the Grace Community Church, member of the American Legion and Purple Heart Society.
 He is survived by his wife, Anita Peddy of Boulder City; son, William Peddy of Bainbridge, Wash.; daughter, Karla Kauhola of Pasadena, Calif.; grandsons, Nicholas Peddy of Bainbridge, Wash, and Karl Kauhola of Pasadena, Calif.; and granddaughter,

ter, Maria Peddy of Bainbridge, Wash.
 Service was Dec. 12 at the Grace Community Church in Boulder City.
 The family requests donations be made to Grace Community Church in Boulder City.
 Boulder City Family Mortuary handled the arrangements.

Gary D. Potter
 Gary D. Potter, 40, of Henderson, died Dec. 6.
 The 25-year resident was born Dec. 15, 1964 in Lemon, S.D. He was a district manager of an auto parts retailer.
 He is survived by his wife, Kathleen M. Potter of Henderson; daughter, Lauren Potter of Henderson; sons, Joshua Potter of Henderson, and Cassidy Brown of Henderson; mother, Sue Potter of Las Vegas; sisters, Betty Fitzgerald and Carol Potter of Las Vegas; brothers, Raymond Potter and James Potter of Las Vegas; six nieces and three nephews.
 Service was Dec. 10 at Palm Mortuary-Henderson.
 Palm Mortuary-Henderson handled the arrangements.

Deanna Redmon
 Deanna Redmon, 67, of Henderson, died Dec. 8.
 The 41-year resident was born March 27, 1938, in Ottumwa, Iowa. She was a retired legal secretary.
 She is survived by her sister and brother in law, Barbara and Jack Kerns of Las Vegas; nieces, Carol Dachelet of Henderson, Linda Kristin Krusemark of Chandler, Ariz., and Stacey Kendrick of Henderson; nephews, Llyod Krusemark of Memphis, Tenn., David Dachelet, Jim Dachelet and Dan Dachelet of Nachogdoches, Texas; and sister-in-law, Betty Redmon of Delmar, Calif.
 Service was Dec. 12 at Palm Mortuary-Henderson.
 The family would like all donations to be made to the American Heart Association.
 Palm Mortuary-Henderson handled the arrangements.

Greta D. Rother
 Greta D. Rother, 73, of Las Vegas, died Dec. 9.
 The 25-year resident was born Oct. 6, 1932 in Chicago.
 She is survived by her five children, Kevin Rother of Michigan, Carey McCormick of Las Vegas, Larry Rother of Oregon, Laurie Gruelle of Las Vegas, and Valerie Lundquist of Colorado; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.
 Services will be private. The family requests donations in Greta Rother's name to the American Lung Association, 1800 E. Sahara Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89014.
 Hites Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

George Walker
 George Walker, 90, of Henderson, died Dec. 10.
 The 42-year resident was born July 20, 1915 in Toledo, Ohio. He was a retired owner and operator of a furniture store and a B'nai Brith.
 He is survived by daughter, Jan Katz of Toledo, Ohio; brother, Lou Walker of Henderson; niece, Helene Smith of Henderson; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.
 The family requests that donations be made to the Temple Beth Shalom.
 Service is at 11 a.m. Dec. 15 at the King David Memorial Chapel.
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Veterans cemetery to see increase in water rates

By BEN STEPHENS
 Boulder City veterans have said the city's proposal to make Veterans Memorial Cemetery pay its fair share for raw water to irrigate its lawns is unfair because funds needed to pay for the increase are unavailable.
 The City Council voted Nov. 22 to direct staff to move forward with plans to increase the cemetery's raw water rate from a flat 25 cents per 1,000 gallons to the regular commercial rate. Commercial users pay \$1.25 for the first 60,000 gallons per month, \$1.60 for up to 550,000 gallons, and \$1.85 for gallons used above that.
 The increase would bring the cemetery's total water cost to about \$90,000 per year, a sixfold increase from the \$15,000 it currently pays.
 The city charges the cemetery less than half of what it pays the Southern Nevada Water Authority to pump the water there, City Manager Vicki Mayes has said.
 Interim Finance Committee Chair Bill Raggio said the cemetery's budget could "be augmented if there's a reason," and the additional funds would come from the state's contingency fund.
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OUR VIEW

Affordable homes shouldn't be in unlivable places

What was the City Council thinking when it approved a plan to build a gated apartment community next door and downwind from a Republic Services transfer station and a Las Vegas Paving operations site?

In a city that proudly wears the motto "A Place to Call Home," is this a place it would call home? In a city about which the mayor boasted in his last State of the City address, "We build communities, not housing," is this the type of community the council had in mind?

The proposal from casino magnate Jack Binion would turn 70 acres of land off Boulder Highway and Sunset Road into a mixed-use development that would include light industrial, such as warehouses and the like, and a gated apartment community with amenities. It offers the nearly 800 apartment units as workforce housing for the surrounding businesses and received letters of recommendation from car dealership Findlay Management Group and other nearby employers.

But the two closest employers, Republic Services and Las Vegas Paving, have opposed the development. They point out that they operate smelly, dangerous businesses 24 hours a day, and there is no way for them to be good neighbors to residents.

This is an industrial area. That is why they are there, and they do not want residential development moving in and pushing them out.

Las Vegas Paving representative Golden West predicted that is exactly what would happen. Once people start living down the street, he said, they would complain and sue and eventually push to get the industrial uses moved.

That's what rural residents in Henderson have seen happen, as urban dwellers move in next to their horse farms and start complaining about the equine fragrance.

Before voting on the measure, several council members talked about how the need for affordable housing trumped the poor location.

Surely, Henderson cannot be so desperate for affordable housing that it is willing to put apartments next to a garbage dump and an asphalt plant.

In addition, no one from the developer indicated any price range for these apartments — only that they would provide "workforce housing." How can the council justify approving apartments next to a dump in the name of affordable housing without a guarantee that the units will be affordable?

The developer also proposes to reduce the amount of parking to provide trails from the apartments to the surrounding businesses. Where do they expect residents to walk? To the warehouse next door to pick up a pallet of phone books? Or maybe over to the garbage dump or the asphalt plant to see how things are going?

The icing on this cake is that the developer promises it will wait 10 years before it considers converting these apartments to condominiums. Imagine the sales pitch for those condos.

The development is poorly planned from the outset, and council members seemed to realize that before the vote. "Quite frankly, I'm barely going to support this," Councilman Jack Clark said.

Unfortunately, the council is not allowed to vote yes-minus. There are no fractions in city approvals. It's either yes or no, and a bad project got the green light.

Now the council has some explaining to do.

ONE MAN'S VIEW *Tim O'Callaghan*

A holiday battle over Christmas



What is really behind this so-called "War on Christmas"? Is it just another news jock getting rich with the help of his political allies from the far, far right?

It isn't a war at all, but rather a misunderstanding of the differences in meaning of the season and the day.

The season isn't about the Christ child unless you are a Christian, as I am. We celebrate four weeks of Advent, preparing for the way of the Messiah.

If there is a war on Christmas, it has been going on for about 1,700 years. When Christmas as the celebration of Jesus' birthday began its evolution in about 345 A.D., it was a serene and reverent celebration. Christmas is translated Cristes maesse, which means Mass of Christ.

There are many different explanations of why Christmas falls in the month of December, and the most obvious date back 4,000 years ago, when ancient Romans celebrated to honor pagan gods. Mithras, the god of light, and Saturn, the harvest god or god of peace and plenty, were honored at the end of each year.

The celebration of Christmas was used by the Romans to dominate and attempt to extinguish the pagan celebrations.

Christmas has become as convoluted as the Holiday Season, or simply the word holiday, which comes from the phrase Holy Day.

For example, in American culture Christmas is thought to be the holiest day of the year.

It is my opinion that there is force to undermine faith in God and a public display of faith in this country by atheists and the money behind the American Civil Liberties Union.

In fact, it is only the most celebrated day, not the holiest depending on your faith.

In the Jewish faith the most sacred holy days are Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, marking the Jewish new year.

Muslims observe Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic year, as sacred with fasting practiced daily from dawn to sunset.

For Christians, it is the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Christ and the period of Lent leading up to Easter.

As for the "War on Christmas," there is no war — just a mutual understanding of faiths to celebrate the season.

However, it is my opinion that there is force to undermine faith in God and a public display of faith in this country by atheists and the money behind the American Civil Liberties Union.

It started with prayer in school and the manipulation of the separation of church and state. The equal placement of the Menorah for Hanukkah in the public square along with the Nativity scene was certainly the right thing to do. Then the Nativity was banned. What concerns me about this move is, will

they next push for the removal of the Menorah, for it served their purpose?

In a twist of irony, the Menorah could be a sign for all people of faith, as it represents the festival of Hanukkah and celebrates a Jewish struggle for religious freedom and national survival. Isn't this what we all hope for?

The Holiday Season, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and New Year's will only become what we allow them to in our own practices at home and places of worship. The traditions must be passed to our children and grandchildren, for they are the seeds we sow for our faiths.

Pope Benedict XVI put it best in my mind, when he said:

"In today's consumer society, this time (of the year) is unfortunately subjected to a sort of commercial 'pollution' that is in danger of altering its true spirit, which is characterized by meditation, sobriety and by a joy that is not exterior but intimate.

"Assembling the Nativity scene in the home can turn out to be a simple but effective way of presenting the faith to pass it on to one's children.

"The Nativity scene helps us contemplate the mystery of the love of God, which is revealed to us in the poverty and simplicity of the grotto in Bethlehem."

From our family to yours, Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Good Kwanza and may you find peace this season.

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YOUR LETTERS

Some thoughts on the lottery

EDITOR:

As a lifetime resident of the Sunshine State and a part-time resident of Las Vegas, I share a view of the lottery with Colleen O'Callaghan-Miele (Dec. 8-14).

She has done her homework well. A state lottery does provide a boost to the economy, printing, machines, commissions, winning distribution of cash each week — all of this plus the benefit to education.

But starting with education and Florida's experience with the state legislature, here is the sham: They take into account what the lottery provides and reduce the budget. The promise that we all bought was that the lottery surplus would be in addition to the legislative budget.

I play the lottery in Florida by buying a 52-week ticket, the same numbers each week. Checking the web last June, I found I hit four numbers, with a payout of \$32.50. My numbers have never hit five or six.

Many of my friends who discuss the lottery play a game, "If I Won the Lottery, This Is How I Would Spend the Winnings." Much to everyone's surprise, after paying off mortgages, debts,

etc., giving to relatives, they can't get rid of it all. Why? Most of us are not in the habit of spending large sums. We grow into the swing of spending more gradually and cannot fathom spending \$340 million.

Lastly, why won't the lottery sit well with the Gaming Commission? Two reasons: It is competition for one thing and secondly the margin of profit is not enough compared to the present day take of the casinos.

For the poor who gamble and cannot afford it, it does give a dream of betterment.

Most of those who have discussed the educational sham agree they would not support the lottery if it was put back on the ballot — this in spite of the fact that they (we) continue to play.

LYNN MOREY

Farewell to a great guy

EDITOR:

Boulder City lost a great guy on Pearl Harbor Day, 2005. I personally lost my best friend, Karl Peddy. I first met Karl at the Boulder City Senior Center about 13 years ago, and we have been great friends ever since. He will be sorely missed by his family, friends, associates and the community.

This strong but gentle Purple Heart leatherneck from the Korean War has left his mark on the community as well upon many individuals here. He leaves behind his wonderful wife, Anita, son Will, daughter Karla Kauhola and their families.

He served the community several ways. As a member of Grace Community Church he served the Lord in many capacities. He was finishing his term as President of Grace's Board of Directors. He directed the church's Famous Country Store for several years and hauled many loads of donated items every year. He was a charter member of Grace Church's "Unretired Renovators," who help maintain the facility. In addition, he has served on various boards and commissions of the church.

He took his civic responsibilities seriously. He was a current member of the city's Planning Commission. He,

also, was the current president of Boulder City's Senior Center and led the effort to convert the old library into the new Senior Center facility. He had previously served as a director and treasurer of Emergency Aid of Boulder City. Another group he enjoyed participating with was the informal men's "no-name society" which meets Tuesday mornings for breakfast to discuss the issues and events of the city and world. He even found time to provide remedial tutoring to students.

If you looked up the word "gentleman" in the dictionary, you should see a picture of Karl Peddy. He will be sorely missed! Aloha, Karl.

GLEN KASSON

Master plans will be a disaster for Anthem

EDITOR:

In David Berman's Citizen's View column "Focus Group has worked well with Anthem" (Dec. 8-14), no mention was made of any real benefit emanating from discussions between Sun City Anthem representatives and representatives of Focus Group.

The reason is simple. There were none, unless one wishes to count as a community benefit the inclusion of golf-cart access for those select few who drive golf carts.

What Mr. Berman could have explained, but did not, was the proposition argued before the Planning Commission by Henderson traffic engineer Robert Herr that 70 percent of the residents purchasing Pulte Homes' new Anthem-area developments would exit their communities by traveling west on Bicentennial Parkway and then going north to St. Rose Parkway.

That particular exit strategy to avoid Sun City parkways was one of many key factors in the city's justification to recommend approval of Pulte's plans.

Now, enter Focus Group and the city's Master Streets and Highway Plan that outlines future traffic patterns for major streets in and

about the new Focus development, including access to Democracy Drive and Volunteer Boulevard.

Would Bicentennial become the exit strategy to move the residents of Pulte's newer developments away from the already congested traffic pouring onto Eastern Avenue? As we learned, the answer is a resounding "no," and further adverse impacts are anticipated.

Bicentennial had the potential of offering that improved exit strategy. All of this newer and future traffic would flow through Anthem Highlands and onto Bicentennial. The concerned and pressing needs of Sun City residents would have been met. So what happened to change things?

Focus announced plans to make Bicentennial a 25 mph street, to conform to its new urban design concept. As a result, Bicentennial no longer provided the potential relief that Sun City residents were seeking. Traffic in and to the southeast heading out of Anthem Highlands now could either head west on Bicentennial at 25 mph, or travel down Anthem Parkway or Sun City Anthem Drive at 45.

There remains the real prospect that future Focus traffic entering Bicentennial from their villages skirting along the Sun City Anthem boundary may decide to exit their Focus community by traveling east to Anthem, given the pronounced difference in street speed limits. The irony should not be lost—that Focus' street design plans may act as a draw to Focus traffic to travel east to Sun City to enter the business district off of Eastern rather than by going west to their town center, further aggravating an already disastrous outcome from Focus' speed limit plans.

While the representatives of Focus and Sun City are eagerly exchanging congratulations, the only conclusion one can reach is that there were no real benefits derived for Sun City.

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Holiday dance at the senior center

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Cost is \$8. Call 267-4150.

Holiday meal to be offered Dec. 23

The Henderson Senior Center, 27 E. Texas Ave., will serve a holiday meal Dec. 23 at both 10:30 and 11:45 a.m.

Lunch is free, but contributions are welcome. DelMar Gardens and the Henderson Seniors' Auxiliary are co-sponsoring the meal. Register by Dec. 19 to 267-4150.

SENIORS

Seniors express needs in survey

By NICOLE FENEBERG LUCHT

Green Valley resident Genie Johnson said she would like to be able to get out more. But as a 79-year-old woman who no longer drives, she said she is forced to depend on her busy granddaughter to take her where she needs to go.

"I don't like to depend on her," Johnson said. "I do wish they'd have buses or something."

The Henderson Senior Center has sent out surveys to seniors who visit the center, those on the Meals on Wheels roster and others who are age 55 and up, to determine if there is a need for additional transportation for the city's seniors.

For now, the only transportation the Parks and Recreation department, the overseer of

the city's senior programs, provides is for field trips, said Julia Romanov, social services program manager at the senior center.

The survey, which does not focus on services for homebound seniors, asks 10 questions to "get some sort of an idea on their thoughts, on what their needs are."

Seniors were asked if they own a car and if they still drive. They were also asked if they use the Citizen Area Transit buses provided by the Regional Transportation Commission or if they would use a transportation service if it were provided by the senior center.

The survey is still being collected and results will not be available for another month. Once compiled, results will be presented to the Senior Advi-

sory Commission, Romanov said, which has a transportation subcommittee. "We are a growing population," Romanov said. "One of the issues is transportation for seniors."

It couldn't come soon enough for Johnson, who lives in subsidized housing. She said she would like the opportunity to go to the grocery store or pharmacy without waiting for a Citizens Area Transit bus, which she has found to not be convenient. It is difficult for her to walk even to the stores that are just a couple blocks away from her home, she said.

"I am in here six days a week, and it gets a little boring," Johnson said.

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Dust mites are microscopic animals related to ticks and spiders. They are too small to be seen but can cause many breathing issues. Dust mites feed on skin flakes and produce airborne particles that can cause asthma. They need humidity to live, so homes

should be kept between 50 and 35 percent humidity.

Another potentially unsafe pollutant is cockroaches. Their body parts and droppings release pollutants that can be very dangerous. There are several ways to prevent roaches, such as not leaving food or garbage uncovered and cleaning all crumbs and spills immediately. Be careful with spray pesticides, as they can add to air pollution.

One of the most dangerous pollutants to seniors is contagious illnesses, such as the flu or pneumonia. If you are in an enclosed space with someone who is sick, your chances of catching the virus are increased. One way of decreasing the odds is to receive flu and pneumonia vaccinations.

Below are some tips on keeping your household pollutants low:

- It is important to keep your house clean. Wipe down counters and mop floors often.

- Use pillow and mattress covers to cut down on dust mites. Also, wash bed linens

and stuffed toys in hot water weekly. Non-washable bedding can be frozen overnight to kill dust mites.

- Vacuum often. If you live with someone with asthma, vacuum when they are not home.

- If you have pets with fur or feathers, it is recommended they be bathed weekly.

- If someone in the household smokes, insist they smoke outside.

- To reduce mold, fix leaky pipes, rooftops and windows.
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BUSINESS

Timet donates cross to St. Rose

By NICOLE FENEBERG LUCHT

Timet Metals Corp. machinists have taken time from their industrial work to create a work of art: a titanium cross for St. Rose Dominican Hospital's new San Martin campus in the southwest of the Las Vegas Valley.

It is the second cross the machinists at the Henderson plant have created for the nonprofit hospitals. The first was placed atop the bell tower at the hospital's Siena campus on St. Rose Parkway and Eastern Avenue.

Timet spokeswoman Paula Avery said the cross is a special gift to the hospital, one that takes workers away from their primary duties to give back to the community.

Timet workers have also created crosses for St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church and Henderson Community Church, as well as hand-crafted time capsules for the city of Henderson and local schools, Avery said.

The project was supervised by Bennie Pipes, who has worked on many of Timet's charitable projects. Machinists Raymond Martinez, James Lewis and Allen Craft used their skills of welding, cutting and design measurements to build the cross, Avery said.

"We are very proud of the employees that participated in working so diligently to ensure that the highest quality fabrication techniques were used in the development of this cross," Avery said.

The titanium cross will be secured to its permanent place overlooking the southwest valley Dec. 15 at 10:30 a.m.

The Most Rev. Joseph Pepe, bishop of the Las Vegas Diocese, will bless the cross and the hospital at part of the "cross-raising," San Martin Campus President Vicky VanMeetren said.

"We're the only religious hospital in Southern Nevada," VanMeetren said. "We're really proud of that."

The hospital, south of Interstate 215 between Durango and Buffalo drives in Las Vegas, is scheduled to open in January, VanMeetren said.

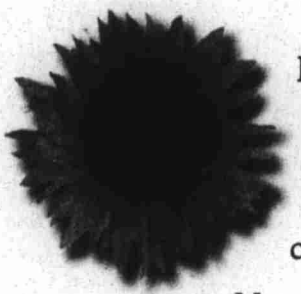
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Raymond Martinez works on a titanium cross that will go on the new St. Rose Dominican campus.

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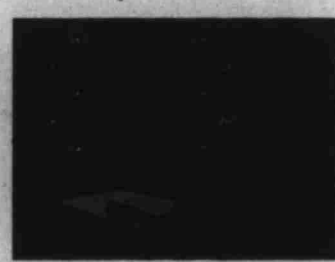
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BUSINESS

Mixed-use plaza breaks ground

Hampton Inn will be non-gaming hotel; restaurants, retail will follow

By HELEN AFRASIABI

A 75,000-square-foot, 130-room Hampton Inn & Suites that recently broke ground on the corner of Spencer Street and St. Rose Parkway will mark the establishment of a mixed-use plaza, "The Place at Seven Hills," at the corner, according to Todd Nigro, president of Nigro Development, which is building the plaza. He plans for the inn to be open in mid-2006.

The hotel, said Nigro, "will serve those visiting relatives at St. Rose and family and friends in the Anthem and Seven Hills area."

The hotel fills a gap, he said.

"Given the fact that there aren't a lot of non-gaming establishments yet, these are full a lot of the time," Nigro said.

Visibility from St. Rose Parkway was also a plus.

"St. Rose is a huge thoroughfare, and all the lunchtime traffic going up and down Eastern Avenue are going to be within clear view," Nigro said.

The rest of the 92,000-square-foot plaza will be occupied by retail and professional businesses, including two full-service restaurants, coffee and sandwich shops, dry cleaning services and a dental office, Nigro said. Ni-

gro Development is moving forward in lease negotiations with potential tenants, but no commitments have been finalized yet, he said.

The Hampton Inn & Suites on St. Rose, which is part of the Hilton Hotel group, will be a limited-service hotel. Nigro said that the company will be bringing in an outside contractor specializing in hotel management to oversee hotel operations.

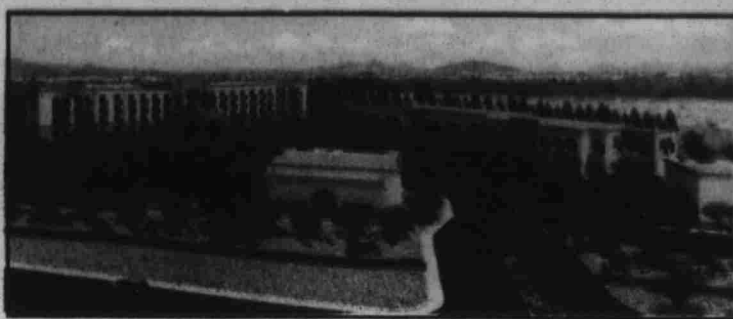
"We don't have the personnel, nor do we want to get into the business of hotel management," Nigro said. "We want experts to be handling things over there."

The hotel will be open first, with the rest of the retailers and professionals opening through the balance of year.

Nigro said the developers considered adding residences to the project, but decided that the potential inconveniences to Seven Hills residents were too great.

"We're on 10 acres and we'd have to make it considerably taller than we would without residential, and we had to be careful of how it would affect Seven Hills residents," Nigro said. "Vertical development is always an issue in residential areas."

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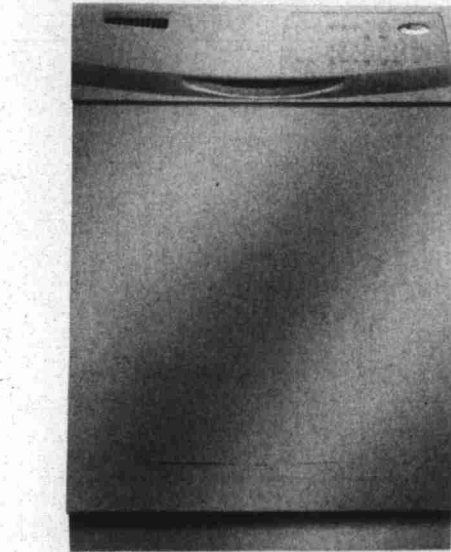
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Angle pitches property tax cap to seniors

By HELEN AFRASIABI

State Assemblywoman Sharron Angle pitched her plan for capping property taxes in Nevada to a friendly crowd, talking to senior citizens — most on fixed incomes — about the need to limit how high their property taxes can go as their homes rise in value.

About 35 people showed up Dec. 12 at the Sun City MacDonald Ranch community center to hear Angle, R-Reno, who has begun a run for Congress next year.

One by one, Angle bounced ideas back and forth with people about the Angle Property Tax Restraint, a ballot initiative that would change the state constitution to cap property taxes at 1 percent of property value at the time a home was purchased, with rises of 2 percent per year allowed.

The petition needs 160,000

signatures by June 20 to put the initiative on next fall's ballot and get it before the 2007 Legislature.

"Nevadans are being taxed out of their homes," Angle said. "Owning property is a basic tenet of the Constitution, because it ensures freedom."

Angle says the initiative has been challenged by scarce press coverage. She said she has depended on forums such as the one at MacDonald Ranch and volunteer signature gatherers to get the initiative its needed signatures.

Black Mountain resident Jack Zabinski said he spent a lot of time researching retirement communities on the Internet before leaving Texas for Henderson.

Zabinski, who bought his home three years ago, is paying \$700 more per year in taxes now than when he bought his home, he said. He

said when it gets to the point when taxes exceed his mortgage payment, he'll have to leave the state.

"Unless I find a part-time job, I won't be able to stay," Zabinski said. "I've had a hip and shoulder transplant, and not a lot of employers want to take on my liabilities."

Like other residents at the forum, Zabinski said he planned for a comfortable retirement in Nevada, but did not factor in the unexpected rise in taxes.

"I couldn't afford it if this doesn't make it onto the ballot," Zabinski said. If the situation becomes unmanageable, Zabinski will move into his son's home to live in a single room there, he said.

Al Stilts said his home has appreciated 110 percent since he moved to Henderson six years ago.

Retired and on fixed income, Stilts called the initiative a "wake-up call" for

government to show that citizens won't pay for over-spending.

"When they meet again, this cap on property taxes would have to be renewed, or else they will revert back to the original tax base if they think they need more money. That's not part of the Constitution," Stilts said.

Stilts said he cannot sell his house because he can't afford another one in Henderson. Like many others at the forum, selling his home would force him to leave Henderson, he said.

"Retired people think 'I can retire here comfortably and enjoy last days of my life,' but the people in Carson City say maybe we can tax them a little more because they came here with a lot of money," Stilts said.

Sun City Anthem resident and homeowner association secretary-treasurer Faviel West said he has collected

200 signatures in Sun City Anthem to get Angle's initiative on the ballot, citing that being on fixed income is the reason 92 percent of senior citizens support this bill.

West, who said he is also on a fixed income, said he hasn't not been hit terribly hard by the \$1,000 tax increase since buying his home six years ago, but it still affects him and his wife.

"We still have to cut back on some things like traveling," West said. "Fortunately I'm not as affected as others, but there's a wide range of incomes. There are people in retirement communities that are living on nothing more than Social Security and few extra pennies, and they're really the ones hurt by this."

If Angle's initiative doesn't make the ballot, West said, he'll vote to get rid of legislators based on their voting records.

"What these people in the

Assembly have to understand is that it's the people that have interest in seeing things done, not lobbyists," West said.

"Too many times lobbyists influence things and that's just wrong."

His and others' presence at the forum, West said, is an example of the people serving their own interests and looking out for fellow seniors.

Zabinski said the growth of the Las Vegas Valley needs to be reinvested in Nevada.

"I remember the '60s when Vegas was nothing. All these monies were brought into the state because of people spending," Zabinski said. "Now Steve Wynn and others take profits and build in Morocco, Macau and Singapore when this money should be staying here."

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TRASH from Page 1 Businesses said employees need low-income housing

ment Properties and B&E Auto Auction.

Each business cited their employees' need for low-income housing as a reason for their support.

Welsh, who is against the development, said building Sunset Springs will leave nearby industrial operations like Las Vegas Paving open to a "bread crumb trail" of lawsuits from future apartment residents whose children may become asthmatic from the paving plant fumes or explore heavy machinery facilities with "tragic consequences."

"We really think this is the beginning of the end for Las Vegas Paving," he said.

Several council members bristled at the implication that Sunset Springs' big business support would win the council's approval.

"I try not to be offended in public office, but there are some times I am," Councilman Stephen Kirk said. "And tonight, I am."

A history of failed business transactions between Las Vegas Paving and the Sunset Springs developers made Welch's disapproval of the project seem more like sour grapes than earnest concern for residents, Clark said.

"That concerns me a great deal, when you impugn my integrity and this council's integrity, when the only reason you're here is because you couldn't make a financial deal with them," he said.

Welsh countered that if companies are forced to relocate as Henderson's industrial corridor becomes increasingly populated by families, the cost of relocating will transfer to taxpayers.

The 24-hour nature of nearby industrial operations means neighbors will wake up to 3 a.m. garbage truck backup alarms as the morning routes begin, Welsh told the council.

"Who deals with that?" Welsh asked. "Do we refer these calls to the city of Henderson?"

Developers made no effort to pretend nearby industrial facilities will not affect life at Sunset Springs.

"There is industrial use next door," Sunset Springs representative Steve Rice said at the Dec. 6 meeting. "That there will be truck traffic, that there will be odors at times — I mean, it's an industrial neighborhood."

Councilman Amanda Cyphers said she'd sooner see Las Vegas Paving, which she called an eyesore, relocate than lose affordable housing.

"This is not the best location for apartments and this is something I have been struggling with," she said. "But we're in dire need of workforce housing and we have to find that balance."

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Meetings and mailings to precede blastings

By ABIGAIL GOLDMAN

Blasting projects cannot begin in Henderson without meetings and mailings to inform residents first, according to a new city ordinance.

In the latest adjustment to Henderson's blasting laws, developers must now hold neighborhood meetings and send blasting notification letters to warn nearby residents no less than one week before any proposed detonations.

Explosive excavation projects have been problematic for residents, who say blast-

ing comes without warning and can damage home and health.

In November, the council voted to require developers hold neighborhood meetings only for residences those falling within 300 feet of a proposed blasting site.

Council members expressed concern immediately after passing the Nov. 1 blasting regulation that those meetings would not adequately inform all residents who might be impacted by ground vibrations.

One month later, on Dec. 6,

council modified the neighborhood meeting and mailing laws to include homes more than 300 feet beyond proposed blasting sites.

Under the new regulation, developers or blasting companies must provide specific information during neighborhood meetings, including:

- A general description of the proposed blasting activity.
- The anticipated blasting schedule with estimated dates, times and duration.
- The warning signals and "all clear" signal.

• Contacts for questions or complaints.

Blasting notifications will also be sent to residents that will include information similar to what is presented at neighborhood meetings and a map detailing proposed blasting sites.

The intensity of the blast will determine which residents receive mailed notification and meeting information.

Included in the Dec. 6 blasting ordinance, a table that graphs a blast's anticipated explosive force against

the surrounding ground distance defines the radius required for notification for neighborhood meetings and mailings.

The newest blasting regulation also allows developers of projects involving multiple blasts, such as the creation of a large, master-planned communities, to detail all of the planned detonations during one neighborhood meeting or mailing.

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Consul: Police spoke with up to 25 students during investigation of Zana

suppress evidence on the 12 counts of child pornography police gathered from Zana's computer, arguing a search warrant for the computer was not fairly obtained.

Consul also said he planned on subpoenaing students from Colorado, the current home of the first student witness to come forward against Zana.

"All you have seen is the tip of the iceberg," Consul said.

According to Consul, Henderson police spoke with up to 25 students during their investigation of Zana, sparking a rumor mill about Zana abetted by local media coverage of the teacher's arrest.

Six of Zana's former students, now ages 12 to 16,

testified during preliminary hearings that the teacher had engaged them in various inappropriate acts, including purposefully moving a student's hand while it was in his pocket and reaching his own hand into students' T-shirts beyond their comfort levels.

Several of the students who testified initially told police investigators that they did not recall any inappropriate interactions with Zana.

Some witnesses said during the hearing they began to recount lewd encounters with Zana after a second or third interview with police, claiming they were scared, forgetful or unaware Zana's behaviors were inappropriate at the time.

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During the police investigation and in the weeks leading up to Zana's preliminary hearing, conversations between the female witnesses, their parents and other Henderson students had effectively "tainted" or "contaminated" their testimony, Consul said.

When one student was questioned on why she waited until a third interview with Henderson police to relate details of an incident in which she said Zana moved her hand inside his pants pocket, she said, "I remembered it when my friend was telling me about it."

Girls from several of Zana's classes at Kesterson testi-

fied in court that the teacher kept hard candies in his pants pocket and would ask students to reach for them, sometimes making lingering eye contact with the students afterward.

Zana, who pleaded not guilty to the charges on Nov. 1 and was released on bail, was forbidden from being in unsupervised proximity to children pending his January arraignment.

In 1993, while working as a substitute teacher in Baden, Pa., Zana was charged with corruption of minors and indecent assault involving three girls.

Zana was eligible to enroll in a first-time offenders program and have all records of

the arrest destroyed.

The previous charges did not come up when Zana applied in 1996 for a position in the Clark County School District.

Allegations that Zana had engaged in inappropriate behavior with students first emerged at Kesterson in 1998, but were subsequently dropped after school authorities could find no proof, Kesterson Principal David Mendelson testified on Dec. 6.

Zana worked as a teacher in Clark County schools for almost 10 years until his September arrest.

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WETLANDS from Page 1

Reid: Expansion, trail renovation projects expected to be completed by next year

Nevada Public Lands Management Act funds to build an 8,000-square-foot visitors center at the preserve and possibly some trail enhancements, set to open in 2008.

The idea to set aside a patch of land for a wetlands park began in the early 1990s, Reid said. Part of the expansion includes a five-acre neighborhood park, the Sunrise Trailhead, a trail renovation project and 100 acres for the Ducks Unlimited wetlands.

Calling the park a "natural and pristine beauty," Reid said the projects will be finished next year.

Researchers at UNLV are working with the county to oversee the construction in the wetlands park, to ensure archaeological artifacts — cultural history left behind by earlier humans — are not disturbed.

"Since there's water here, we know humans are here, we just don't know where," said A.J. Smith, an archaeological monitor and gradu-

ate student from UNLV.

The Wetlands Park is funded through two bond issues of about \$23 million and Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act funds, raised through the sale of federal land in Southern Nevada, of \$48 million.

The park is located at the cul-de-sac of Wetlands Park Lane, at the intersection of East Tropicana Avenue.

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Seed pods on a mesquite tree that have not yet been ravaged by birds in the Desert Wetland's Park.

PAYDAY from Page 1

Ordinance would break up the concentration of check-cashing facilities

change the ordinance before it becomes one, Labay said.

The new ordinance calls for a 1,000-foot separation between check-cashing facilities, as well as between check-cashing facilities and areas such as residential neighborhoods and schools. The current ordinance has no such requirement.

The 1,000-foot separation was based on standards that Clark County and Las Vegas already have in place, Labay said.

"We mapped it out and felt that would break up the concentration enough based

on that and nationwide research we did," she said.

The city consulted with the Community Financial Services Association, the national trade organization for the payday loan industry, while drafting the new ordinance. Association director Mark Thomson suggested that conditions include a minimum size and minimum capital improvement requirement.

"It would put a dollar threshold on applicants. Someone would have to meet a minimum investment" Thomson said.

Thomson compared establishments such as The Money Tree, that looks legitimate and well-kept, to other lesser known establishments that look run down and operate out of old and poorly maintained offices.

"This applies an economic barrier that people would have to get past to start one of these," Thomson said.

This measure addresses one of Hafen's biggest concerns.

"If they're truly going to be like a banking establishment, I'd like to see them look like one," Hafen said.

Hafen added that the city is not in a position to get rid of the illegitimate establishments, since check-cashing facilities are handled at the state level.

"It would require stepped-up enforcement in the first place, but the problem you have is the state doesn't address high usury rates," Hafen said.

The revised ordinance would allow waivers if there is a freeway, large arterial roadway, drainage facility or anything else a pedestrian won't cross between two planned stores, Labay said.

"I think until recently there weren't a lot of restrictions against them, and we have freer market place than other communities around nation," Labay said.

Thomson said his group was pleased with the way the city was proceeding with the change.

"We're very happy with city's willingness to talk to us. That's how open government should be," Thomson said.

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Snow King Derek Townsend, a principal dancer for the Nevada Ballet Theatre, leaps confidently in front of dancing snowflakes in the enchanted forest wonderland during the holiday favorite, "The Nutcracker."

A child's Christmas dream

Nevada Ballet Theatre brings holiday favorite 'The Nutcracker' to UNLV's Judy Bayley stage

By ERIC LEAKE

Taking a break from practice, dancer Joseph Kennedy said, no, he is not tired of the ballet he has performed every holiday season since he was a child.

"As an artist you're always growing. You always can perfect something," Kennedy said. "It's not Christmas without 'The Nutcracker.'"

Nor has the public seemed to tire of "The Nutcracker," which has become a holiday favorite and a ballet company staple.

Kennedy and other dancers with the Nevada Ballet Theatre have been busy preparing at their Summerlin studio for the annual production of the classic, which opens Dec. 15 in the Judy Bayley Theatre.

Company Artistic Director Bruce Steivel said theatergoers can expect to see a traditional production.

"It has all the things people have come to expect," Steivel said. "I tried to stay true to the original form."

"The Nutcracker" debuted in 1892 in St. Petersburg, Russia, with music by court composer Pytor Illich Tchaikovsky.

The ballet follows a child's Christmas dream as the Nutcracker battles the Mouse King and visits the Sugar Plum Fairy.

Steivel said nowhere is "The Nutcracker" as popular as it is in America.

"It's a phenomenon in this country. We took it and made it our own," he said.

He attributed the success of the ballet to its coincidence with the holidays and its approachability.

Dancer Rebecca Brimhall said the story's fantasy appeals especially to children.

"I think the kids like it, too, for the colors, the costumes, the fantasy. Every little girl wishes to be the Sugar Plum Fairy," she said.

"There's something for everybody," added dancer Cooper Rust. "For the boys, there are sword fights. The adults can appreciate the dance."

UNLV history Professor Hal Roth-



COURTESY JOHN HANSON PHOTOGRAPHY

Yoomi Lee, left, dances gracefully as the Sugar Plum Fairy with partner and husband, Kyu Dong Kwak as her Cavalier during the "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy."

man said cultural events such as "The Nutcracker" benefit from their association with the holidays when people look for the traditional.

"It carries a tremendous amount of cultural weight because of how it's positioned in American society," he said. "I think it's the association with Christmas in the same way as 'It's a Wonderful Life.'"

Rothman said the performing arts groups such as the Nevada Ballet

Theatre may benefit from the talent of the entertainment industry on the Strip but also have to compete with the Strip's offerings.

"What we have in Las Vegas is such an enormous array of entertainment of all kinds and so much of it run by the private sector that it's hard for nonprofit arts and entertainment entities to do particularly well," he said.

He said he sees that situation

changing as the city matures culturally.

"The Nutcracker" is one way that the company draws community support.

"Most ballet companies look at 'The Nutcracker' as a cash cow. Without it, most companies would not exist," Steivel said.

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4:30 to 8:30 p.m., Roxy's Lounge in Sam's Town, 5111 Boulder Highway.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

Red Mountain holiday concert
6:30 p.m., Atremus W. Ham Hall, UNLV. Traditional and contemporary Christmas and holiday music will be performed by the Red Mountain choir and

youth choir. \$12. 294-0043.

Nevada Ballet Theatre: 'The Nutcracker'
8 p.m., Judy Bailey Theatre at UNLV. \$30-\$65. 895-ARTS.

Youth Camerata Orchestra
7 p.m., Winchester Cultural Center, 3130 S. McLeod. Featuring Corelli's Christmas Concerto. \$5-\$7.

Hard Bop Robot
7 p.m., Matteo's at the Boulder Dam Hotel, 1305 Arizona St., Boulder City. Free. 293-0098.

The Brothers
4:30 to 9:30 p.m., Roxy's Lounge in Sam's Town, 5111 Boulder Highway.

Gregg Peterson
10:30 p.m. to 4 a.m., Roxy's Lounge in Sam's Town, 5111 Boulder Highway.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

Nevada Ballet Theatre: 'The Nutcracker'
8 p.m., Judy Bailey Theatre at UNLV. \$30-\$65. 895-ARTS.

City of Lights barbershop
2 and 7 p.m., Winchester Cultural Center, 3130 S. McLeod. \$6-\$10. 739-1973 or 455-7340.

Randy Holts
7 p.m., Matteo's at the Boulder Dam Hotel, 1305 Arizona St., Boulder City. Free. 293-0098.

Gregg Peterson
10:30 p.m. to 4 a.m., Roxy's Lounge in Sam's Town, 5111 Boulder Highway.

The Brothers
4:30 to 9:30 p.m., Roxy's Lounge in Sam's Town, 5111 Boulder Highway.

The Whip Its
10:30 p.m., Club Madrid, Sunset Station. \$15. 547-7777.

Existo and Annie Went Blind
10 p.m., Matteo's at the Boulder Dam Hotel, 1305 Arizona St., Boulder City. Free. 239-0098.

Home for the Holidays
3 p.m., Clark County Library Theater, 1401 E. Flamingo Road. Featuring the Frank Lamping Elementary School chorus and the Nevada Chamber Symphony.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Nevada Ballet Theatre: 'The Nutcracker'
1 and 4:30 p.m., Judy Bailey Theatre at UNLV. \$30-\$65. 895-ARTS.

'The Dam Follies' stand-up
8:00 p.m., Matteo's at the Boulder Dam Hotel, 1305 Arizona St., Boulder City. Free. 293-0098.

The Brothers
4:30 to 8:30 p.m., Roxy's Lounge, Sam's Town, 5111 Boulder Highway.

Gregg Peterson
9:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m., Roxy's Lounge in Sam's Town, 5111 Boulder Highway.

Musical society Christmas
3 p.m., Horn Theater at CCSN Cheyenne Campus, 3200 E. Cheyenne Ave., Southern Nevada Musical Arts Society.

New Life Gospel Foundation music concert
7 p.m., Clark County Library Theater, 1401 E. Flamingo Road. 290-9188.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

Latin Dance Party with the Claudine Castro Band
8:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m., Roxy's Lounge in Sam's Town, 5111 Boulder Highway.

15th annual Las Vegas Seoul choir concert
7 p.m., Clark County Library Theater, 1401 E. Flamingo Road. Free. 220-4292.

Forever Plaid disc signing
7 p.m., reJAVAnate Coffee Lounge, 3300 E. Flamingo Road.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Sandy the Piano Player
7 p.m., Milo's Best Cellars, 538 Nevada Way, Boulder City. Free. 293-9540.

'The Nutcracker'
8 p.m., Judy Bailey Theatre at UNLV. \$30-\$65. 895-ARTS.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

'The Nutcracker'
8 p.m., Judy Bailey Theatre at UNLV. \$30-\$65. 895-ARTS.

UPCOMING

'The Nutcracker'
Dec. 22-30, Judy Bailey Theatre at UNLV. \$30-\$65. 895-ARTS.

Philharmonic New year's Eve Viennese Ball
8 p.m., Dec. 31, The Ritz-Cal-



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Christmas ghosts pay a visit

'Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol' will be on stage at the Las Vegas Little Theatre, 3920 Schiff Drive, Dec. 15 through 18. For more information, call (800) 595-4849 or visit www.LVLT.org.

ton, Lake Las Vegas. R.S.V.P. by Dec. 9. (800) 241-3333.

New Year's Eve party with Atomic Punks
9 p.m., Dec. 31, Club Madrid in Sunset Station, 1301 W. Sunset Road. \$39.95 in advance, \$49 day of show. Must be 21.

ONGOING

Lamplight Carolers
Through Dec. 23, 5 to 9 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays. The District at Green Valley Ranch.

Reyes del Ayer
6 to 10 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, El Mexicano, 18 W. Pacific Ave. 568-7791.

Randy Holt: acoustic open mic
7 to 10 p.m., Saturdays, Matteos Underground Lounge, 1305 Arizona St., Boulder City. 293-0098.

Hard Bop Robot
7 to 10 p.m., Fridays, Matteo's Underground Lounge, 1305 Arizona St., Boulder City. 293-0098.

Tamara Rose
Noon to 12:30 p.m., second and fourth Fridays, reJAVAnate Coffee Lounge, 3300 E. Flamingo Road. Free. 253-7721.

Jazz night
7 to 9 p.m., Thursdays, reJAVAnate Coffee Lounge, 3300 E. Flamingo Road. Free. 253-7721.

The Sharp 9 Trio
7 p.m., Fridays, Boulder Dam Hotel, 1305 Arizona St. Free.

Latin Nights
9 p.m. to 2 a.m., Fridays, Club Madrid, Sunset Station. \$8.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

'Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol'
8 p.m., Las Vegas Little Theatre, 3920 Schiff Drive. \$10 adults, \$9 seniors and students, \$8 for LVLT subscribers. (800) 595-4849 or www.LVLT.org.

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Classes

ONGOING

Adult acting classes
7:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Saturdays. New City Theatre, 2900 E. Patrick Lane. Ages 17 and older. 795-0487 or www.newcitytheatre.com.

Art

TODAY, DECEMBER 15

Holiday party
5 to 9 p.m., Old Town Gallery, 10 W. Pacific Ave. Photographer Nabila Khanam, Selma Bartlett Elementary Choir and Opera Las Vegas. Free. 568-5655.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

Artist reception: Suzanna Hackett-Morgan
5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Winchester

Stage

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'Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol'
8 p.m., Las Vegas Little Theatre, 3920 Schiff Drive. \$10 adults, \$9 seniors and students, \$8 for LVLT subscribers. (800) 595-4849 or www.LVLT.org.

Museums

ONGOING

'Whistle Stop to Windfall: 100 Years in Las Vegas'
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Jan. 16. Clark County Museum, 1830 S. Boulder Highway, Henderson. \$1-\$1.50. 455-7955.

Searchlight Historical Museum
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday. 200 Michael Wendell Way, Searchlight. City history including a collection of Clara Bow Hats and the Searchlight Mining Park.

Galleries

ONGOING

Pulp magazine cover artwork
Through Dec. 10, Clark County Library Gallery, 1401 E. Flamingo Road.

Blake Morrison: 'African Visions'
Through Dec. 30 at the Henderson Multigenerational Center, 250 Green Valley Parkway. Free. 267-5800.

Artwork by Vicki Richardson
Through Jan. 1, Enterprise Library, 25 E. Shelbourne Ave. 507-3760.

Featured artist: Jane Marquez
Through Jan. 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays, noon to 5 p.m., Sundays, and until 8 p.m. on Fridays. through Dec. 25. Boulder City Art Guild Gallery in the Boulder Dam Hotel, 1305 Arizona St.

Watercolor West
Through December, The Lost City Museum in Overton. Local artists Karen Beardsley and Lucile Carstensen. 397-2193.

The Western Addiction
Through Jan. 6, Winchester Cultural Center Gallery, 3130 S. McLeod.

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Through Jan. 7, Old Town Gallery, 10 W. Pacific Ave.

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THE SCENE

Puppets take the stage in 'Carnival'

By HELEN AFRASIABI

'The puppets' eyes don't move or have expression. We had to position them very creatively to get the effect we were looking for.'

Bob Brewer
Director, 'Carnival'

Green Valley resident and artistic director of the Nevada Conservatory Theater Bob Brewer has taken on a labor of love with his latest production, "Carnival."

A production that makes use of puppets to express the thoughts of some of the main characters and requires a live magician to execute one of the scenes is something Brewer had done for the first time with the show.

With puppets portraying different human characteristics, the play tells the story about a girl's life as she grows from being the naive person she was at the beginning to a worldly and wise individual.

"It's difficult. The puppets' eyes don't move or have expression. We had to position them very creatively to get the effect we were looking for," he said. From a directing standpoint, that is the biggest challenge he faced with "Carnival," Brewer said.

As for the magician, Brewer said that was the only way he would turn a flame into a carnation, as was required in another scene.

"It's not as if I had any diffi-

culty finding a magician in Las Vegas," Brewer said. "That's the one thing that was easy to make happen, despite appearances."

Having received training in theater at the University of Illinois and Penn State University, Brewer went on to become one of the youngest members of the faculty at the Juilliard School. He also spent six years with the New York Shakespeare Festival working on script development and four years with the Maine Opera Co.

He's lived in Green Valley since moving to Nevada in 1989 to work at UNLV when the theater was still the University Theater.

The musical will be performed at the Judy Bayley Theater until Dec. 11. Brewer said the early performances were consistently sold out.

"Carnival" first appeared on Broadway in 1961 and was nominated for the Tony Award

that year, but beat by "How to Succeed in Business."

"I think the show is in some ways ahead of its time," Brewer said. "Its psychological imprint is something you see in 'Chicago,' that whole concept of her being in such a vacuum in her life, and not knowing that the man she detested was the puppet she loved."

Brewer believes that the production has a universality about it, something everyone can relate to. "One particular line in the story that sums it up for me and I think everyone is her very last words," he said. "Lili's realization that there's a time and season for all of life's events is the point that I want people to take away from this."

There is one other theme worth taking from the production, lead actress Rachel Prescott said.

"The theme is love, this idea that for Lily (the lead charac-

ter), especially love is a ruling force and everyone is motivated by love," she said. "In the end, love is able to dominate." Aside from Prescott, who had to be brought in from Los Angeles, the rest of the 23-member cast were students of UNLV's Theater Department.

For the role of Lily, Brewer said the special talent he needed was that of an actress with operatic background, since a few of the musical pieces in "Carnival" are opera.

Prescott said she hopes to work with Brewer again.

"Some directors work from the position of intimidating actors," Prescott said. "Bob helps you feel safe and confident, while giving the quality of direction that benefits the characters and cultivates their growth."

In the end, Brewer said, the musical has something for everybody.

"They relate to it primarily as a human drama in my mind," he said. "It's not particular to this or any other geographical area as such. It's universal, a human love story."

Helen Afrasiabi can be reached at 990-8913 or helen.afraziabi@hbcpub.com.

conjunction with the Las Vegas Jewish Film Festival at the Sun-coast. For applications, contact 794-0090 or aliciar@jccsn.org.

Literary

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

'Cat Detectives!'
6 p.m., Enterprise Library YPL, 25 E. Shelbourne Ave. Meet Darla Zuhdi, creator of the 'Cat Detectives.' Book sales and signing to follow. Ages 0 to 11.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

'Cat Detectives!'
4 p.m., 2797 N. Green Valley Parkway. Meet Darla Zuhdi, creator of the 'Cat Detectives.' Book sales and signing to follow. Ages 0 to 11.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

Gardening Your Roots: genealogy series
6:30 to 8 p.m., Paseo Verde Library, 280 S. Green Valley Parkway. R.S.V.P. at 492-6593.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Gardening Your Roots: genealogy series
6:30 to 8 p.m., Paseo Verde Library, 280 S. Green Valley Parkway. R.S.V.P. at 492-6593.

Contemporary fiction book club
7 p.m., Clark County Library Reader Services meeting room, 1401 E. Flamingo Road. Discussing "Bread Alone" by Judith Ryan Hendricks. 507-3427.

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'Henderson an American Journey'
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Poetry readings
6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Sundays, reJAVAnate, 3300 E. Flamingo Road. Free. 253-7721.

Books discussion group
7 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays, Conference Room in the Clark County Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Road. 507-3427.

Mahogany Circle book club
11 a.m., first Saturdays, Clark County Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Road. 507-3427.

Murder of the Month book club
7 p.m., third Tuesdays, Conference Room in the Enterprise Library, 25 E. Shelbourne Ave. 507-3761.

Preschool storytime
10:30 a.m., Wednesdays, Boulder City Library, 701 Adams Blvd. Ages 2 to 4. 293-1281.

Contemporary fiction book club
7 p.m., third Tuesdays, Reader Services Meeting Room in the Clark County Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Road. 507-3427.

Community

TODAY, DECEMBER 15

Elite Stars Academy: martial arts demonstration
6:30 p.m., Clark County Library Theater, 1401 E. Flamingo Road. Free. 355-1290.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

Helmet giveaway
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Prancing Pony Coffee Bar, 9711 S. Eastern Ave. In conjunction with Nevada Injury Prevention/ThinkFirst Nevada. Free helmets to be distributed on a first come first served basis. Child/teen must be present for fitting. 596-8660 or 456-7669.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Live! at the Lobby
2 p.m., in the lobby of the Boulder Dam Hotel, 1305 Arizona Street, Boulder City. Entertainment will be provided by Phil Marcus Esser, Laura Shaffer, Charlie Shaffer and Michael Miele. \$15. Benefit the Boulder Dam Museum & Historical Association. 294-1988.

Luminaria and Las Posadas
6 p.m., Bicentennial Park in Boulder City. Enjoy a live Nativity with local entertainment and hot chocolate.

Rudolph's Round-Up
Noon to 3 p.m., at Veterans Memorial Leisure Services Center. Children ages 5 to 11 will make reindeer crafts, play Reindeer games like Rudolph bingo, watch "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and learn reindeer facts. \$10. 229-1100.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Movie: 'Christmas in Connecticut'
1 p.m., Clark County Library Theater, 1401 E. Flamingo Road. Not rated.

Movie: 'The Wild Bunch'
7 p.m., Clark County Library Theater, 1401 E. Flamingo Road. Rated R.

Movie: 'Polar Express'
10:30 a.m., Enterprise Library Multi-Purpose Room, 25 E. Shelbourne Ave. Rated G.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Elf workshop
4 to 5 p.m., Clark County Library storyroom, 1401 E. Flamingo Road. Experience what it's like to be an elf. Wear elf fashion, eat sweet and sugary treats, sing out loud and clear for all to hear. Best of all, you will make a toy. Ages 6-9.

UPCOMING

12th Annual Bagel Ball
7 to 11 p.m., Dec. 24, KRAVE, 3663 Las Vegas Blvd. S. Jewish Single's Party. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Semi-formal dress. 256-2700, info@bagelball.com or www.bagelball.com.

ONGOING

Ice Rink closed
The Floating Ice Rink will be closed from Dec. 5-15. It will re-open on Dec. 16. www.iceskatinglakeslasvegas.com.

Chess tournament
6 to 9 p.m., Fridays, Brooklyn Bagel Deli, 1500 N. Green Valley Parkway. \$20, includes pizza, drinks and trophies.

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FAITH

Midbar Kodesh Temple holds Christmas toy drive for kids

Jewish house of worship says mitzvah span every religion

By NICOLE FENEBERG LUCHT

The religious school at Midbar Kodesh Temple, a Jewish congregation, is collecting Christmas toys for children with cancer.

Even though the holiday is Christian, the message — mitzvah — is Jewish. "Mitzvah" is a Hebrew term meaning "good deed."

In the classrooms, the students are given a child's name, age and what his or her favorite things are, Midbar Kodesh toy drive coordinator Rachel Kline said. The information helps the students know who they are shopping for and what to pick out.

This is the third year children in second through sixth grade at Midbar Kodesh Temple, 1940 Paseo Verde Parkway, have participated in the Christmas toy drive to benefit children with cancer through the nonprofit organization Candlelighters of Childhood Cancer of Southern Nevada, Kline said.

The program, which has been part of Candlelighters' annual fundraising program for the past 27 years, helps free up funds for other assistance programs, such as counseling, rent, hospital cafeteria meals and transportation to hospitals and medical appointments, Landa York, the director of family services for Candlelighters, said.

There are 115 families being assisted by the Candlelighters this year, she said. The most common cancers York comes across, she said, are leukemia and brain tumors.

York said it is not unusual for a Jewish synagogue to participate in a Christmas toy drive.

Kline, whose husband is a pediatric oncologist, agreed and said the point of the toy drive is to help sick children.

"We don't care what the religious affiliation is," Kline said.



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Rachel Kline, Toy drive coordinator

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The schoolchildren are also learning an important lesson through the toy drive — to be compassionate, giving, and that life is "not all about me, me, me," Kline said.

"We're so fortunate. We all have our health."

Kline said, the children are told, "You're strong and healthy. This kid your same age isn't, and you're going to help them."

When the children with cancer receive their gifts, they have a grin from ear to ear, York said.

"It brings a lot of smiles to their faces when they see the bag," York said. "Nothing makes a kid (with cancer) more happy than a new toy. It makes them feel normal."

The siblings of pediatric cancer patients are also affected by the illness, she said.

"We see that the family is taken care of," York said. "It's a family disease."

"Parents are so drained by the whole cancer experience. By doing something like this, it really brightens their holidays."

Nicole Feneberg Lucht can be reached at 990-2660 or nicole.lucht@hbcpub.com.

CULTIVATOR'S CORNER Aggie Roberts

Prune trees to improve appearance and health



Homeowners in Southern Nevada should now be getting ready to prune their fruit and shade trees. Do any major pruning after deciduous trees lose their leaves in the fall and before they leaf out in early spring.

The best time for pruning is the latter part of December, January and early February before the sap begins to flow again. This will make pruning less difficult.

You prune trees for several reasons. You prune to improve appearances and to protect their health by removing dead, damaged or diseased parts. You prune for safety, to regulate fruit set and increase fruit size, and for structural strength.

You need a good pair of pruning shears for making small cuts up to one half inch in diameter. Use lopping shears with 24 to 30 inch handles for cuts up to 1 inch in diameter and a good pruning saw.

There are two important things to remember when making pruning cuts.

Always avoid leaving too much cut surface exposed. Don't cut so that you leave a stub. However, don't cut so close that you injure or undercut the bud you're trying to encourage. Not only does a proper cut look better, but smooth wounds heal more rapidly.

Also, they are not likely to become infected as jagged, torn cuts. Stubs will never heal over.

Here is how to make the best cut. Position the blade side of the shears or loppers closest to the portion of wood that is to remain on the plant.

The correct way to make the cut is to slant the cutting blade in the direction the bud points. Keep the lowest point of the cut even with the bud.

Use a pruning saw for cuts too large to make with hand or lopping shears. Here is how to remove a branch with a saw too heavy to support with a free hand.

Make a cut from underneath, halfway through the limb. Stub it off about 6 inches from the finished cut, sawing from the top of the limb. Then saw again at the proper place. This three cut process prevents splitting and bark stripping, both of

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which could damage the tree.

The most important part of a plant to a pruner is the buds. You can manipulate and direct plant growth by removing selected buds. There are three classifications of buds: terminal, lateral and latent.

The terminal bud is the bud at the end of a stem or branch. It carries the plant growth upward. If you remove terminal buds, you can cause increased growth in side buds, making denser, bushier plants.

Buds on the sides of stems and branches are lateral buds. They develop into leaves or as the plant become larger into branches. If you remove lateral buds, you change energy into terminal growth.

Buds may lie dormant on the stem or bark in some plants for many years. These are latent buds, starting growth only after pruning or injury removes growth above them. Latent buds account for the sprouting of shrubs and trees from stumps.

Pruning young shade trees is very important to keep them strong, attractive and long lasting. Prune newly planted trees to a single leader. This will make the tree look a little lopsided.

However, it will fill in quickly and be a much stronger tree.

Large shade trees won't need much pruning if they were trained properly when young.

As with smaller trees, prune larger shade trees so there is a dominant trunk from which side branches grow. The side branches should spiral around the trunk about 18 inches apart from each other.

Actually, the ideal shape for most shade trees is a strong, single main trunk from which wide crotched, evenly spaced branches arise.

Besides the basic principles for pruning deciduous trees, it is also necessary to know where the tree bears its fruit.

You do not want to eliminate its potential crop.

Gardening expert Aggie Roberts works with the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension.

AROUND THE VALLEY

VETERANS/MILITARY

- AMMV, High Rollers chapter: 732-1369.
- American Legion BMI post 40: 425 E. Van Wagenen, 565-5433.
- China Burma India Veterans Association: 798-4100.
- Disabled American Vets: 6 p.m. third Tuesdays at Henderson Senior Center, 27 E. Texas Ave. No meetings July, August and November.
- Marine Corps League: 898-0709.
- Matthew A. Commons VFW, Post 36, Men and Ladies: 6:30 p.m. 1st Friday, Boulder City Library, 293-4239.
- Military Officers Association of America: 914-1844.
- Retired Officers' Wives Club: Meets at Nellis Officers' Club, 362-3342.
- Scottish American Military Society: 9:30 a.m. 3rd Saturdays at Denny's Restaurant, 5318 Boulder Highway, 301-4080.
- U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary: American Legion Post, 435 E. Van Wagenen, Henderson.
- Veterans Of Foreign Wars, Basic Post 3848: 401 W. Lake Mead Parkway, 564-5822.
- VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Post 3848: 564-7806.
- VFW Post 983: 566-8660.
- Merchant Marines: 732-1369.

SERVICE

- Afscme Retiree: Call 645-9845.
- Boulder City Community Club: 294-2435.
- BC Elks Lodge #1682: 293-2457.
- BC Republican Women's Club: 11:30 a.m. 3rd Thursdays, Creekside Restaurant, Boulder City, 393-1228.
- B.P.O. Does: Meets second and fourth Thursdays in the Boulder City Elks Lodge. Call 293-1054.
- California State Employees Association Retirees: 565-1952.
- Clark County Republican Party: 258-9184.
- Clark County Women's Democratic Club: 615-4522.
- Desert Newcomers Club: www.city-care.com/desertnewcomers or 616-6058.
- Desert Sands Life Member Club of Telecom Pioneers: 228-7237.
- Eagles Aerie 2672: 310 W. Pacific Ave., Henderson, 566-2672.
- Green Valley Federated Woman's Group: 616-2724.
- Green Valley Khwanis: 791-6603.
- Green Valley Rotary Club: 7 a.m. Thursdays at The Terrace, Warm Springs Road and Stephanie Street, 458-7493.
- Henderson Civitan Club: 11:30 a.m. 2nd Wednesdays at 2100 W. Warm Springs, Henderson, 524-4636.
- Henderson Elks Lodge 2802: 565-9959.
- Henderson Lion's Club: 614-8144.
- Henderson Republican Women: 4th Thursdays at Black Mountain Country

Club, 617-0660.

- Henderson Rotary Club: Noon Tuesdays at Fiesta Hotel/Casino, 777 W. Lake Mead Drive, Henderson, 361-2666.
- International Order of Eastern Stars: 568-0362
- Knights Of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, Council 3741: 558-9434.
- Knights of Columbus, Rosary Council 3741: 456-6844, ext. 309.
- Knights Of Columbus, St. Francis of Assisi, Council 13456: 897-1914.
- Lake Mead Unit, Nevada State Association of Parliamentarians: 7 p.m. 1st Tuesdays, at Clark County Library on E. Flamingo Road, 648-2491.
- League Of Women Voters: 507-3420 or lww@lwvlasvegasvalley.org.
- Lions International: 6 p.m. 2nd Tuesdays at Hot Rod Grill, 1231 American Pacific Drive, 565-6388.
- Master Masons: 435-3867.
- Merchant Marines: 732-1369.
- National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association: 565-5948.
- Order of Eastern Star: 564-8515.
- Republican Men's Club: 361-2185.
- Retired Public Employees of Nevada: 565-8018.
- Rotary Club of Boulder City: Noon, Wednesday at Two Gals Too, 1638 Nevada Way, 339-9941.
- SCORE Chapter 243: 388-6104.
- Sierra Club: 648-2983.
- Silver Mace Unit, Nevada State Association of Parliamentarians: 7:30 p.m. 3rd Wednesdays, Sunrise Hospital Rendezvous Room, 732-3371.
- Southern Nevada Returned Peace Corps Volunteers: 1st Saturdays in February, April, June, August, October and December from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Las Vegas Library, community room, 833 Las Vegas Blvd. North, 407-9159.
- Stonewall Democratic Club: 214-3610.

HOBBY/SOCIAL

- Alpha Xi Delta Alumnae: 368-1913.
- Animal Lovers Around the World: 458-4721.
- Black Mountain Kennel Club: 7:30 p.m. third Mondays at Shack Findlay Honda, 933 Auto Show Drive, Henderson, blackmountainkennelclub.org.
- Breakfast Club: 458-5744.
- Black Mountain Kennel Club: 7:30 p.m., third Mondays, Shack Findlay Honda, 933 Auto Show Drive, www.blackmountainkennelclub.org.
- Boulder City Citizens Academy Alumni Association: 7 p.m. 1st Mondays, Boulder City Youth Center, 294-1147.
- Boulder City square dancing: 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, 1204 6th Ave., Multipurpose Bldg, 293-1379.
- California State Employees Association Retirees: 565-1952.
- Celebrity City Chorus: 223-7893.
- Circle B's square dancing: 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, 6th and Avenue B, Building 1206, Boulder City, 348-4906.
- City of Lights Chorus: 7 p.m. Tuesdays

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- Arts & Style welcomes information from Henderson and Boulder City organizations. Send name and contact information to: Around the Valley, 2290 Corporate Circle Drive, Suite 250, Henderson, NV 89074; fax 434-3524; or e-mail entertainment@hbcpub.com, with 'Around the Valley' in the subject line.
- at Congregation Ner Tamid, 2761 Emerson, 263-4363.
- Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society: 225-5838 or www.rootsweb.com/~nvcnsgs/.
- Desert Newcomers: 10 a.m. last Thursdays, Green Valley Library, 2787 Green Valley Parkway, 614-9995.
- Desert Sands Life: 645-4236.
- Desert Sculptors: 875-4822.
- Dog sport Flyball: 4 pm Sunday practice and team training Acacia Park, AtomicKelpie@aol.com.
- Eldorado Cowboys shooting: 565-3736 or www.nevadacas.com/ec.htm.
- Forget Me Not Social Club: 898-0679.
- G.E.M. Toastmasters of LV: 736-2141.
- Genealogical Society: 10 a.m., 3rd Saturdays at Paseo Verde Library, 280 S. Green Valley Parkway, 225-5838.
- Good News Toastmasters: 6 p.m. Friday, Las Vegas Outlet Mall, 243-6402.
- Good Times Square & Round Dance: 565-7096.
- Greater LV Orchid Society: 251-1456.
- Henderson Art Association: 568-5655 or www.artistsinhenderson.com
- Henderson Writers' Group: 564-2488.
- Hobie Catamaran Fleet 51: Meets once or twice a month at Lake Mead, 294-8788 or Salla-h16@cox.net.
- Imago Dei Of Las Vegas Global Communities: 400-1710
- Inner-life Foundation: 293-0217.
- Jewish Genealogy Society: 363-8230.
- Kingdom of Aragon: 270-3403
- Lake Mead Boat Owners Association: 373-4406 or www.lmboa.org.
- LV High Rollers & Strollers: 456-9944.
- Las Vegas Pagan Information Exchange: 862-8048.
- Local Friends in Henderson: www.localfriends.blogspot.com or 480-2921.
- Miata Owners of Vegas: 7 p.m. second Mondays at the Blue Ox Tavern, 5875 W. Sahara Ave, 360-9178
- Nevada Watercolor Society: 393-6192.
- Parliamentary Practice: 876-2310.
- Red Mountain Music Company: Adults, 7 p.m., Youth, 5:30 pm. Wednesdays, LAW&P Building, 600 Nevada Way, Boulder City, 294-0043.
- See Spot Run: 10 a.m. 2nd Saturdays at Boulder City Multipurpose Building, 293-6285 or www.bcdogcenter.com.
- Singles Group: 796-1953.
- Singles Travel Club: 2nd and 4th Mondays at Tap House, 5589 W. Charleston Blvd, 1-888-324-2028.
- Sourcers Toastmasters: 7:30 p.m. 2nd and 4th Mondays at the Green Valley Library, 804-8911.
- Southern Nevada Button Society: 6:30 p.m. 1st and 3rd Mondays at Henderson Senior Center, 565-1952.
- Southern Nevada Kayak Club: 1st Wednesdays at 7 p.m. www.kayaknevada.org or 255-5926.
- Stardusters Square Dance Club: 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays, intro to square dancing, Club night, Thursdays, 348-4906.
- Sunset Garden Club: 558-9463.
- Technology Ventures Corporation: 8 a.m.-noon Dec. 9, workshop on financial management, at the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, 3720 Howard Hughes Parkway, 948-4222.
- TNT Toastmasters: 263-0567.
- Vegas Artist Guild: 474-5272
- World Wine and Food Group: Wednesdays, Little@bigfoot.com or 480-2921.
- Writer's Group: 7 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays at Re JAVA nate coffee lounge, 3300 E Flamingo Road, at Pecos, 458-6772.
- Valley Women's Club: 269-8573.

SENIOR CITIZENS

- Around the Bend Friends: 365-0994.
- Guys & Dolls Senior Singles: 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 631-6906.
- Henderson Seniors Auxiliary: 4 p.m. Tuesdays at Henderson Senior Center, 27 E. Texas Ave.
- NV Senior Coalition: 737-1377.
- Senior Dimensions: 2 p.m. 1st Mondays at Henderson Senior Center, 27 E. Texas Ave.
- Seniors United: 641-8283
- Social Seniors: 1 p.m., 3rd Thursdays at Senior Center, 27 E. Texas, 267-4150.

RELIGIOUS/SPIRITUAL

- Christian fellowship: 243-6890
- Christ-Centered 12-Step program: 1 p.m. Sundays at Community Church of Henderson, 360 E. Horizon Drive, 565-8563.
- Divorce Care: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 735-4004, www.centralchristian.com.
- Imago Dei Of LV: 400-1710.
- Ladies Bible Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Thursdays at First Baptist Church, Boulder City, 293-1394.
- Praise service: 6:30 p.m. Sundays in Fellowship Hall at Green Valley Presbyterian Church, 1798 Wigwam Parkway, 454-8484.
- Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana: 6 p.m. Tuesdays, 850 Ave. B, Boulder City.
- Sexual Purity: 735-4004.
- Stroke, Brain Injury: 735-4004.
- Survivors of Suicide; Anger Manage-

- ment; Griefshare: 735-4004 or www.centralchristian.com.
- Women's Bible Study: 9 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. Tuesdays at Bethany Baptist Church, 210 Wyoming Ave., Boulder City, 293-1912.
- Young Adult Round Table Bible Study: 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Young Adult Ministry, 1268 Wyoming, Boulder City, 294-2926.

SUPPORT/RESOURCES

- Accent Reduction: 375 E. Warm Springs Road, Las Vegas, 525-6095.
- Adult Children of Alcoholics: 392-0660.
- Alcoholics Anonymous: 5 p.m. every day, 7 a.m. Thursdays, and 11:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays in Annex behind Boulder Dam Credit Union, 419-3605.
- Al-Anon: Boulder City — 7 p.m. Wednesdays, 11 a.m. Fridays, Annex Building, 1001 Arizona St., 294-1329. Henderson — 7 p.m. Mondays, Community Church of Henderson, 360 E. Horizon Drive, 719-7133; 10 a.m. Tuesdays, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 43 W. Pacific, 566-0350; Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. Intro, 7 p.m. meeting, Henderson Chevrolet, 240 N. Gibson Road, 436-0825 and 893-6455; 7 p.m., St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 130 N. Pecos Road, 893-6455; 7 p.m. Thursdays, Community Church of Henderson, 565-6995.
- Alateen: Noon Saturdays, Henderson area, 283-6000 or 250-6543.
- Alzheimer's Caregivers: 565-8563.
- Alzheimer's Support Group: 10 a.m. 1st and 3rd Thursdays at The Homestead, 1401 Medical Park Drive, Boulder City, 294-8720.
- American Parkinson's Disease Association: 564-5416.
- American Lung Association of Nevada Better Breathers: 431-6333.
- Arthritis Foundation Lupus Support Group: 367-1626.
- Breast Cancer Group: 616-4900.
- Boulder City Take Off Pounds Sensibly: 5 p.m. Tuesdays at the Boulder City Hospital, 293-6609.
- Caregiver Group: Boulder City — 10 a.m. 1st and 3rd Thursdays at Homestead, 1401 Medical Park Drive, 294-8720, Henderson — 10 a.m. 1st Thursdays at Henderson Senior Center, 27 E. Texas Ave, 267-4157.
- Celiac Disease Group: 985-7664.
- Champions of Organ Sharing: 391-4000.
- Children's Bereavement: 369-8700.
- Children & Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD): 580-1955.
- COPE: 243-4357.
- Depression and Bipolar Alliance: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Parkway Medical Center, 100 N. Green Valley Parkway, #330.
- Divorced, Separated, Widowed Adjustment Inc.: 735-5533 or info@rv.org
- Divorced Divas: Barbara Greenspun WomensCare Center, 6 p.m. 2nd and 4th Fridays, Call 616-4900.
- Families Anonymous: 7 p.m. Tuesdays

- at Monte Vista Professional Bld, 6000 W. Rochelle, Room 2; Thursdays at Holy Spirit Church, 6670 W. Cheyenne Ave.
- Fibromyalgia Friends: 897-7388.
- Foster Care & Adoption Association of Nevada: 657-6470.
- Infertility group (RESOLVE): Meets at 6 p.m. 2nd Monday, garden room, St. Rose Dominican Hospitals Siena Campus, 3001 St. Rose Parkway, 682-4710.
- Mommy & Me East: 391-6667 or visit www.mommymne.org.
- Mom's Club of Henderson/Boulder City: Monday and Wednesday playdates and parkdays, 450-9610.
- Mothers Held Captive: 735-4004. Ext. 224.
- Myasthenia Gravis: 269-0652.
- My Hope Chest: 221-9693, e-mail info@myhopechest.org.
- Nevada Advocates for Highly Gifted Children: nvhighlygifted@yahoo.com or 460-1860.
- Nevada Neuroscience Foundation: 836-1216 or 836-1227.
- Nevadans For Equal Parenting: 278-5631.
- Neuropathy group: 452-8277.
- Open Addiction: 454-2722.
- Overeaters Anonymous: 9:30 a.m. Fridays at Green Valley United Methodist Church, 2200 Robindale Road, 866-6682.
- Parents without Partners: 396-5919 or visit pwplv.com.
- Peritoneal Dialysis Support Group: 419-2438 or email dryheat-iv@cox.net.
- Southern Nevada Association of Polio Survivors (SNAPS) Henderson: 644-5091 or 458-1613.
- Stuttering Control: 375 E. Warm Springs Road, Las Vegas, 525-6095.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly 113: 564-8924 or 565-0634.
- Weight Watchers: 432-6683.

BUSINESS/NETWORKING

- American Business Women's Association, Desert Dawn: 6:30 and 9 p.m. 2nd Tuesdays at American Legion building, 425 E. Van Wagenen St., Henderson, 310, 451-8116.
- Business Community Investment Council (BCIC): 391-2242 or www.bcicl.org.
- Business Professionals Helping People: 7 a.m. Tuesdays at Mimi's Cafe on Stephanie, 262-5609.
- Citycare Networking: 260-4595.
- Fiber Arts Guild: Call 656-1951.
- Green Valley Letip: 11:45 a.m. Wednesdays, Coyote's Cafe, 4350 E. Sunset Road, 260-4595.
- International Training In Community (ITC): 876-2310 or 735-6501.
- Moms in Business Network: 5836 S. Pecos Road, 310-3202.
- National Professional Coaching Association (NPCA): 3rd Fridays, 11:30 a.m., McCormick & Schmicks, 335 Hughes Center Drive.
- Networking Devoted to Women, White Dove: 6 p.m. second Thursdays, 595-9955.

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 20)— A close friend may express a strong need for privacy or social isolation. Ironically, quiet reflections will greatly improve communications. Encourage thoughtfulness and wait for reliable social invitations.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20)— Loved ones may propose unexpected career changes. At present, business excitement and job speculation will inspire passionate debate, dramatic suggestions and unrealistic plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

— Romance and long-term friendships may offer unique moments of intimacy. A phase of mistrust or lagging self-esteem will no longer restrict key relationships. Ask gentle questions and expect answers.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)— Job satisfaction is on the rise. Many Cancerians will expand their abilities to accept or complete new assignments. Improved skills, special training and, in some cases, a return to yesterday's forgotten career dreams will prove worthwhile.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—

Group invitations may soon trigger rare discussions between loved ones. Planned events, sentimental reunions or controversial family gatherings may create a need for acceptance and forgiveness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)— Someone close requires detailed career or financial advice. Governmental applications, long-term debts or corporate permissions will inspire bold discussions. New job options or rekindled business partnerships demand consideration.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

— Expect valid progress concerning rare-ethical triangles or lingering social doubts. Some Librans, especially those born after 1967, will also inspire renewed confidence between despondent friends, loved ones and romantic partners.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)— Diplomacy between colleagues is essential for team success. Co-workers and managers may rely heavily on your ability to resolve silent disputes. Use humor or special compliments to address outstanding tensions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)—

Key relationships may evolve to new levels of acceptance and intimacy. Express complex ideas and watch for steady progress. Social support, compassion or a renewed faith in shared goals will provide rare opportunities.

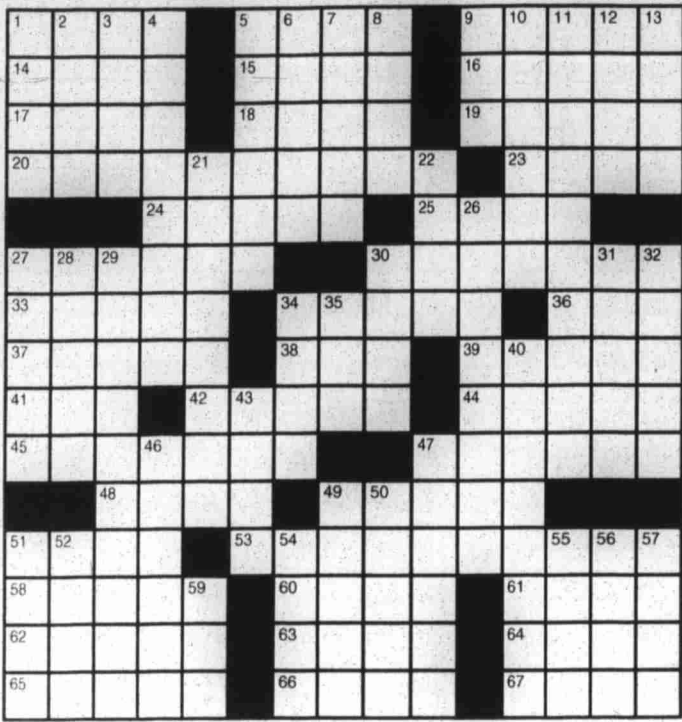
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)— Social triangles and competing workplace loyalties are unavoidable. Older colleagues may ask for special permissions, improved schedules or new assignments. Complex and powerful emotions are in operation. Refuse to act as mediator.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)— A recent phase of isolation or miscommunications in the home will end. Close relatives expect an honest emotional response. Openly discuss expectations and private obligations.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)— Expect roommates, long-term friends or family members to respond positively to new home suggestions and practical instructions. An attitude of gentle leadership will help establish workable rules in previously strained relationships.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

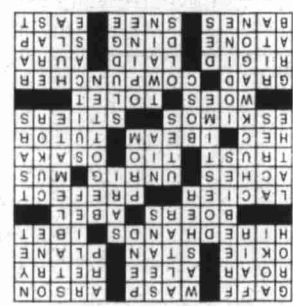


- 2 Isao of the Senior PGA
- 3 Mediocre
- 4 Handouts
- 5 Leak stopper
- 6 Temple table
- 7 Penn and Young
- 8 Oreille Lake
- 9 French avant-garde artist
- 10 Alleviation
- 11 Dependable spouse?
- 12 Caen's river
- 13 Negative in Novgorod
- 21 Serves a sentence
- 22 Indira's dress
- 26 Fathered
- 27 Shaping machine
- 28 Plots of land
- 29 Throw out the family car?
- 30 H.S. dance
- 31 "My Fair Lady" director
- 32 Ivan and Nicholas
- 34 Colorado tribe
- 35 Actress Long
- 40 Traveler's tote
- 43 Anjou's cousin
- 46 Thyroid treatment
- 47 Oozy sediment
- 49 Singer Shania
- 50 State one's case
- 51 Snatch
- 52 Moreno or Rudner
- 54 Early auto maker
- 55 Waikiki dance
- 56 Time periods
- 57 Enthralled
- 59 __ Plaines, IL

- ACROSS**
- 1 Hook with a handle
 - 5 Insect with a stinger
 - 9 Burning crime
 - 14 Lion's call
 - 15 Out of the wind
 - 16 Second attempt
 - 17 Depression migrant
 - 18 Musial or Getz
 - 19 Flat surface
 - 20 Masseur?
 - 23 Yeah, sure
 - 24 Afrikaners
 - 25 Eve's second
 - 27 Like a more delicate fabric
 - 30 Student monitor
 - 33 Sore spots
 - 34 Remove bridles
 - 36 Greek letters
 - 37 Expect loyalty
 - 38 Spanish uncle
 - 39 Japanese seaport

- 41 TV oldie, "___ Ramsey"
 - 42 Girder piece
 - 44 Private instructor
 - 45 Inuits
 - 47 "M*A*S*H" co-star
 - 48 Sorrows
 - 49 For rent, in London
 - 51 Alum
 - 53 Mistreater of female elephants?
 - 58 Inflexible
 - 60 Installed, as carpet
 - 61 Surrounding glow
 - 62 Make amends
 - 63 Fender blemish
 - 64 Happy starter?
 - 65 Deadly poisons
 - 66 Dundee dagger
 - 67 Sunrise place
- DOWN**
- 1 "Rhoda" co-star David

CROSSWORD ANSWERS



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GENEALOGY Stefani Evans

Putting the puzzle pieces together



Recently a reader asked me how to research his great grandfather, who came to New Orleans from Italy in the

early 1900s, sent his family to Chicago to escape an epidemic and was believed later murdered in New Orleans.

The reader said, "I was told that it (the murder) could have been a union action of some nature. ... I think the last name was Terassi, I think it had to be between 1900 and 1910, and I believe he is buried in New Orleans. That's all I know."

This is exactly where many searches begin. The reader's information is somewhat vague, but specific enough to begin a study of his family.

I began by searching digitized copies of the 1920 and 1930 U.S. census in Chicago (free at HeritageQuest with a Las Vegas/Clark County Library District card and at Ancestry.com, a subscription database).

In both records was a Concetta Terrasi, who was born in Italy and old enough to be the widow of the reader's great grandfather. Also in the household was her unmar-

ried daughter, Margaret Terrasi, born in Louisiana.

The Chicago Daily Tribune in digitized form at ProQuest Historical Newspapers (HeritageQuest) printed an obituary for Concetta Terrasi on Oct. 13, 1946. It named as survivors daughters Mary and Margaret. In it, Mary and Margaret both had the same surname as the reader.

The index of Italian Passengers to Louisiana, 1905-1910 (Ancestry.com) shows Antonino Terrasi, 36, arrived in New Orleans on Oct. 16, 1907, from Cattolica, Sicily, on the Piemonte. On the same ship from the same native town were the following: A. Maria Terrasi, age 8 years; Rosario Terrasi, age 4 months; and Concetta Giuffrida, age 38. Concetta Giuffrida's age correlates to Concetta found in 1920 and 1930 census records in Chicago. The married daughter with whom Concetta lived in 1920 and 1930 was Mary A., whose age compares to 8-year-old A. Maria Terrasi of the immigration index.

New Orleans Death Records Index (Ancestry.com) shows Antonio Terrasi died Feb. 18, 1915, at age 43.

The above information indicates the reader's great grandfather may have been Antonio Terrasi, who came to

New Orleans at age 36 from Cattolica, Sicily, Oct. 16, 1907, with Concetta Giuffrida, A. Maria Terrasi and infant Rosario Terrasi. He may also be Antonio Terrasi who died in New Orleans in 1915 at 43 years old. Since Rosario Terrasi was not in the census records, possibly he died before 1920.

Information on the possible murder may be in the New Orleans Times Picayune just before and following Feb. 18, 1915 (Antonio's death date), in news stories of a Union action resulting in death in the train yards. Antonio Terrasi's obituary might also be in that newspaper.

If this does indeed turn out to be the reader's family, the reader can find still more records: burial record for Antonio Terrasi in New Orleans; birth record for Margaret Terrasi in New Orleans; birth and marriage records in Cattolica, Sicily; death record for Rosario Terrasi in either New Orleans or Chicago; marriage records for the sisters in Chicago, and the list goes on.

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CASINO GUIDE

BARLEY'S CASINO AND BREWERY

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- New sign-up for the Ultimate Rewards Card will receive up to \$500 in free slot play. If you earn 250 on the day of sign-up you will receive a free large, one-topping pizza.

- Christmas Day Brunch Buffet at Barley's Cafe — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 25, all you can eat for \$12.99 with your Barley's Ultimate Rewards Card.

- Van de Guzman New Year's Eve Party Dec. 31. Get a free mini bottle of champagne and free party favors. There will also be a free champagne toast at midnight.

- \$3.99 All you can eat Soup and Salad 1 to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

- 55+ Senior Silver Special in Barley's Cafe 8 to 11 a.m., Monday through Friday. 99 cent breakfast, beverage purchase required. Must be an Ultimate Rewards Card Member.

ELDORADO

140 S. Water St.
564-4994

- 3X points — every Tuesday for 55+ Prime Rewards members and also receive a 20 percent dining discount in The Cafe.

- 5X points — every Friday in December.

- 6X points — Dec. 26 through 31.

- Win Free Cash — Hot Seat 2 to 10 p.m. Thursdays in December. When your machine is pulled and you are actively playing with your slot card you will win \$30 cash instantly. All other customers playing with their slot card inserted on the same bank of machines as the winner will receive \$10 cash instantly.

- Earn New Year's Eve Drawing Tickets for a chance to win a share of \$25,000 in cash Dec. 12 through 31.

EMERALD ISLE
120 Market St.
564-4994

- Holiday Cash or Gift Giveaway — Drawings for either \$400 or a flat screen TV will be twice a day through Dec. 21.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Eldorado Casino in Henderson offers five-times points every Friday in December and six-times points Dec. 26-31.

Random cash winners — 10 winners every day win \$50.
• 2006 dollar drawing — Win either \$2006 or a giant screen TV.

FIESTA HENDERSON

777 W. Lake Mead Parkway
558-0544

- Jumbo Keno — The Largest \$1 Progressive in Vegas. 4 Progressive Jackpots; 6-Spot Progressive starts at \$2,500, 7-Spot Progressive starts at \$10,000, 8-Spot Progressive starts at \$50,000, 9-Spot Progressive starts at \$60,000. Play up to 1,000 games per ticket. Play straight tickets, way tickets or multi-race tickets.

- Fiesta's Festival of Cash — \$70,000 giveaway. Through Dec. 17. Drawings at 8:15 p.m., every Saturday night. 10 winners every night. Win up to \$2,000 at each drawing. Receive one entry for every 500 points earned on a slot, video poker and video keno machines.

GOLD RUSH

1195 W. Sunset Road
454-0544

- \$50,000 Holiday Cash and Free Slot Play Giveaway — \$10,000 giveaway at each property (Magic Star, Gold Rush, Wild Wild West, Barley's and Wildfire). For every 100 points earned on your Ultimate Rewards players card and with every \$20 or more Parlay ticket you will earn a drawing ticket. Drawings will be 7 and 8 p.m. every Friday and Saturday through Dec. 23. There will be a \$2,500 cash bonus drawing on Dec. 23.

- Football Frenzy — Just pick winners; no point spreads, no handicapping, lots of cash. play each week and win up to \$10,000 for most correct picks, \$250,000 in cash and prizes and

\$50,000 end-of-season prizes. Receive up to three entries. Make your picks at any registration booth or at any 24-hour Football Frenzy kiosk. Register and receive a free stadium chair.

GREEN VALLEY RANCH

2300 Paseo Verde Parkway
617-7777

- Jumbo Jackpot — Everyone playing with their slot card wins. Every time the Jumbo Jackpot hits at any Station Casino or Fiesta, Everyone playing with their card wins \$50 in free slot play. You win, even if the Jumbo Jackpot hits at a different casino. Jumbo Jackpot starts at \$100,000 and must hit by \$150,000.

HACIENDA

Highway 93
293-5000

- Free Video Poker Tournament — 4 to 7 p.m., Wednesdays. Finals start at 7 p.m.
- Blackjack — Sign up in the pit at 5 p.m., game starts at 6 p.m., Tuesdays.
- Texas Hold-em Poker — 6 p.m., Wednesday through Sundays.
- 4X point Tuesday until Dec. 6.

JOKER'S WILD

920 N. Boulder Highway
564-0297

- 3X points — every Tuesday for 55+ Prime Rewards members and also receive a 20 percent dining discount in The Cafe.
- 5X points — every Friday in December.
- 6X points — Dec. 26 through 31.
- Win Free Cash — Hot Seat 2 to 10 p.m. Thursdays in December. When your machine is pulled and you are actively

playing with your slot card you win \$30 cash instantly. All other customers playing with their slot card inserted on the same bank of machines as the winner will receive \$10 cash instantly.

- Earn New Year's Eve Drawing Tickets for a chance to win a share of \$25,000 in cash Dec. 12 through 31.

- Monday Night Football parties — 5 p.m., Must be 21. Free Admission, free first Hotdog and free first draft beer. Free prizes and half time contests.

P.T.S SLOTS

46 Water Street
564-4994

- Win a free Jack Daniel's jacket Dec. 1 through 18. Purchase a Jack Daniel's single barrel to enter to win; \$6.50.

- Shot Specials \$4 Jack Daniel's and \$5.50 Gentleman Jack.

- Happy Hour — 4 to p.m. and 4 to 6 a.m., Monday through Friday. New boneless chicken wings for \$2.99; \$2 domestic drafts and well drinks; half off all pizzas; 99 cent sliders; and 99 cent quesadillas.

RAILROAD PASS

2800 S. Boulder Highway
294-5000

- Stuff Your Stocking Promotion — Giving away over \$5000. Five random drawings a day; noon, 2, 4, 6 and 8 p.m., \$25 to \$500 each drawing, 70 prizes total.

- New Year's Eve Party — Buffet will be at 4 p.m. Dec. 31, \$24.99.

- Entertainment at 8 p.m. Dec. 31 at the Side Rail Lounge featuring Earl (Good Rocking) Brown, Mo Better Blues and Skip Eaton. Party Favors while supplies last. Complementary toast at midnight.

RAINBOW CLUB

122 S. Water St.
565-9776 or 565-9777

- There will be a Silk Jacket Giveaway until Dec. 14.
- Santa's Surprise Gift Giveaway will begin Dec. 15 and last until Dec. 24.

SUNSET STATION

130 W. Sunset Road
547-7777

- The JUMBO Hold-em Bad Beat Progressive poker jackpot starts at \$100,000. Two ways to win; \$35,000 is awarded for the bad beat losing hand and \$20,000 is awarded for the bad beat winning hand. The Property Progressive Bad Beat starts at \$10,000.

- Jumbo Keno — The largest \$1 progressive in Vegas. four progressive jackpots; 6-spot progressive starts at \$2,500, 7-spot progressive starts at \$10,000, 8-spot progressive starts at \$50,000, 9-spot progressive starts at \$60,000. Play up to 1,000 games per ticket. Play straight tickets, way tickets or multi-race tickets.

- Morning Limit and No Limit Tournaments — Monday through Saturday. Just call the Sunset Poker Room for game type and times. 547-7671.

- Ladies Only Hold-Em Tournaments — Ladies Only Poker Tournaments are at 3 p.m. the last Sunday of every month. There is a \$35 buy-in and one \$20 re-buy in the first hour.

- Free Poker Lessons, 2 p.m. Sundays and 11 a.m. Mondays in the Poker Room. Following each lesson there will be a live \$20 buy in for a 2-4 game.

- Jumbo Jackpot — Everyone playing with their slot card wins. Every time the Jumbo Jackpot hits at any Station Casino or Fiesta, everyone playing with their card wins \$50 in free slot play. You win, even if the Jumbo Jackpot hits at a different casino.

- Jumbo Jackpot starts at \$100,000 and must hit by \$150,000.

RAILROAD PASS

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294-5000

- 2X points on Wednesdays
- 3X points on Thursdays
- Senior Tuesday — every Tuesday, discounts throughout the casino.

- \$5,000 Random Cash Giveaway — through Dec. 24, 5 drawings a day, noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., and 8 p.m. Must be playing with slot card to qualify.

- New Year's Eve — Gourmet Buffet \$24.99. Live entertainment in the lounge from 8 p.m. to 2 p.m., featuring Blues ballafamer Earl "Good Rocking" Brown; Mo Better Blues and Skip Eaton.

SCENE from Page 3

Annual Gift of Lights continues through January at Sunset Park

der City Horsemen's Association Corral, Boulder City.

Weekly wine tasting
6 p.m., Wednesdays, Viaggio Italian Cuisine & Wine Shop, 11261 S. Eastern Ave. \$20.

5th Annual Gift of Lights
Through Jan. 1 at Sunset Park, 2601 E. Sunset Road. Fridays, Saturdays, holidays, 5 to 10 Sundays through Thursdays, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Drive through holiday light show with more than 250 light displays. \$12 per vehicle, \$2 off with the donation of any bag of gently used items for Goodwill of Southern Nevada.

Chocolate Wonderland
Through Jan. 2, sundown to 10 p.m. Ethel M Chocolates Factory and Botanical Cactus Garden to be filled with the sights, sounds and smells of chocolate. Free. (800)438-4356 or www.EthelM.com.

Winter Wonderland at the Valley Automall

Through December at The Valley Automall, in Henderson off of U.S. Highway 95 at Auto Show Drive. Horse-drawn carriage rides and carolers dressed as period characters from Charles Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol" on Dec. 1-3, and 16-17 from 5-9 p.m. Free. 568-1487.

Toys For Tots collection
Through Dec. 16. Bring a new, unwrapped toy to Sammy's, 4300 E. Sunset Road, and receive a free giant messy sundae.

Socks for the Season
Through Dec. 23. 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m., Sundays. Drop off socks at boxes inside the Whitney Ranch Recreation Center, 1575 Galleria Drive. Benefits Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth.

ONGOING

Magical Forest at Opportunity Village

Through Dec. 30 at Opportunity Village, 6300 West Oakley Blvd. Monday through Thursday, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 5:30 to 10 p.m. Tour the Magical Forest's lighted displays, ride the Enchanted Carousel and the Forest Express Train, visit Santa and enjoy hot drinks and seasonal treats. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$7 for children ages 3 to 12, free for children 2 years old and younger. www.opportunityvillage.org.

WEDDING



Thomas and Misty Maher.

Milicic-Maher

Misty Milicic and Thomas Maher Jr. were married Oct. 8 at Grace Community Church in Boulder City.

The bride's parents, Stefano and Shari Milicic, moved to Boulder City in 1990.

Misty Milicic, who lives in Henderson, graduated from UNLV with a degree in business marketing and works at Wynn Las Vegas.

Thomas Maher Jr., son of Thomas and Beverly Maher of New Middletown, Ohio, moved to Las Vegas in 1999. He graduated from Ohio College of Massage and works as a massage therapist at Wynn Las Vegas.

The couple honeymooned in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

The wedding party consisted of: Anna Shiver, matron of honor; Shannon Milicic, maid of honor; Jessica Milicic, Noelle Milicic and Jaime Owen, bridesmaids; Brian Blazek, best man; and Neilson Clark, Tony Duponty, Scott Owen, and Joe Russo, groomsmen.

Yes, Virginia, there are bad presents

*'Twas the night before Christmas,
And all through the shops,
All the good gifts were gone
Leaving fruitcake and mops.*



It's that time again. It seems like we at the News just took down our wreath and swore that we'd never, ever let ourselves fall behind on our holiday duties again.

Ha! So much for that plan. Perhaps our readers have felt the same way. Ever have to buy a really bad gift? Ever receive a really bad gift?

Tell us tales that would make the Grinch proud and

we'll pass them along to our readers in an upcoming issue.

Please include a name and phone number with all submissions. E-mail entertainment@hbcpub.com, fax 434-3527 or write to Holiday Horrors, c/o The News, 2290 Corporate Circle, Suite 250, Henderson NV 89074.

ANNIVERSARY

Tacketts celebrate 50 years of marriage

The children and grandchildren of Ron and Erma Tackett hosted a 50th anniversary dinner on Thanksgiving, Nov. 24, at the Black Mountain Golf and Country Club.

The couple has lived in Henderson for more than 50 years.

With more than 150 family members and friends attending, the couple was honored with a cookbook and a quilt signed by family and friends. One grandson produced a video spanning the past 50 years.

The party was given by the couple's children — Sydney and Russell Bridges of Las Ve-



Ron and Emma Tackett

gas, Allen Tackett of Henderson, Perry and Liann Tackett of Las Vegas — as well as their grandchildren — Rusty and Tami Bridges, Kelli Candace and Aubrey Bridges, Courtney Tackett, Shelby and Ashley Tackett — and their great-grandson, Tanner Bridges.

BALLET from Page 1

Show helps company draw community support

17 performances of "The Nutcracker" Dec. 15 through Dec. 29. Including two performances Christmas Eve.

Tickets are \$30 to \$65 and may be purchased through the box office at 895-ARTS or pac.unlv.edu.

Performers said the schedule is demanding and that injuries can be a problem.

But they said they enjoy performing in such a popular production that can help introduce ballet to an audience.

"It's so nice to perform for people instead of an empty audience," Rust said. "It's nice to have somebody to dance for."

Eric Leake can be reached at 990-8928 or eric.leake@hbcpub.com.

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DINING STYLE

Dining Guide

AMERICAN

Bogee's Sports Bar & Grill
Premiere Park
795-BOGE (2643)
Bob's Restaurant & Bar
294-2627 BC
Boulder City Bar-B-Q
293-7986
Brand's Grill & Bar
434-5761

CLUB CASINO
725 S. Ross Tract Rd.
Henderson • 558-8888

Creekside Restaurant
Boulder Creek
1801 Veterans Memorial Drive
Boulder City • 294-8538

Deer Willow
2020 W. Horizon Ridge
270-7070

The Café Eldorado CASINO
140 S. Water St.
564-1811

EMERALD ISLAND CASINO & RESTAURANT
120 Market St. • Downtown Henderson
887-9190

Firenze Lobby Lounge
567-4700

Glory Days GRILL
Eastern & St. Rose
944-5679

Harbor House Cafe
Lake Mead
293-1191

Iron Hill Cafe
2800 S. Boulder Hwy
294-8000

Idaho Finger Steaks
562-9008
Inn Zone
614-1713
Medici Café & Terrace
567-4700

Omelet House
896-7047
On the Rocks
869-3874
Orchard Street Grill
896-7047

Rainbow CLUB CASINO
825 S. Nevada Way
Boulder City
293-1309

SOUTHWEST FROSTY FREEZE
825 Nevada Way
Boulder City
293-1309

Tee Shots
270-2200
The Court Cafe @ Jokers Wild
564-8100
Village Pub & Casino
454-1887
Village Pub & Poker
837-9669
Wild Card Cafe
564-8100

ASIAN

Amlee
898-9688
Bangkok 9 Thai-Chinese
898-6881
Bangkok Orchid
458-4945
Lotus Chinese Restaurant
566-6238
Malibu Chan's
312-4267
Pumi Chinese Restaurant
896-4039
Royal Star
414-8888
Sau-Pan Chinese Restaurant
565-8985
Samporo Sushi
547-1144
SUMO Japanese Restaurant
451-7866
Tokyo Sushi & Roll Garden
617-2232
Toss Asian Cuisine
451-8677

CONTINENTAL

Cafe International
898-4004

DELI

Big Apple Bagels
407-2245
Chesapeake Bagel Bakery
458-6096
Coffee Castle
456-7411
Jersey Mike's Subs
547-5656
New York Deli News
795-DELI(3354)
Schlotsky's
259-4775
Serene Deli & Cafe
617-3594
Tropical Smoothie Cafe
616-1931

FRENCH

La Chandele Restaurant
568-7383

HAWAIIAN

Hull's Hawaiian Style Restaurant
567-5353
L&L Hawaiian Barbecue
433-0240

ITALIAN

Buon Gusto
407-6600
Cafe Trattoria Magia
436-2522
1521 W. Sunset Rd.
547-0059
Calarco Family Deli
617-3556
Enzo's Pizzeria
458-2166
Fazoli's
454-1136
Ferraro's
562-9666
Fortunato's
458-3333
Gaetano's Ristorante
361-1661
Joey Bistro
369-Joey (5639)

La Bellas
458-8810

Matteo's
1305 Arizona
Boulder City
293-0098

Napoli Pizzeria
456-2050
Papa John's Pizzeria
568-6262 / 568-7983
Papreza's Pizzeria
407-7575
Romano's Macaroni Grill
433-2788
Sammy's California Woodfired Pizzeria
450-6664
Santora's Pizzeria
451-9464
Sbarro's Italian Eatery
898-1944
Siena Italian Deli
368-3354

STEVEN'S Italian Cafe
2222 E. Springfield Ave.
Old Henderson
Las Vegas, Nevada, 89110
739-6488

Sunset Pizzeria
798-8272
Tony's II Pizza Inc.
567-1800
Tropicana Pizzeria of Henderson
568-9100
Tuscany Grill

Vino Pizzeria
565-8844
Corner Oakey Hwy & University just to the East of University

MEXICAN SOUTHWEST

Alex's Mexican Cafe
616-7170
Baja Fresh Mexican Grill
450-6551
Cafe Casbo
269-9950/795-2226
Chili's Grill & Bar
433-3333
Coyote's Cafe & Cantina
458-3739
Don Poverillo
558-9994

568-7791

Emery's
558-5488
Fausto's Mexican Grill
617-2246
Guadalajara Bar & Grill
547-7777
Mariana's Cantina
564-1811
Santa Rosa
558-7540
Taque Jalisco

SPECIALTY

566-8148

The Whole Enchilada
451-3663

Cafe Heidelberg
731-5310

STEAK SEAFOOD

Conductor's Room
2800 S. Boulder Hwy
294-8000

Hacienda's STEAKHOUSE

Kathys Southern Cooking
433-1005
The Honey Baked Ham Co.
567-1899

4350 East Sunset Rd.
259-TODD (8633)

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451-7808
Red Lobster
953-5307
Tony Roma's
456-2227

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Foothill features seven All-Sunrise honorees

By MATT RYBALTOWSKI

More than 20 players from the Henderson area were honored for their efforts during the 2005 high school football season with placement on the Sunrise Region first and second teams. The players gathered at Las Vegas High School on Dec. 7 to be photographed with their fellow honorees.

Las Vegas running back Jamaal Lomax was named Sunrise Region MVP, while Silverado linebacker Ben Jacobs was named defensive player of the year. Las Vegas coach Chris

Faircloth and Foothill coach Marty Redmond shared co-coach of the year honors.

Offensive players from Henderson on the first team included Basic quarterback Kenny Ward, Foothill running back D'Angelo Jones, Coronado wide receiver Tysson Poots, Green Valley guard Anthony Giglioli and Del Sol tackle Adam Ajoub.

Jones was one of seven Foothill players to be named to either the first or second teams in the region. The Falcons went 10-2 on the year, losing to eventual state champion Las Vegas 35-0 in the Sunrise Region

final.

"It means a lot to me, it shows how hard you worked and everything you accomplished," said Jones who had 1,998 yards on the season. "I reached most of my goals. I don't try to set goals, I just try to win."

Other Foothill players to be named on the team included linebacker Michael Stokes, linebacker Danny Osorio, guard Spencer DeWees, kicker Dylan Cooper, linebacker Dominick Bellini and defensive back Brandon Baker.

On the defensive side, the first team included Jacobs, Osorio, Gi-

glioli, Stokes, Coronado defensive lineman Matt Coleman, Silverado defensive back Randy Liles and Liberty punter Kyle Smith.

Giglioli was the only player from the Henderson area to make it on the first team on both the offensive and defensive sides of the ball.

"It's a great honor. It was a goal for me at the beginning of the season," said Giglioli, who registered 102 tackles and five sacks. "I completed what I wanted to do, so I'm proud of myself."

Del Sol running back Tim Johnson, Green Valley running back

Brian Wiltshire, Silverado tight end Kyle Rath, Basic center Josh Simms, Green Valley tackle Robert Marco and Liles were named to the second team on offense. Liles earned a spot at wide receiver.

Basic defensive lineman Chris Lowe, Silverado defensive lineman Day Carter, Liberty defensive back Llo'witt Cook and Poots were named to the second team on offense.


Poots made the team as a linebacker

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FROM THE PRESS BOX

Ray Brewer

Rose has himself to blame



I always made sure to grab jersey No. 14 when my Little League coach was passing out uniforms.

Even though I was a Pittsburgh Pirates fan, it was another player who I idolized — Pete Rose. 'Charlie Hustle' made baseball fun, always wiping dirt off his uniform and playing the game with a passion that was so appealing as a youngster.

Rose is far from appealing these days.

Major League Baseball's hit king was at the Forum Shops at Caesars over the weekend signing autographs, but a group of attractive co-eds walking around in provocative clothing got more attention. Rose was falling asleep waiting for someone to come and praise his career — he looked like a normal guy waiting for his wife to come out of Banana Republic.

Rose has only himself to blame for this demise. It's too bad he does not conduct himself like he played the game, a style packed with grace and class.

Rose was banned from the sport for what officials feel is the ultimate sin, betting on baseball. Rose has spent the past decade-plus trying to have the ban lifted, but that's easier said than done, especially when you consider Rose is his own worst enemy. He's become a man of no character over the years, and that's not breaking news — it's something that was glaringly obvious when Rose stood alone at the autograph table.

Basketball season competitive ... so far

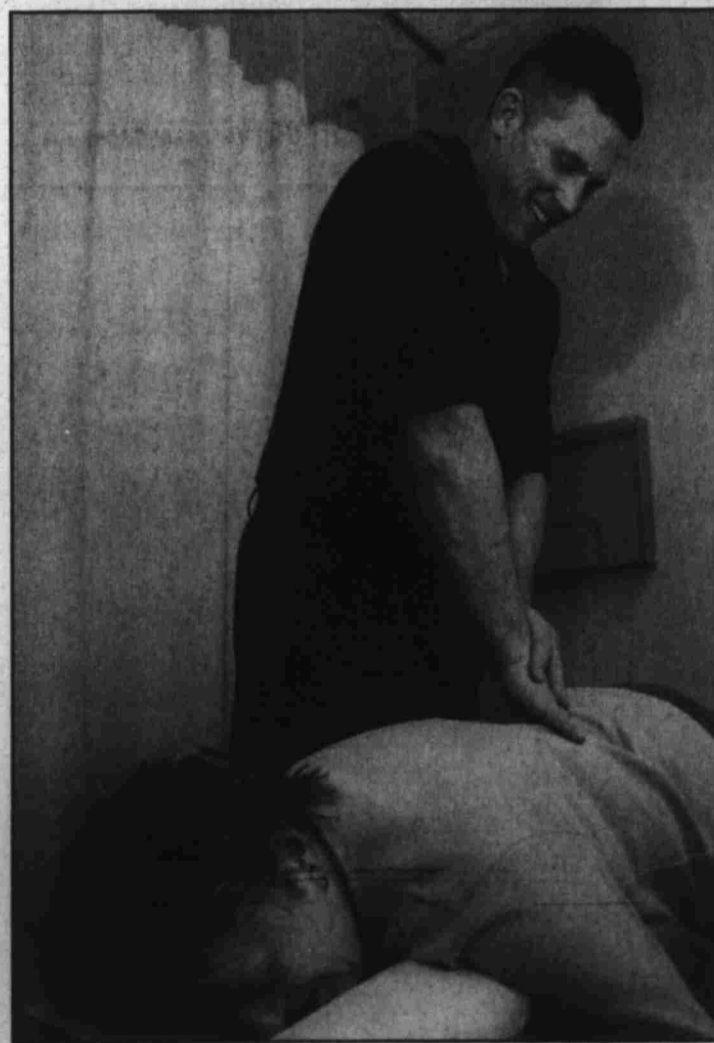
Kudos to the prep schedule makers for creating competitive pre-season contests in boys and girls basketball. With the exception of the Coronado girls beating Arbor 61-3 and the Foothill girls losing by 50 to Bishop

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SARA TRAMIEL/NEWS STAFF PHOTO

Physical therapist Joe Indrieri helps patient James Fernane with exercises to aid in his recovery from shoulder surgery at Advantage Health Care Spine and Sport Rehabilitation.



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Physical therapist Joe Indrieri works on patient Florence Martorana's chronic lower back pain at Advantage Health Care Spine and Sport

On the mend

Indrieri goes from physical therapy patient to healer

By JIMMY TROMBLEY

Rehabbing broken bones and torn ligaments has become a profession rather than a practice for Joe Indrieri, a physical therapist at Advantage Health Care Spine and Sport in Henderson.

As a former full-contact Shidokan fighter and current rugby player for the Las Vegas Blackjacks, Indrieri has lost count of the number of broken bones he has suffered, but estimates about 20 total fractures.

He remembers breaking his nose nine times. During a championship Shidokan fight, his opponent threw a punch that shattered his face in eight different places. Classmates at UNLV — where he received master's degrees in kinesiology in 2000 and physical therapy in 2003 — couldn't wait to see what

Indrieri would look like when he showed up the Monday following a fight, he said.

"I would always be coming in with fresh bruises, cuts and black eyes," he said. "In Shidokan, you basically fight until the other person is knocked out, kind of like the Ultimate Fighting Championship."

By the time Indrieri enrolled at UNLV, he knew he wanted to be a physical therapist. But he wasn't always so certain.

After completing his undergraduate studies at DePaul University in Chicago in 1994, he took a job at the Board of Trade in the Chicago Stock Exchange. His decision to make a career helping others literally came by accident.

In October of 2005, Indrieri was riding his motorcycle down Chicago's famed Lake Shore Drive when he hit an oncoming car and was thrown

headfirst into the guardrail. Bystanders told him that his spectacular accident was something you usually see performed by stunt men on TV. He separated his shoulder, broke both arms and tore ligaments in his knees.

Indrieri spent six months in physical therapy. Through his experiences with the people that helped him get back on his feet, Indrieri had found his calling.

"I thought how cool it was that these complete strangers helped me get back to doing what I like to do," he said. "It's a way for me to return what those people did for me. You feel good helping people, not like the stock market, where it's all about money."

Aside from the physical therapy, Indrieri used Shidokan fighting to get back on

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Basic grad entertains Nuggets crowds

By MATT RYBALTOWSKI

Ken Solomon, better known as Rocky the Mountain Lion, the mascot for the Denver Nuggets, has a list of ailments longer than Grant Hill's during his illustrious career — a broken foot, two dislocated shoulders, stress fractures in both legs, a dislocated hip, a hyper-extended knee and several teeth that he broke on a rim.

But there's only one Rocky

in Denver and Solomon, a 1982 Basic High School graduate has spent little time on the injured list in his 16 years with the team.

"I've had plenty of injuries, I kind of feel like I'm Superman half the time — like I'm indestructible," Solomon, 39 said. "The only times I've missed any games was when I broke my back. I just absolutely couldn't do it then."

It's inevitable that Solomon's body would take that

sort of pounding after undertaking the litany of outrageous pranks and stunts he has pulled throughout his career. He has rappelled from the ceiling during pre-game warmups, snowboarded down the steps of the Nuggets' home arena, the Pepsi Center, and has tried to dunk over eight Nuggets cheerleaders from a trampoline. That attempt caused one of the aforementioned injuries.

"I lined them all up and did

a little Evil Knievel jump. My trampoline actually slid and it took my momentum away and I went straight into the air," Solomon said. "In the act of trying to avoid them and have a soft landing, I hit part of the mat but my back smacked on the floor."

Solomon may be most well-known in NBA circles for his jarring with Charles Barkley in the late 1990s when Sir

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COURTESY PHOTO

Ken Solomon, a 1982 graduate of Basic High School, has played Rocky the Mountain Lion at Denver Nuggets games for 16 years.

PREP SOCCER

Two times tied

Gators, Cougars repeat last year's outcome

By MATT RYBALTOWSKI

It was deja vu at Green Valley on Dec. 12 when the Gators tied the Coronado High Cougars 2-2 with a goal in the last fifteen seconds of the game. The same situation occurred last year in the teams' second matchup of the season.

"Both teams are just so evenly matched," Green Valley coach Bill Naftaly said. "All the players on the field play with such heart and determination."

The Cougars led 2-0 at the half after getting on the board early. Senior midfielder Carrigan Pelligrini converted on a penalty kick for the first goal and Sasha Wong added another to give Coronado a comfortable margin at the break.

Naftaly told his players that they needed to play with more intensity in the second half, given that year in and year out, Coronado is arguably their top rival.

"We were being out-hustled in the first half," Naftaly said. "Coronado's a great team. It wasn't like we weren't hustling. We just needed to match their intensity."

Ally Schaeffer cut the lead with a goal five minutes into the second half. She also assisted with the winning goal



LEILA NAVIDI/NEWS STAFF PHOTO
Hailey Garrison, left, of Green Valley High School, and Derian Masters of Foothill High School go for the ball during their game at Foothill.

on a pass to Liz Billington. "We just had one moment with a miscommunication," Coronado coach Greg Viscardo said. "It started at midfield and they just skirted through and next thing we knew the ball was in the goal."

Viscardo was pleased with the result nonetheless.

"I'm real proud of the girls," Viscardo said. "I'm noticing a real progression in them, and I'm really looking forward to the rest of the season."

The Cougars also defeated Liberty 4-0 on Dec. 9. Wong, Morgan Romito, Kristin King and Alyssa Robbins all had goals.

Green Valley won its two other games on the week defeating the Foothill Falcons 4-0 on Dec. 9 and the Chaparral Cowboys 7-1 on Dec. 6. Evi Sandquist had a hat trick against both the Falcons and

the Cowboys. Marissa Newton had two goals and Brittanie Chavez, Kristyn O'Grady and Liz Billington each had goals in the 7-1 win.

Silverado has won its last three games by a combined 12-1 margin. They defeated Basic 2-0 on Dec. 9, Centennial 1-0 on Dec. 6 and Del Sol 9-1 on Dec. 12. Laura Lybrook and Brittany Romito each had goals against the Wolves. Shelby Spooner had a hat trick against Del Sol, while Romito and Lybrook added two goals each. Skyhawks coach Vickie Mangione has been impressed with her defense.

"Everyone's new back there so we're just trying to come up with a good formula back there," Mangione said.

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PREP WRESTLING

Dragons take BC tourney

By JARED HARMON

The Del Sol High School wrestling team won the Boulder City Multi tournament on Dec. 7 with wins over two 3A schools, but all eyes were on senior Chris Dunfield as he picked up two more wins, remaining undefeated as he led the Dragons to victory.

Dunfield is looking to improve on his 46-8 record from last year, a feat he said he believes is very possible.

"I don't really keep track of my record," Dunfield said. "Right now it's easy because I'm undefeated but I don't know how many matches that is — maybe 10. I'm going to try to stay undefeated but it's going to be hard. There's always someone better out there. I'm going to have to stay focused."

After routing River Valley (Ariz.) 83-6, the Dragons went on to beat Boulder City 55-20, ending the night with Dunfield's sound defeat of Danny Biggs, one of the Eagles' top wrestlers.

"We've excelled past everyone's expectations already," Dunfield said. "We've worked hard and we have great coaches who are going to help the team continue to improve. We can compete in the division if everyone practices and wants to get better."

Coach Jim Cox said Dunfield can go as far as he wants this season, it just comes down to having the right attitude.

"He's been tremendous so far," Cox said. "I can see him being a factor at state he's just got to learn to believe in himself."

The rest of the Dragons squad still has a significant amount of work to do before they start threatening some of the bigger teams, but Cox said he is happy with the progress. On Dec. 8 they added another win when they edged Canyon Springs 36-33.

"They did a really good job today," Cox said. "They've been working hard and listening well. Week by week I see us improving and that's the biggest thing. I'm not really worried about our record so long as I see that everyone keeps improving."

The Dragons will be jumping right back into tournament action when they compete in the Palo Verde Holiday Classic on Dec. 16 and 17 at 9 a.m. at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

LIBERTY

The Patriots may have picked up the loss against Clark on Dec. 8, but Liberty coach Jesse Shriver said he was pleased with the way the team performed in their 42-36 defeat.

"It was tied going into the final match," Shriver said. "Our heavyweight is still pretty new to the sport and held out for a while. He was pinned in the second period so we only lost by six points. It was a close meet."

Shriver said the Patriots are already leaps and bounds ahead of where the team was last year.

"We've made great improvements from last year," he said. "I'm really happy with how far we've come along. We're still a



SARA TRAMIEL/NEWS STAFF PHOTO
Del Sol's Johnny Garcia grapples with Boulder City's Danny Hardy during a wrestling match at Boulder City High School. Garcia won the bout.

young school though. It's hard to fill a team sometimes, especially a varsity team where you want the kids to have a little experience first. It's like trial by fire for a lot of them."

Luckily, Shriver does have some solid "veterans" to help carry the load in junior Jeremy Padilla and senior Anthony Reveles. Padilla is still undefeated in 12 matches and Reveles is close behind with a 10-1 record. Also, easing Shriver's nerves is the performance of sophomore David Magdaluyo.

"David's been great for us this season," Shriver said. "He's 5-2 but those two losses were against state qualifiers. As far as the future, we're really excited about where this team is going."

But Shriver refused to toss this year off as a building year in preparation for the 2006-2007 season.

"I think we'll do really well in the regional tournament," he said. "We're not really a dual meet team. We have a lot of holes but I think we can be very successful in tournaments where our big guns can shine. We're a good tournament team."

The Patriots will get a chance to prove it over the holiday break as they head to the convention center for the Palo Verde Holiday Classic and then compete in the Wildcat Rumble at Las Vegas High School on Dec. 21 and 22.

GREEN VALLEY

The Gators came out of the Sierra Vista Duals on Dec. 9 and 10 with a third place finish in the B bracket and coach John Ferry sounded like he couldn't be much happier.

"I'm very excited with the way they wrestled," Ferry said. "It was one of the better matches I've seen them wrestle all year. I'm extremely hap-

py with their performance."

He credited the team's new aggressive approach as well as the stamina with which they kept that aggression going. Topping the list of impressive performances were juniors Mike Speroni (130 pounds) and Edgar Hernandez (125) who each went 4-1 at the tournament.

"Mike and Edgar are now both 21-2 for the season," Ferry said. "They've been amazing. They make our team tick. The other kids all feed off of them — they're good leaders."

The Gators will join the Patriots and Dragons at the convention center before heading out to Upland, Calif. on Dec. 29 and 30 for another multi-school tournament.

SILVERADO

The Skyhawks matched the Gators' efforts by placing third in the C bracket at the Sierra Vista Duals with wins over Valley, Durango and Millard, Utah.

Senior Ben Jacobs took away six wins from the tournament extending his season record to 13-0. Seniors Steve Garcia and Shane Gettle, junior Matt Simmott and sophomore Steve Sattley all went 5-1 at the meet.

"We're getting better," coach Gus Gledhill said. "Our younger, less experienced guys are taking their lumps, but they're improving everyday. We're still working on getting guys in the weight classes we want. Sattley is wrestling at 125 but he'd be dominating at 119."

Gledhill said the Skyhawks will make the trip out to the Palo Verde Holiday Classic as well as the Wildcat Rumble but pointed out that the team is still working out the kinks.

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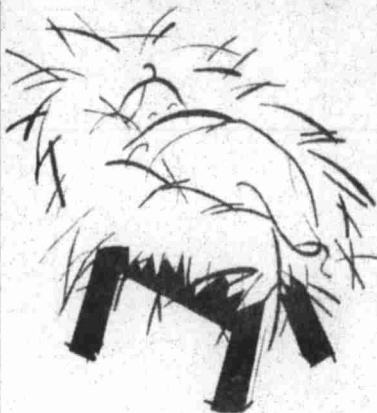
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FULL COURT PRESS

Coronado boys basketball makes fast improvement

By RAY BREWER

Coronado High School's boys basketball team entered the season three weeks ago as one of Henderson's least experienced teams.

The Cougars, who only returned two with significant varsity experience, struggled in a pre-season tournament as their younger players could not get used to the speed.

It didn't take long for Coronado to turn the corner, using 23 points, 20 rebounds from Tysson Poots Dec. 9 in topping Shadow Ridge 71-55. The Cougars lost to the Mustangs by eight points in the pre-season tournament.

"We are improving and it shows," Coronado coach Paul Berg said. "I knew it would take some time, but we are learning to play together."

Cory Ford, who joins Poots as one of the squad's veterans, had 10 points and 10 assists, while Ryan Burneo added 13 points and 10 rebounds.

"When we play together as a unit and execute as a team we can be pretty good," Berg said.



SARA TRAMIEL/NEWS STAFF PHOTO
Silverado's Kyle Rath fights for the ball against Canyon Springs' Michael Elliott, right, Juan Patillo, and Tommie Sanders at Silverado High School. The Skyhawks won the game 62-59.

Bentz said of the 67-30 loss to Delta, Utah. "We had those four games in a row with no practices. Now we've got a few practices in and fixed some things."

The Wolves got 24 points from Mike Long in beating Western 56-48 Dec. 9, while Aaron Hunt added 11 and Brian Sanders had eight. They lost to Eldorado earlier in the week, 63-58.

Basic bounces back from ugly loss

Basic High lost by 37 points two weeks ago to a team from Utah, but has rebounded and is playing better, Wolves' coach Steve Bentz said.

"That was our low point, definitely a wake up call,"

Del Sol gets rounded performance

The Dragons (2-2) lost to Bonanza 60-53 Dec. 9, but coach James Dinkel was pleased that eight of the 10 players that logged minutes scored.

"Games were over by half-time last year, but that's not the case this year," Dinkel

said. "We had the lead with two or three minutes to play, but we couldn't make our free throws."

Junior Quincy Alexander led the way with 11 points and Maurice Lawson had nine.

"It's makes a world of difference to have seniors," Dinkel said.

Foothill looks to cut down on turnovers

The Falcons dropped a game to Palo Verde on Dec. 6 81-69 before bouncing back two days later to beat Bishop Gorman 54-52 but coach Kevin Soares said he saw things that need to be fixed in both games.

"We had 23 turnovers against Palo Verde," Soares said. "We were still in the game until the end of the fourth quarter though. We just gave that game away. We played well against Gorman for 3 1-2 quarters then we let them get back into it."

"We held them off but it was much closer than it should have been. We didn't make free throws or do the things we've got to do at the end of a game."

Soares said he expects the Falcons can fix these problems as they prepare to head to Hawaii for the Maui Christmas Classic Tournament Dec. 19-22.

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Clark tabs new football coach

By BRENT HINCKEY

A week after firing its football coach, Clark High School announced the hiring of Don Willis as the Chargers' new coach.

Clark Athletic Administrator Mardel Akins announced the hiring on Dec. 8.

Willis spent the last year as the Chargers' defensive coordinator, but has previous experience as a head football coach. He coached football at Colgate High School in Okla-

homa, before moving to Las Vegas.

"I never had a losing season in Oklahoma, either as a defensive coordinator or as a head coach," he said.

First-year coach Jason Klinger was fired on Dec. 1. Klinger was a former assistant coach at Palo Verde.

Willis said he knows the players as an assistant coach, but "now I need to sell them on my philosophy and the way I do things."

The Chargers went 0-10 last

year and gave up more than 300 points throughout the season while scoring just 69. The team hasn't won a game in more than three years.

Willis said his biggest concern is getting his players in the weight room, something the team struggled with last year.

"If they want good things to happen next year, it will depend on what they do between now and August," Willis said. "If they don't want to work out and do what's needed, they'll be in trouble."

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WEEKLY WRAP-UP

Basic High School

Boys

A Look Back: The Wolves split two games this past week, losing to Eldorado 63-58 and beating Western 56-48 on Dec. 9. "We had those four games in a row with no practices," Basic coach Steve Bentz said. "Now we've got a few practices in and fixed some things."

A Look Ahead: Bentz said his team needs to continue working on its transition defense.

Top Performer: Mike Long scored 24 points against Western and 22 against Eldorado and Sean Chargulaf had 11 assists against Western.

Girls

A Look Back: The Wolves only had one game, easily dismissing Western 53-27. "We had a pretty good lead going into halftime," Basic coach Teresa Gallegos said. "We knew going in that they were pretty young, so we tried to stay focused on what we did well and not lower ourselves to their level."

A Look Ahead: Basic hosts the 24-team Lady Wolves Tournament from Dec. 19-22

Top Performer: Amber Purdie scored 22 points against Western. Her sister Ashley added 20.

Coronado High School

Boys

A Look Back: Coronado got 22 points from Justin Burneo and 20 from Cory Ford in a 74-66 win over Valley on Dec. 12. Tysson Poots had 23 points and 20 rebounds Dec. 9 in a win over Shadow Ridge. "We are improving and it shows," Coronado coach Paul Berg said. "I knew it would take some time, but we are learning to play together."

A Look Ahead: Coronado's winter break plans include traveling to San Diego for the Torrey Prep Classic.

Top Performer: Ford is one of two returners for the Cougars with significant varsity experience, and the guard also had 10 points and 10 assists against Shadow Ridge.

Del Sol High School

Boys

A Look Back: Del Sol had the lead late, but could not make its foul shots in falling to Bonanza 60-53. Quincy Alexander was the lone Dragon in double figures with 11 and Maurice Lawson added nine. "What I like about it is that we played 10 people and eight scored," Del Sol coach James Dinkel said. "We moved the ball around real well."

A Look Ahead: At 2-2 overall, the Dragons are more competitive than last year, and Dinkel anticipates his team will continue to grow.

Top Performer: Dinkel complimented senior guard Weston Catterall. "He leads us in assists and shooting percentage," the coach said. "He works so hard in practice and sets a great example for the others."

Green Valley High School

Girls

A Look Back: Green Valley defeated Palo Verde 55-44. The Gators led by nine at halftime and withstood a Panthers rally in the third quarter that tied the game at 34.

A Look Ahead: The Gators will continue to work on its pressing defense and up-tempo game.

Top Performer: Victoria Naylor. The sophomore guard scored a game-high 22 points against Palo Verde.

Foothill High School

Boys

A Look Back: After 23 turnovers, the Falcons let their Dec. 6 game against Palo Verde slip away 81-69. They corrected the problem for the most part in their Dec. 8 game against Bishop Gorman when they won 54-52. "We played well against Gorman for 3 1-2 quarters," coach Kevin Soares said. "Then we let them get back into it. We held them off but it was much closer than it should have been. We didn't make free throws or do the things we've got to do at the end of a game."

A Look Ahead: The Falcons head to Hawaii for the Maui Christmas Classic Tournament Dec. 19-22 before returning and entering league play at Liberty on Jan. 4.

Top Performer: Soares points to senior point guard Bobby Watkins as the player to watch over the next few weeks. "He's improving his decision making," Soares said. "He's finding the right guys in the right spots and he's playing hard-nosed defense."

Silverado High School

Boys

A Look Back: The Skyhawks improved to 4-1 as they beat Sierra Vista 58-44 on Dec. 10, two days after beating Canyon Springs 62-59. "(The Canyon Springs game) shouldn't have been that close," coach Ron Childress said. "We started off 15-0 and then we let it get away from us. We forgot how we got to 15-0."

A Look Ahead: Silverado will travel to Clark for the Clark Holiday Tournament on Dec. 22 where Childress said he hopes the team will hone their skills a bit more before entering league play.

Top Performer: Heiden Ratner continues to impress as he brought his season average to 30.7 points per game. The Rath brothers, Kyle and Kevin, also continued to contribute as they each raised their rebound average to 7.3 per game.

Girls

A Look Back: The Skyhawks prevailed 53-50 over Rancho when the Rams missed a three-pointer which would have tied the game at the buzzer. "Turnovers are one of the things that we need to cut down. We need to be a little more fundamental on our passing," said coach Diane Hernandez afterwards. "But I thought that we hit the boards well during the fourth quarter. I thought that our post players did a better job in the second half." Silverado also defeated Canyon Springs 51-41.

A Look Ahead: The Skyhawks play in the Lady Bulldog Classic at Centennial from Dec. 27-29.

Top Performer: Brianna DeSantis. The junior forward tied for the team lead in scoring with Mikayla Thiegles each led Silverado against Rancho with 17, and led the team against Canyon Springs with 19.

DiAntonio driven to be complete player

By JARED HARMON

When Foothill High School junior Rocky DiAntonio decided to take up basketball as a freshman, he knew it was going to take a lot of hard work to break onto the varsity roster.

After a summer of grueling, repetitive practice, he's not only a varsity Falcon, but has already made some big contributions.

"I think one of my strengths is probably shooting," DiAntonio said. "But it wasn't always like that. I practiced really hard. I shot 500 shots a day, every day during the summer. I also ran three miles a day and did some sprints. When I was done with that I would work the stairs in the bleachers on the football field."

That hard work paid off when DiAntonio made the jump to varsity and averaged 13.6 points per game through his first five games.

"Basketball means everything to me," he said. "It's my life. I love how fun it is. I love hitting a big shot and hearing the crowd. It's what makes me keep playing. I want to have a future in college sports."

That drive is also what keeps him improving. DiAntonio noted that there are still aspects of his game that he feels need some work before he can take the next step on the court.

"My defense is probably the weakest part of my game," he said. "My feet are a little slow, so I get beat off the dribble. But it's something I can fix. I work on defensive slides and sprints after practice."

Coach Kevin Soares said DiAntonio's defense is something he will have to fix if he wants to play a bigger role for the Falcons this year.

"We all know Rocky can shoot, but that's not good enough," Soares said. "We need a complete player. We need to be able to depend on him to play good, solid defense when we need it."

But Soares did admit that DiAntonio's offensive contributions have been appreciated.

"He's been a pleasant surprise for us," Soares said. "He spent the summer working very hard and it's paid off. There are still some areas where he's adjusting to the varsity



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Foothill High School junior Rocky DiAntonio practices with his team, driving under the basket to score.

level, but I see him being a big factor down the stretch."

Though it's still early in the season, it appears as though the Falcons have a good shot at playing basketball in mid-February, something DiAntonio said is a near certainty.

"We're looking pretty good so far, really strong," he said. "So long as we do everything we're supposed to we'll be tough to beat. I think we're one of the top two schools with Silverado, maybe top three with Green Valley."

After the holiday tournaments, DiAntonio and the Falcons jump into league play on Jan. 4 when they take on Liberty.

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Foothill's Rocky DiAntonio practices shooting over a defender. The junior said he wants to continue on and play hoops on the college level.

Silverado girls down Rancho

By MATT RYBALTOWSKI

Silverado High School's girls basketball game against Rancho Dec. 7 came down to two 3-pointers.

Silverado's went in, Rancho's rimmed out and the Skyhawks emerged victorious.

Silverado freshman Mikayla Thiegles swished a 35-foot three-pointer at the end of the third quarter to put the Skyhawks on top at 36-35. Rancho could have tied it with a three-pointer at the end of regulation but Alice Nixon's shot from the right wing rimmed out and Silverado pulled out a 53-50 victory.

"Basically I put it up and it turned out to be a little more time left than I thought," said Thiegles, who scored 17 points. "It felt good but I didn't think it would go in. It put us up and gave us a little more confidence. All the three-point shooting we do in practice I think paid off today."

Silverado opened the fourth with a spurt to increase its lead to seven at the beginning of the quarter, but the Rams rallied to tie the game at 43. That's as close as they could get, however, as two free throws from Brianna DeSantis gave Silverado the lead for good at 45-43.

DeSantis and Thiegles each led Silverado in scoring with 17.

From there, each team struggled from the foul line at one point missing seven consecutive foul shots in the final minute of the game. Silverado's Chantelle Pascua hit one of two though with ten seconds left to set up the end of the game dramatics.

"We told them that we needed to play pressure defense but not give up a three-point shot," Silverado coach Diane Hernandez said. "We could give up a two, but not a three-point shot. We really did not want to put a lot of pressure on them because they could drive the middle on us."

Hernandez was more pleased with her team's play after halftime, which began with Silverado trailing 24-22.

"Coming out of halftime I



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Silverado High School's Jessica Schmidt, left, goes up for a rebound against Rancho's Khalia Branch.

think the talk from halftime helped. They were a little more motivated to play," Hernandez said. "At halftime we told them that [our post players] have to ask for the ball with their hands up not with their hands down. I thought they did a better job with that."

The Silverado coach said there were both positives and negatives to take away from the game as her team moves closer to conference play. Silverado struggled with turnovers—committing 33,

but did a better job rebounding late in the game.

"Turnovers are one of the things that we need to cut down. We need to be a little more fundamental on our passing," Hernandez said. "But I thought that we hit the boards well during the fourth quarter. I thought that our post players did a better job in the second half."

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SUNRISE SOUTHEAST BOYS

| Team | Overall | | League | | PF | PA |
|--------------|---------|------|--------|------|------|------|
| | W-L | Pct. | W-L | Pct. | | |
| Foothill | 6-2 | .750 | 0-0 | .000 | 68.1 | 61.1 |
| Coronado | 3-1 | .667 | 0-0 | .000 | 70.8 | 66.8 |
| Silverado | 3-1 | .750 | 0-0 | .000 | 69.3 | 65.5 |
| Del Sol | 2-2 | .500 | 0-0 | .000 | 59.5 | 59 |
| Vo-Tech | 2-3 | .400 | 0-0 | .000 | 53.6 | 65 |
| Basic | 2-5 | .286 | 0-0 | .000 | 48 | 53.3 |
| Green Valley | 2-5 | .286 | 0-0 | .000 | 60.4 | 61.9 |
| Liberty | 1-4 | .200 | 0-0 | .000 | 54.8 | 60 |

SCOREBOARD

| Boys | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Dec. 12 | |
| CORONADO 74 | VALLEY 66 |
| SPRING VALLEY 58 | VO-TECH 34 |
| Dec. 10 | |
| SILVERADO 58 | SIERRA VISTA 44 |
| THE MEADOWS 59 | MOAPA VALLEY 33 |
| THE MEADOWS 63 | TRINITY 44 |
| Dec. 9 | |
| CENTENNIAL 78 | LIBERTY 54 |
| PALO VERDE 67 | GREEN VALLEY 55 |
| BONANZA 60 | DEL SOL 53 |
| BASIC 56 | WESTERN 48 |
| WARREN-WALKER 51 | THE MEADOWS JV 48 (20T) |
| Dec. 8 | |
| CORONADO 71 | SHADOW RIDGE 55 |
| ARBOR VIEW 66 | VO-TECH 59 |
| FOOTHILL 54 | BISHOP GORMAN 52 |
| WARREN-WALKER 58 | BAKER (CALIF.) 36 |
| Dec. 6 | |
| PALO VERDE 81 | FOOTHILL 69 |
| ELDORADO 63 | BASIC 58 |
| DESERT PINES 67 | LIBERTY 55 |
| LAKE MEAD 67 | THE MEADOWS 61 |
| Girls | |
| Dec. 12 | |
| CORONADO 55 | VALLEY 29 |
| CANYON SPRINGS 59 | VO-TECH 56 |
| Dec. 10 | |
| FAITH LUTHERAN 46 | VO-TECH 40 |
| PAHRANAGAT VALLEY 63 | VO-TECH 32 |
| Dec. 9 | |
| CENTENNIAL 79 | LIBERTY 10 |
| BONANZA 52 | DEL SOL 24 |
| FAITH LUTHERAN 59 | VO-TECH 35 |
| GREEN VALLEY 55 | PALO VERDE 45 |
| BASIC 53 | WESTERN 27 |
| Dec. 8 | |
| SILVERADO 51 | CANYON SPRINGS 41 |
| BISHOP GORMAN 88 | FOOTHILL 23 |
| CORONADO 48 | SHADOW RIDGE 38 |
| Dec. 7 | |
| CENTENNIAL 69 | CORONADO 47 |
| SILVERADO 53 | RANCHO 50 |
| Dec. 6 | |
| PALO VERDE 42 | FOOTHILL 9 |
| BISHOP GORMAN 54 | GREEN VALLEY 19 |

COMMUNITY



Steven Williams, 18, loads his 'ya,' or bow, during Kyudo class at the Black Mountain Recreation Center. Kyudo means 'way of the bow' in Japanese, and is an ancient form of archery. SARA TRAMIEL/NEWS STAFF PHOTO

Friends on the slopes

Ski club brings people together on the powder

By JIMMY TROMBLEY

Snow doesn't fall in the desert enough to give the Las Vegas Valley a Winter Olympics bid, but that doesn't stop members of the Las Vegas Ski Club from enjoying their favorite alpine activities.

Michael O'Conner, 61, joined the Las Vegas Ski Club in 1969, also the first year he started skiing. The membership was 500 strong in those days he recalled, and friendships were readily formed as they traveled to local and distant destinations to play on the perfect powder.

"I actually met two fiances in the club who both ran away with my diamonds," O'Conner said. "Now, I just stick to the black diamonds on the slopes."

When current Las Vegas Ski Club president, Dave Berry, moved to Las Vegas in 2002, he was unaware of any skiing opportunities offered in the valley. As soon as he heard of the Las Vegas Ski Club, he signed on and immediately saw how necessary and beneficial the Club was to him.

"I fell in love with how friendly everybody is," Berry said. "You get to go out and share experiences with other people. Here people have a lot in common. You get to go places, ski, and come back warm and dry."

Times have changed for the Las Vegas Ski Club since its inception in 1962. The membership has been cut — not by choice — to fewer than 200 current members. The drop-off has much to do with residents finding other sources of recreation that have sprung up in the past 40 years Berry said. But the Las Vegas Ski Club has also added to its recreational opportunities, and has become a year round sports club.

In addition to taking skiing trips to places such as Brianhead (Utah), Vail (Colo.), Whistler (British Columbia) and Mammoth (Calif.), the Las Vegas Ski Club plans camping and hiking trips to the Grand Canyon, Zion National Park, Death Valley (Calif.) and Mount Charleston.

"Variety is the key. We have a lot of members who aren't skiers," O'Conner said. "It gives people the chance to go outside and do something."

Since all the travel and transportation arrangements are made by the Las Vegas Ski Club, it gives members more free time to do more things they enjoy. Discounts are often available at the chosen destinations as well.

The Las Vegas Ski Club also offers tennis and golf outings. Their mission is to not just promote skiing, but all activities that improve the health and well being of the city of Las Vegas.

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Form over function

Japanese Kyudo stresses art of archery over just results

By MATT RYBALTOWSKI

Each Saturday morning several local youngsters meet at the Black Mountain Recreation Center to practice Kyudo — a form of Japanese archery popularized in the 18th century.

Kyudo differs drastically from the American form of the sport namely in the fact that an archer is competing with himself for physical, spiritual and mental perfection, not others around him.

"Unlike the American sports that stress competition all the time, the only competition in Kyudo is yourself," instructor Don Wudarski said. "When others succeed and you fail do not be envious, take it as an opportunity to search for yourself."

The students attempt to find it in a class that Wudarski said is very difficult to master the nuances of at first.

"The biggest challenge is trying to get them to slow down. You have to keep them from thinking that if I get this first part fast, I have to move on to something more elaborate," Wudarski said. "That's a misnomer because the basic start is the most important part."

Wudarski, 58, has been involved with the discipline for 15 years and used the analogy of climbing a mountain when describing the difficulties of Kyudo.

"Learning Kyudo is like climbing a mountain — where the top



Kyudo instructor Don Wudarski demonstrates proper technique during his class at the Black Mountain Recreation Center. Wudarski, 69, of Henderson, has been teaching the form of Japanese archery for five years, and has trained and competed in tournaments in Japan four times. SARA TRAMIEL/NEWS STAFF PHOTO

is shrouded in clouds you never know where the top is, but you keep climbing anyway," Wudarski said. "Since its a rough mountain along the way you're always going to use a hand up, so occasionally you're going to look back to help someone else. No one does Kyudo alone, you need someone to tell you what you're doing wrong so everyone becomes everyone else's mirror."

The archers do this by shooting from 28 meters away (92 feet) at a

target 36 cm wide.

"There's more emphasis on the form than the target," Wudarski said. "If your form is perfect a blind man can hit the target."

Unlike in American archery where the archer finishes by pulling to their chin, participants in Kyudo start by pulling from behind their head. The bows start at two meters in length (seven feet) causing the archer to actually place his body inside the middle of it. The length of the arrow de-

termines the width of your stance and the length of your arm. Kyudo archers pull with their back muscles, not their arms.

"Everything in Japanese is symmetry — equal and opposite," Wudarski said. "Whatever strength you're pulling with your right arm has to be balanced with a push into the same amount with the left. Because of the asymmetry when you draw you're actually inside the bow — it creates a completely different image. That's what we're looking for — grace and image."

Mark Backus, one of Wudarski's students said, however that Kyudo is much more than just shooting.

"Archery is a lot more than shooting the bow," Backus said. "It's about immersing yourself in the art of it."

Wudarski, who attends a seminar in Japan once every four years to greater familiarize himself with the sport, hopes to bring his students with him next in 2007 when he returns to the Asian nation. By then he hopes they grasp the full concepts of Kyudo.

"The main object is trying to force the three bodies — the mind, body and spirit — into a single entity through practice. The bow, arrow and targets are just methods of tuning everything together so it all fits," Wudarski said.

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Junior hoops league lets kids improve

By MATT RYBALTOWSKI

Local kids in fifth to eighth grade will have the opportunity to improve their skills and possibly showcase their games on a national level in the National Junior Basketball League's Winter All-Net League starting in late December.

The Las Vegas chapter of the league, which covers five states, is still taking applications for the 10-game season that begins Monday Dec. 19. In its third year, the All-Net League will offer separate divisions for boys and girls in each grade level.

Close to 300 kids and 30 teams are expected to join the league, according to director Gene Bowen, who said that this year will by far be the biggest for the league in terms of participation. The team fee, which covers referee costs and court fees, is \$600. All of the games, which feature high school rules and a stop clock, will take place at the Bill & Lillie Heinrich YMCA.

Bowen said that the league

is a good breeding ground for high school players.

"It's mostly made up of club teams, so it has many of the better players in the city," Bowen said. "A lot of the kids will go on to star at the high school level."

Several of the leagues' alumni, such as Harvey Perry and Bowen's son Dane, are now playing at the collegiate level. Perry is at Washington and Bowen is at Cal-Lutheran.

Another perk of playing in the league is the chance to play at an NJBL national tournament in Irvine, Calif., after the local season ends in March. A post-season tournament is held at the local level and two to three teams from each division qualify to go to the national tournament afterwards.

If interested in participating in the Winter All-Net league please call Gene Bowen at 324-3949.

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Local radio personality signing off

By BRENT HINCKLEY

For the past 16 years, Larry Grossman has been helping sports bettors and gamblers with his daily radio show, "You Can Bet On It."

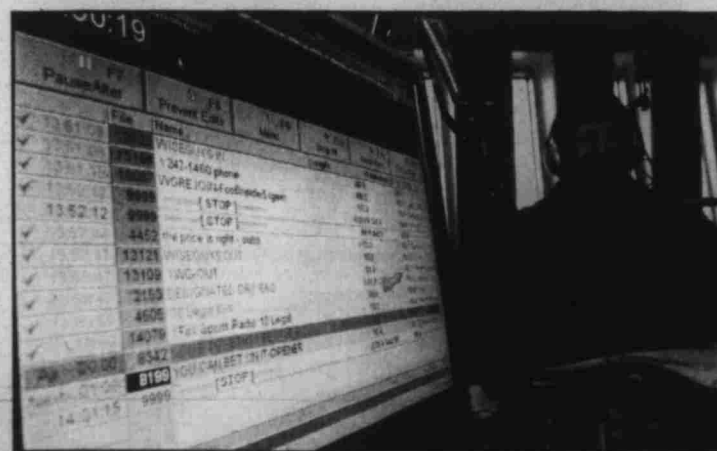
In eight weeks, Grossman will be stepping away from the microphone and ending his run on the Las Vegas airwaves.

"I know I'll miss this, I love doing it," Grossman said. "I'm not saying I'm retiring. I'm taking a sabbatical, it could be a year or two — it could be forever."

An admitted lifelong gambler, Grossman won't be leaving his passion for gambling behind. He is currently involved in producing poker art and will continue producing posters and lithography.

"It will free up a lot of time to do other things," Grossman said. "It's been wonderful, a real treat. Love radio, it's a theater of the mind. You can do things you can't do with television."

Grossman has been on the air at Fox Sports Radio 1460 for almost eight years and has worked with John Han-



Larry Grossman opens his show with The Beatles' 'Come Together' to honor John Lennon on the anniversary of his death. Grossman is stepping away from his show of 16 years, 'You Can Bet On It.' MIKE STOTTS/NEWS STAFF PHOTO

son, program director for ESPN 920 and Fox Sports Radio 1460 for the last five.

"What you see is what you get with Larry," Hanson said. "It's always good to have a someone like Larry, who has a good spirit around, it spreads through the office."

Grossman's history in Las Vegas dates back to his first-ever show, in 1989 on KVEG.

"This (Lotus) has been the best radio station I've worked at," Grossman said. "I've had

great guests and some great players. It's been a pleasure."

Hanson said there was a time about five years ago when the station made a time slot change with Grossman's show and there was some concern what the result would be.

"His show used to be a late afternoon, and then the change was made," Hanson said. "Larry made it just fine and the show just kept flowing. In a city that's every

changing, having a guy with experience and history is a huge plus."

Grossman, a Philadelphia native, first took to the Las Vegas airwaves because he wanted to share his gambling knowledge with the public.

"Sports bettors and gamblers were getting horrible information," Grossman said. "I'm on the listener's side. I want them to get honest, ethical information. I do this for the public to get them inside the tent, behind the scenes."

In addition to gambling, music is an interest that Grossman has tried to interject into his show.

For 16 years, Grossman's show had the same opening theme music, 'Luck Be A Lady.' On Dec. 8 he played Come Together by the Beatles to mark the 25th anniversary of John Lennon's death.

"If I'm interested in something, I believe there's going to be a percentage of listeners also interested," Grossman said.

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Trio takes inaugural golf tournament

By MATT RYBALTOWSKI

Mark Andrus is known around local golf circles as a player who will hit and sink a putt from anywhere — the fringe, the fairway, even the sand trap. But it's safe to say he's never had one as memorable as the birdie he sunk on the 18th at TPC Canyons on Dec. 4 to put his team into a playoff at the inaugural Bard Capital Challenge.

"I hit a long drive — probably one of the longest of my life," Andrus said. "I was a little nervous hitting into the green 'cause there was water on the left and I stuck one about eight feet from the pin. I had a putt for eagle that would have won the tournament for us. I missed it, but I hit the birdie that sent us into the playoff."

Andrus and his longtime partner Ralph Miller were teamed with longtime pro Nick Price for the final day of the four-day \$750,000 event. The trio won the challenge on the second playoff hole when Miller holed a 12-foot birdie to defeat the team of Mark Calvacchia and his two-man amateur team of Las Vegas Chad Fosberg and Mitch Carlson.

"For us to accomplish that the way we accomplished it, was like out of a Hollywood script," Miller said.

Andrus saw an advertisement in a local newspaper promoting the challenge as "a chance of a lifetime to play with a pro."

Andrus believed that Miller and he had a good chance to win part of the \$750,000 prize pool before Miller told him several days before the event that the winnings were going to charity. Price won \$150,000 for finishing first and Andrus and Miller donated their \$150,000 winnings to the American Cancer Society.

"When my wife found out it was for cancer, she was more happy I think than if I was winning money. She thought it was for a good cause," Andrus said. "I have a picture of me with one of those big checks and I had a hard time letting it go."

Andrus, a 17 handicap and Miller, a 12 handicap, advanced to the weekend by finishing in the top 48 after 36 holes of play on Dec. 1 and 2 at the Revere in Henderson. They tied for the top score on Dec. 3 with a 64 and were one of



Henderson resident Mark Andrus, left, poses after winning the inaugural Bard Capital Classic. Andrus and his teammates Ralph Miller and PGA pro Nick Price won the event with a 9-under 62 on the second playoff hole.

eight groups to qualify for the final round and get a chance to play with a pro. Andrus and Miller gained one shot per hole on the professionals with their handicaps and netted nine of the team's ten birdies on the day.

Andrus said that the experience of playing with Price was one that he will treasure for the rest of his life.

"He is super nice. He helped us read every putt and was very helpful. I've golfed in

tournaments with pros before where they don't even talk to you," Andrus said. "They don't care about anything."

The challenge will be televised on the Golf Channel on Dec. 15 at 4 p.m. and will be re-aired on Christmas Day at 4 p.m.

"I hope when it airs on television it shows all the bad shots I made because I think those are fun," Andrus said. "I chunked one that went 10 feet — I putted out of the

sand four times. But I came through in the clutch. I had a few good ones and a few bad ones. I'm not good enough to worry about the bad ones, I just laugh them off."

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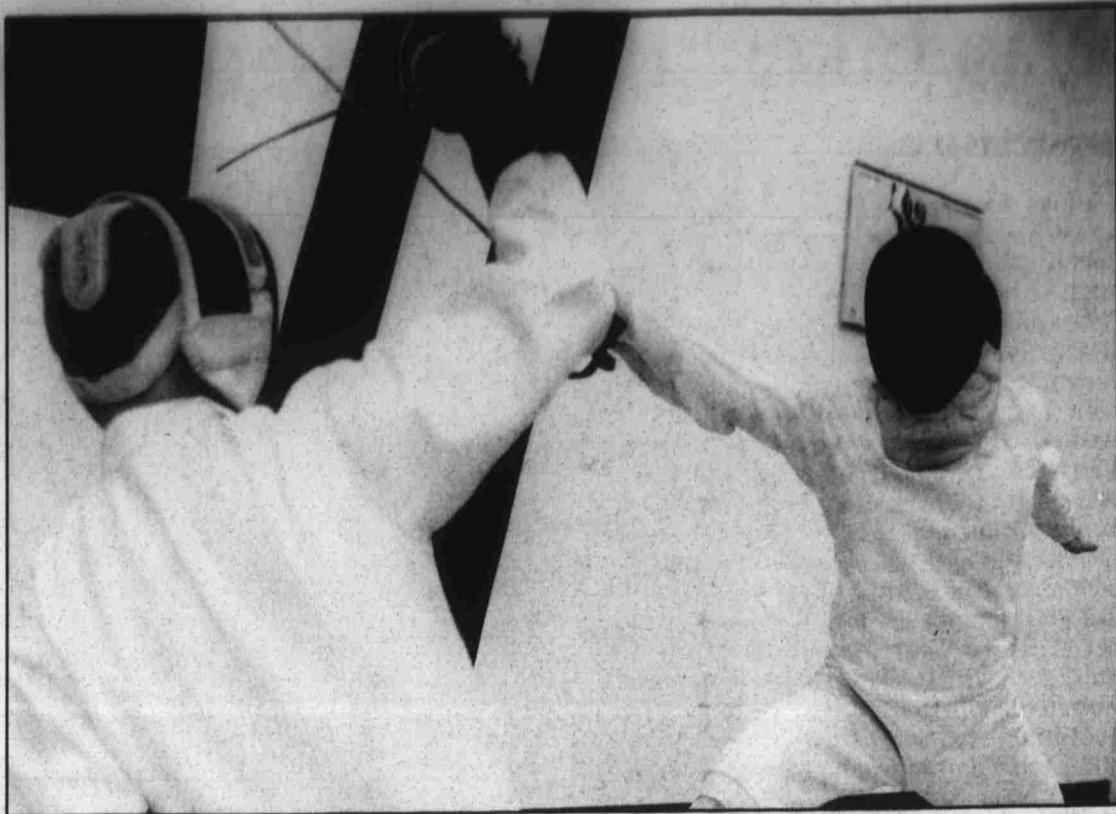
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Justin Joyce, right, 18, lunges for the head of Frank Van Dyke, owner of the Red Rock Training Center, while practicing at the center.

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The joy of fencing

Justin Joyce, 18, takes easily to sport, sees his future in it

By BRENT HINCKLEY

Three months ago, Justin Joyce first walked into the Red Rock Training Center and started learning how to fence.

It didn't take long before he took to the sport and began seeing success. His biggest success so far in his short fencing career came on Nov. 20 at the Phoenix Junior Fencing Challenge in Mesa, Ariz., when Joyce took second place in the open saber event.

"It wasn't easy, but it was a pretty good tournament," Joyce, 18, said. "I was pretty proud to take second place since I haven't been fencing that long."

Joyce faced teammate Ben Pettit, 16, for the championship, but Pettit came out on top to win the tournament.

Joyce trains under Frank Van Dyke, the owner of Red Rock Training Center and Ed Richards, a former Olympian.

"The coaches are great," Joyce said. "Frank is a great teacher and it's cool to train with an Olympian."

There are three styles of fencing — saber, foil and epee taught at the Red Rock Training Center. Joyce does both saber and the epee, but said he prefers competing with the saber.

"I'm better at saber, but I do like them both," he said. "The saber is more flashy and I like the style of it. I think the different blades fit different personalities."

Joyce, a former Palo Verde High School student, picked up the sport and now spends as much time at Red Rock Training Center as he can. If he's not practicing he's spending his time watching other students, trying to pick up as much as he can.

"Even the atmosphere around here is great, you can fence whenever you want," Joyce said. "I saw it and it's always been something I wanted to do. I have the money to spend on something productive, so I came here."

Most of the team's competitions come against the two other fencing centers in town — the Fencing Academy of Nevada in Summerlin at



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Justin Joyce, 18, selects his saber prior to practicing fencing at the Red Rock Training Center.

the Las Vegas Sports Park and the American Foundation for Fencing & Ballet.

"The junior program is really taking off," Van Dyke said. "Justin has just taken to it, and is progressing rather quickly."

In the competitions against the other local clubs, Joyce said he has been quite successful.

"I've won a couple of times, and I've always gotten a top three," he said. "I had one other sectional tournament and I took third in the epee and saber."

Fencing has become a sport, Joyce said he wants to continue competing in and possibly become an instructor for.

"Fencing is one of those sports that can get you a good scholarship," he said. "This is something I would want to pursue and stick with for a long time and would love to teach at some time."

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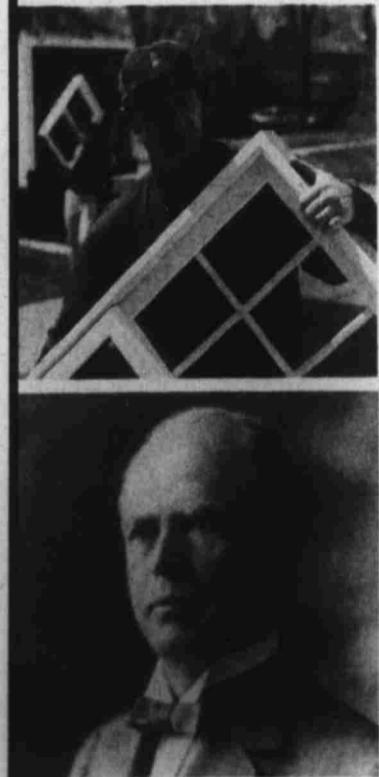
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Wrestling siblings honor brother

By JIMMY TROMBLEY

Chris and Glen Terrano are carrying on a wrestling legacy that their older brother, R.J. Terrano, started back in 2003 at Palo Verde High School.

Meanwhile, R.J. Terrano, is carrying on a different legacy — the legacy of those who have fought for their country.

In July, R.J. Terrano, a sniper in the U.S. Army, was deployed to Iraq and will remain there for 10 months. His two younger brothers, Chris and Glen Terrano, always keep him in their minds they said, and have collectively decided to make this season a special one.

"We've dedicated our season to him," Chris Terrano said. "He set the bar in the 2002-2003 season and we learned from what he did. When an older brother does something good, you want to do it better."

The best R.J. Terrano did at the state wrestling tournament was seventh place. Chris, 18, and Glen, 15, have already surpassed that mark — placing fourth and third, respectively, last year — but want to take their skills to the highest level of Nevada wrestling, and are willing to work harder than anyone to get there.

Each morning before school, they run four miles with assistant coach Scott Nemecheck. By the time practice starts in the afternoon, they have put in an extra 30 minutes of conditioning. To wrestle that long — matches are scheduled for six minutes — you need to be in shape, said Glen Terrano. When practice is over, the brothers often stick around to hit the mat a little more.

"We come in here (wrestling room) all the time, even if we don't have practice," Glen Terrano said. "You always have to be going forward."

The results of their hard work have already begun to show.

In a match against Shadow Ridge on Dec. 7, Glen (112 pounds) pinned his opponent in the second period to keep his season perfect at



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Glen Terrano, top, puts his practice with his brother, Chris, to good use, when going up against Shadow Ridge High School wrestler Kyle Pirce in the 112-pound weight class.

8-0. Chris (130 pounds), won dominating 18-2 decision to improve his record to 6-2.

Their father, Robert Terrano, is getting used to seeing his boys destroy the competition. In the summer, at wrestling tournaments in Oregon and Florida, Chris went a combined 38-1, while Glen fared almost as well with a record of 36-4.

The state tournament is a couple of months away, but Robert Terrano has seen enough to know that his boys have what it takes to make the finals.

Though always excited to talk to their brother halfway across the world, the call to tell him they reached their goal would be a memorable one.

"When we talk to him (R.J.), we always tell him how we are doing in matches and tournaments," Chris Terrano said. "Hopefully, one day we'll call him and tell him we just won state."

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Boxing judge shifts from ring to sound stage

By JARED HARMON

Watch a tape of the infamous Mike Tyson vs. Evander Holyfield II boxing match and you'll see a man jump between the arguing fighters and wrestle an angry Tyson back to his corner in the midst of the melee. That brave soul was boxing judge and Green Valley resident Robert Hoyle who has just wrapped-up his week of filming on the set of "Rocky Balboa," the sixth installment of the "Rocky" film franchise.

Hoyle was recruited by referee Joe Cortez to play a small part in Sylvester Stallone's new sequel but was quickly bumped to a slightly larger role when another judge backed out.

"Stallone said he wanted to use real officials in the movie to get all the details right," Hoyle said. "I was originally hired to have a really small part in the first scene, but I was called back to play the timekeeper in the final scene, the Rocky Balboa vs. Mason 'The Line' Dixon fight. It's the big fight."

For five days Hoyle rang bells and blew whistles while Stallone called the shots in the ring.

"I've never seen anyone work so hard and control every aspect of such a big production," Hoyle said. "He's a genius. He's also a perfectionist so he wanted the fights to look more realistic so he had (Antonio Tarver as Dixon)



SARA TRAMIEL/NEWS STAFF PHOTO

Robert Hoyle, 37, has been collecting boxing memorabilia from the games he's judged and inspected for over 15 years. Recently, he finished shooting his scenes as the official timekeeper in "Rocky Balboa."

really hit him. It took him awhile to get Tarver comfortable with it but it should look really good."

With more than 15 years of experience in boxing, Hoyle, 37, should know.

After making his way out of the ghettos of Pittsburgh by joining the military, Hoyle came to Las Vegas and became a ring escort, leading boxers from the locker rooms to their matches. In 1992 he was recruited to be an inspector with the Nevada Boxing Commission.

"Inspectors are the hardest-working guys on the commission," Hoyle said. "It's great because, as a boxing fan, you get to have intimate contact with the boxers but it's hard work. You inspect all the equipment, inspect the fighters, watch the trainers in the corners to make sure there's no illegal actions going on. You oversee the urinalysis test after title fights and you

pay the boxers."

Hoyle was the inspector in Tyson's corner on that historic night in 1997 when Tyson and Holyfield met for the second time.

"I think the crowd knew that something was going to happen that night," Hoyle said. "People go to a Tyson fight because they want to see what will happen. Holyfield kept head-butting (Tyson) and you could see it was getting to him. Holyfield has an extra large head, I would say. And Tyson started developing a knot over his eye from all the butting."

As Hoyle watched the fight he said he could feel the tension grow in the crowd.

"All of a sudden (Tyson cocked) his head back and then went in fast," Hoyle said. "I thought he had finally head-butted Holyfield back. Then the referee shouted that he had bitten his ear and I saw Holyfield holding his ear and

I saw the blood. I just felt my own ear and thought, 'How could he even do that?' Then the entire place went crazy."

Hoyle's hard work as an inspector earned him a promotion on Feb. 15, 2000, when the commission made him the first black male judge in Nevada history as well as the youngest judge by about 20 years.

"What makes me proud of Robert is that he started as an inspector and worked his way up," Executive Director of the Nevada Athletic Commission Marc Ratner said. "He's progressed steadily in a short time. I think he has a great future in the sport."

Ratner said he also sees Hoyle continuing to improve in the future.

"He's still learning new things," Ratner said. "He's learned that you have to keep it simple as a judge. He used to try to find little nuances when he was judging fights, but he's become very good at figuring out how to keep it simple."

While Hoyle said he loves being a judge, there is still a part of him that misses being an inspector.

"I love the sport of boxing," Hoyle said. "If you love football, being an inspector is like getting to go into the locker room and see your favorite player. It's much more personal. But judging is great too. It's amazing to hear Michael Buffer announce my name and know that my input is going to aid in the decision. It's a lot of pressure to get things right but I like the responsibility."

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May, Anderson out of PGA Tour



Las Vegas area golf professionals Bob May and Jeremy Anderson failed to qualify for the 2006 PGA Tour Nov. 30

tension and have full playing privileges for the remainder of the 2006 season.

Anderson, a 2000 graduate of UNLV who plays out of the Tournament Players Club at the Canyons in Summerlin, shot rounds of 74-69-72-72-71-75 for a total of 1-over par 433 to finish tied for 109th.

Anderson is no stranger to qualifying school. He made it look easy in qualifying for the 2001 PGA Tour in his first attempt, but earned just slightly more than \$99,000 in his rookie season and has yet to make it back to golf's big show.

He finished 83rd on the 2005 Nationwide Tour money list and will look to improve upon that standing in 2006.

The event was won by John Holmes who fired a 24-under par total of 408 defeating Alex Cejka by three shots. Notable players earning their 2006 cards included 7-time PGA Tour winner Bill Glasson, former U.S. Amateur champion Bubba Dickerson and PGA Tour veterans Tom Byrum and Frank Lickliter.

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to Dec. 5 at Orange County National Golf Center in Winter Garden, Fla.

Q-School, as the tour's qualifying tournament is commonly referred to, consists of six rounds of golf with the low 30 players plus ties earning their playing privileges for the 2006 PGA Tour season.

May, who slugged it out with Tiger Woods for 72-holes at the 2000 PGA Championship at Vahalla before falling in a playoff, shot rounds of 75-69-72-72-71-75 for total of 2-over par 434 to finish tied for 118th.

Plagued by a severe back injury over the last two years, May will still get to play in a limited number of events on the PGA Tour due to a major medical extension that he received for 2006.

The extension will allow him to play in up to 15 events in which he must earn \$353,187 which would allow him to play out of the medical ex-

Wheelchair not keeping Walters off course

By BRENT HINCKLEY

Dennis Walters had a message for students from Bonner and Lummis elementary schools as he ripped through a series of trick golf shots, using everything from clubs made of fishing rods and radiator hoses, oversized balls and tees, exploding clubs and eggs.

"I want them to learn that if I can do this, they can do anything," said Walters, who lost the use of his legs in an accident and performs his tricks from a specialized golf cart. "I want to tell them my story and encourage them to reach for their dreams."

The students attended the demonstration and golf clinic, which also featured PGA professional Bob May, on Dec. 8 at the TPC Sum-

merlin golf course.

Walters, from Plantation, Fla., has been doing his show, called The Dennis Walters Golf Show, for 29 years. He also includes his dog Benji Hogan in the opening part of his show to get the kids involved.

"They're out here for a purpose and that's to learn and have fun," Walters said. "It's a lot of fun to see the smiles on the kids' faces."

Kaneen Manuel, 9 and Bradley Collet, 9, from Bonner Elementary School were impressed with the show.

"It was very cool," Manuel said. "He showed that golf is a patient sport, and you can do it anyway if you're paralyzed."

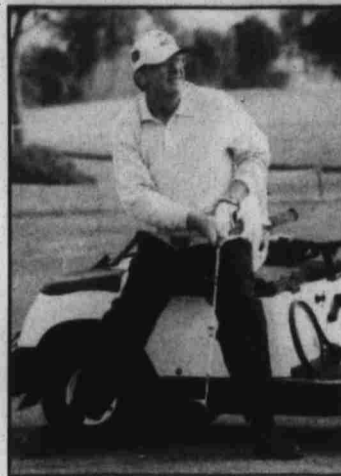
Before Walters put on his show for the crowd of students and teachers, May hit

several shots to teach the kids some basics.

"It's good to see the kids out here," May said. "If I'm available, I would do anything for the community around here. I believe golf has a lot to offer the community and to the kids."

Being at the junior golf clinic was a special opportunity for May, he said, because his son was in the audience.

"The other day, my son said to me, 'Dad my class is going to the TPC golf course for something' and I told him I would be there, too. I think it was neat for him to see me, too."



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Dennis Walters is handicapped, but still plays golf, here using a fishing pole crafted into a golf club while delivering his Dennis Walters Golf Show of humor mixed with inspirational messages.

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Compton leading the way for Eagles boys basketball team

By JARED HARMON

If the Boulder City High School boys basketball team is going to make any headway in its division this season, junior Bruce Compton is going to be a key figure.

At 6-foot-7, Compton has the size to compliment the speed of Jake Coppola and Andrew Peters, making the Eagles a more well-rounded team.

"(Compton) should all make an impact this season," coach Bob Reese said. "Bruce is a really big guy, and we're expecting a lot out of him. We're a very fast team, but we don't have a lot of size outside of him. He's going to have to produce for us this year."

Compton made a brief appearance on the varsity roster last year, but he said the transition to a full-time roster spot has not been as difficult as one might expect.

"It's been easy for me so far," Compton said. "It's definitely harder on varsity, but I played a lot of basketball over the spring and summer. That's kept me ready for this season."

"Also, football helped keep me conditioned. (Football coach Jeff) Knutson has helped me stay in shape and helped me with my lifts, so I get stronger."

In order to make a difference as the team's big man, Compton is going to have play big.

"I've gotta use my strength this year to bang around under the boards and get those rebounds," he said. "Luckily I'm also pretty fast for my size. I've got a lot of speed and agility, and I can outmaneuver the guys who are bigger or stronger than me."

Out-hustling opponents is exactly what Reese said he is looking for out of Compton.

"(Compton) should give us a solid post which is pretty important," Reese said. "He's going to do some damage under the net. He's going to be the one to make the easy baskets when we need them — when they're available."

Compton said that, so far, he is pleased with his level of play and sees himself continuing to improve although the team has suffered more losses than wins. The Eagles' big man scored 13 points against Sierra Vista and averages about 10 points per game, he said.

"I'm think I'm doing pretty well," he said. "I'm getting rebounds and getting those needed baskets. I'm playing pretty good defense."

That ability didn't come over night, though, as Compton said he has been on the court since he was young.

"I've been playing basketball my whole life, pretty much," he said. "I played as a kid and just stuck with it. I'm

6-7, so you've got to use what you've got. When I got to high school, coach encouraged me to use my size and talents to help the team."

Compton was the Eagles' leading scorer on the road against Virgin Valley on Dec. 9 when he scored in 10 points in the teams' 42-39 win. The home school let its students out of class early, so they could watch the 11:30 a.m. game, surprising the Eagles with the massive crowd.

"I don't think any of us knew the gym was going to be that packed," Compton said. "It was pretty intense, but I like games like that. They're a really tough team, so we just worked extra hard and came

out on top. It was fun taking a win like that in front of their whole school."

While Compton believes that win shows just what this Eagles team can do, he said he's still wary of Faith Lutheran.

"We haven't seen (Faith Lutheran) yet, but I know they're good," Compton said. "They were the champions last year, so we'll have to work really hard to compete with them, but we've got a shot at it."

According to Compton, it's

just a matter of fixing a few weaknesses in the Eagles' game to make a move towards the playoffs.

"We haven't won a lot of games this year, but we could," he said. "As a team, we do really well up to the second half. We start really strong, but we have to work harder at staying in the game. We have to keep playing strong all four quarters."

Compton said he was confident the Eagles could fix that

problem before they get too far into the season.

The Eagles hosts Spring Valley at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 16. Then they travel to a small tournament at Chaparral Dec. 17 through 20 before heading to Prescott Valley, Ariz., for the Bradshaw Mountain Town Invitational, which starts Dec. 27.

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Bruce Compton, left, of the Boulder City High School boys basketball team goes up against Bryan Wichman of River Valley High School.

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New York Yankees first baseman Jason Giambi, right, and instructor Brad Maloff are distracted during a conversation at Giambi's Hitman Baseball Academy.

Giambi goes to bat for kids

Yankees slugger saves facility that serves hundreds of area ballplayers

By JASON SCAVONE

New York Yankees' first baseman and Henderson resident Jason Giambi needed a place to work out in the offseason. The Baseball America Ballpark needed someone to save the facility from bankruptcy.

In May, Giambi stepped in as a white knight to save the struggling complex, and since then has poured money into it in the form of new lighting, carpeting and equipment.

From the fortuitous marriage, Giambi's Hitman Baseball Academy was born.

The 18,000-square-foot facility houses 11 batting cages for budding sluggers to take their cuts against either pitching machines or live arms, and has played host to more than 1,800 kids from the Las Vegas Valley.

"I remember what it was like to be their age," Giambi said. "I said it would be a great way to give back to the kids."

When Giambi took over, several improvements needed to be made. The former MVP set about re-equipping the facility, including installing a state-of-the-art video pitching machine.

The only other facility that has a similar machine is in Angel Stadium of Anaheim, according to Laurie Grijalva, director of operations at the



SARA TRAMIEL/NEWS STAFF PHOTO
A Bishop Gorman High School baseball player goes up to bat against an LED pitcher in a batting cage at Giambi's Hitman Baseball Academy.

academy.

The machine can be programmed to pitch not just fastballs, but change-ups and breaking balls as well. A screen will show video footage of actual pitchers, with their motion choreographed to match the pitch coming out of the machine. Giambi said he plans to ask Roger Clemens and Mariano Rivera to tape themselves for use with the setup.

"Kids will have a chance to hit against who I hit against. I did this to have fun," Giambi said. "We take every dime and pour it back in."

The system is expected to be installed in time for the academy's Holiday Christmas Camp Dec. 19 and 20, where Giambi will give private instruction over three sessions to groups of 40 students, including 10 underprivileged children who will attend the camp for free. The first two sessions, on Dec. 19, sold out

so quickly, Grijalva said, that a third session needed to be added on Dec. 20.

Giambi, who led the American League in walks this year, said he wants to teach kids the right approach to hitting.

"The first thing you teach little kids is if you want to be a better baseball player, swing at strikes," he said.

Also serving as a hitting instructor at the camp will be former big-leaguer Mike Easler, and Tony Gallo will serve as a pitching instructor.

When it was revealed that financial trouble would force the complex to close its doors June 1, Grijalva called Giambi to give him the news, as the slugger had been using the facility to work out in the off-seasons along with his brother, Jeremy. She said that as a last-ditch effort, she pitched the idea of Giambi buying out the academy.

"We sat down and talked about it," Giambi said. "I said

this would be perfect."

From then, Giambi has spent plenty of time interacting with the ballplayers that come and go at the complex.

"I roll in around 5 p.m., work with them, hit, talk, sign autographs," he said. "Kids are sometimes scared. I'll see them staring, and I'll have to go over and break the ice."

Another beneficiary of the revamped facility is the Bishop Gorman baseball team.

The Gaels had already been coming to the complex to train, but was faced with the challenge of finding someplace new to work out when it appeared the Ballpark was going to have to close.

"We were upset because we had a good place to work out," Gorman coach Chris Sheff said. "This is huge for us."

He said Giambi's presence has been a plus for his team.

"You always remember your time with big-league guys," Sheff said.

Giambi in 2005 bounced back from an injury-plagued year in 2004 and offseason difficulties in which he admitted to a federal grand jury that he used steroids, according to leaked testimony transcripts.

He rebounded to hit 14 home runs in July, finishing the season with 32 homers, 87 RBIs, a .271 batting average and the American League Comeback Player of the Year award.

"It was probably the toughest year of my career, but probably the most rewarding," he said.

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Running Rebels may have peaked early in the season

Gorman and being held to nine against Palo Verde, there have not been many lopsided finals.

Several programs that traditionally struggle have had their chances to win games and watching these kids enjoy the excitement of a close finish is priceless. Teams like Vo-Tech, Del Sol, Spring Valley and others are winning games and building confidence for the rest of the season.

Losses will thin UNLV crowds

Remember two weeks ago when UNLV honored former basketball coach

Jerry Tarkanian, dedicating its basketball court to the legend? Remember the fans that packed into the Thomas & Mack Center and cheered all night? Five miserable defeats later and it's safe to say attendance will be down the rest of the year. The Rebels play Texas Tech Dec. 17 and a huge crowd is anticipated for Red Raiders' coach Bobby Knight. Expect the arena to be empty, however, for those intriguing match-ups against Air Force, Wyoming and Colorado State.

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Therapist still plays rugby

his feet. Soon, he was using those same appendages to climb the ranks of the Shidokan fighting world.

From 1999 to 2003, Indrieri compiled a record of 19-2 and won the U.S. Championship two years in a row in 1999 and 2000. He won tournaments in Germany, Costa Rica and the United Arab Emirates. At one point, Indrieri was one of the top four Shidokan fighters in the world.

In addition to Shidokan, Indrieri also played rugby for the Las Vegas Blackjacks, which he joined in 1997. His teammates call him "Chicago Joe" because of his origins from the Windy City, but could easily call him "Doc."

"Whenever someone goes down, I'm the one they yell for," Indrieri said. "I've treated about half a dozen guys from the team for various injuries, from muscle strains to head and neck injuries."

Many people who see Indrieri are former or current athletes. Indrieri is currently treating former Dallas Cowboy fullback and

Green Valley High School assistant football coach Alonzo Clark. In August, Clark was rear-ended in his car and suffered lower back and hamstring injuries. Clark has been to many physical therapists during his tenure in the NFL and the World Football League, but said his experience with Indrieri is by far the best.

"Most injuries physical therapists know are from reading books. They don't know how they feel," he said. "Usually, I can't wait to get out of those places, but he (Indrieri) is a great motivator and is great at what he does."

Indrieri has given up Shidokan — at least for now — but still plays rugby each spring. His passion for sports and competition has carried into his profession, which he doesn't plan to give up any time soon.

"Not many people can say they love what they do," Indrieri said. "I am happy I can."

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Mascot delights Denver fans

Charles played with the Phoenix Suns and Houston Rockets. Rocky was poking fun at the forward when Barkley invited to meet up with him at the other end of the court. The Basic graduate went to exchange right handshakes with Barkley, but didn't that know that he was left-handed until his costume head was struck with the pro's fist.

"My nose was bleeding, my tooth was loose, he cut my lip all through the costume," Solomon said. "I was a little nervous about that the next time he came around, but then I realized that he was just out to show the fans a good time and entertain people."

Solomon said that engaging personalities like Barkley are a dying breed in today's league full of prima donnas.

"Charles understands the game — it's entertainment," Solomon said. "A lot of the new players in the league don't understand it. They think it's all about them, they think it's all about the money but it's not. It's a game and its entertainment."

Rocky's view of the league, as well as his routine has evolved throughout the years, as he has matured as both a mascot and a person.

"I've learned a lot and changed my style. I'm not as hyper and running around and crazy as I used to be," Solomon said. "Things are more controlled now — things are more concise. Every movement means something. I'm not a spaz anymore, I guess that's good because I'm getting older and my body can't take it as much."

He's still a sight to see, though, especially when he's accomplishing unfathomable acts such as swish-

ing half-court shots while throwing them over his head with his back to the basket.

"He'll tell you that he'll have trouble hitting them from time to time, that he'll go two or three games without hitting one," said Ken's father Ned, who has rebounded for his son while he practices the shot for up to two hours a time. "But I've watched him do it and make the shot about 30 percent of the time. He'll hit the backboard about 60 percent of the time."

The elder Solomon has had about as much as influence on Rocky as the San Diego Padres' Chicken — his biggest sources of motivation on his career.

"He probably had the most influence on me than anyone," said Solomon of his father, a former cheerleader at BYU. "He taught me all the gymnastics I know — that was just in the backyard. It all kind of relates to him somehow. I went rappelling with him when I was 11. He taught me how to ride a unicycle. He used to teach me how to mime — he used to put on a mime show. All that stuff helped."

At Basic, where Solomon did backflips at games as the Wolf, he grew up admiring the Chicken.

"When I was in high school, I'd go and watch the (Las Vegas) Stars play. A couple times I saw the Chicken and said that's my job — I want to be doing that."

Ned Solomon couldn't be happier of his son's accomplishments.

"I'm real proud of him, he has made his mark not only on the NBA but all over the world," Ned Solomon said.

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Wheelchair hoops players bring passion

By MATT RYBALTOWSKI

Adam Parks has come up with a way to prepare for the zigging and zagging through the lane that a wheelchair basketball player must contend with each game.

"I can always go through the mall at 20 miles per hour," Parks said. "I've always been good in crowds. That's actually what I'll do to practice sometimes. I'll hit the strip on a busy night and weave through all the people. That's the best way to practice."

Parks, 31, a guard for the Las Vegas Silver Bandits is fairly new to the sport and while he's not the best shooter on the team, he might be the most intense.

"He has tremendous quickness, speed and stamina," Bandits player-coach Pat McCoy said. "He's an all-out player; he gives me all he has on the floor and as a coach that's all I can ask for."

The Silver Bandits have been riddled by injury and recently returned to playing competitively. Parks and his teammates competed in the National Wheelchair Basketball Association's Division III championship at the Chuck



SARA TRAMIEL/NEWS STAFF PHOTO
Silver Bandit Adam Parks fights to keep the ball from Chargers Frank Bennett, left, and Steve Silgalls at their tournament at the Chuck Minker Sports Complex. On the right are Parks' teammates Reggie Bennett and Bill Eddins. Las Vegas won the game 56-37.

Minker Sports Complex on Dec. 10 to 11.

"Our biggest problem is that we have a lot of injuries—today is the first time we've had all of our main players on the court at once in a long time," said McCoy moments before the team's 56-37 victory over Cypress on Dec. 10.

The ailments are bound to occur in a sport where players race up and down the court with limited space to maneuver through. It's rare for more than several minutes to go by without a player falling out of his chair after flipping from clipping wheels with an op-

ponent.

Parks, who is classified as an L1 paraplegic, has been confined to a wheelchair since the age of 14 after driving his motorcycle 30 feet off a cliff. He was an avid football and hockey player at the time of his accident, in which he broke his back.

"My basic lesson that I learned is to survey my land before I do that stuff," Parks said with a laugh. "I'll jump off a cliff now when I ski, but I'll look at it first."

After losing the use of his legs, Parks said that one of the most difficult parts of the

game is shooting from a long distance.

"It's just upper body really," Parks said. "A lot of the guys have higher level injuries so they don't even have abdominal muscles. The abs aren't really involved as much as the upper-body strength. The weirdest part at first was sitting down while shooting."

Much like the other players on the Bandits, Parks loves to stay active and plays basketball in a wheelchair to continue to satisfy their competitive drive.

"It's nice to be able to play sports when you have an injury and you're still able to do stuff," Parks said. "People don't realize that kind of thing."

The Bandits, however, don't play the games just to stay active.

"You'll find with wheelchair athletes that the only difference between able-bodied players and us is the chairs," McCoy said. "You won't see any less desire, any less caring and you won't see any less competitiveness."

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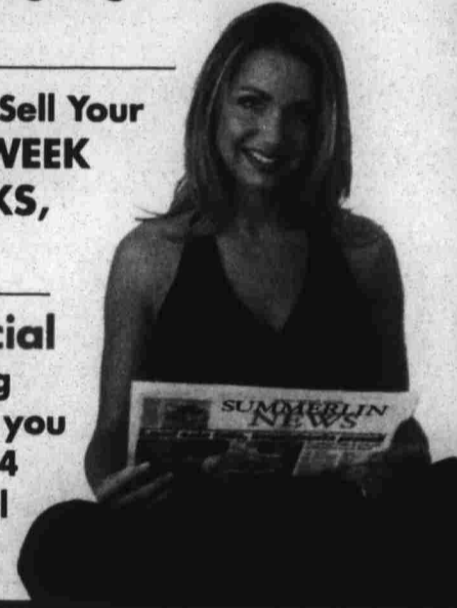
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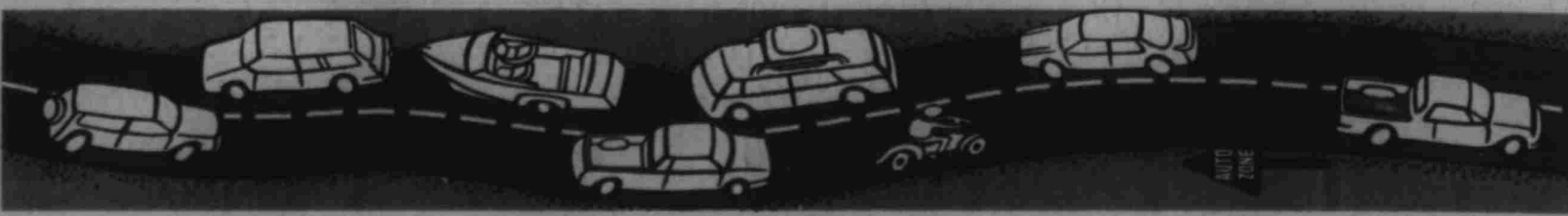
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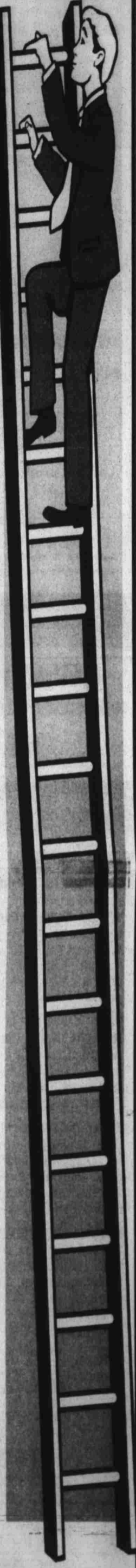
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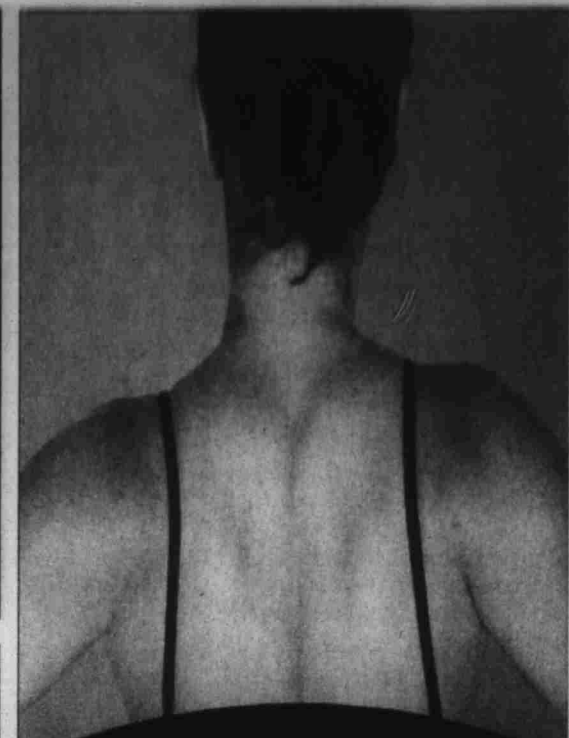
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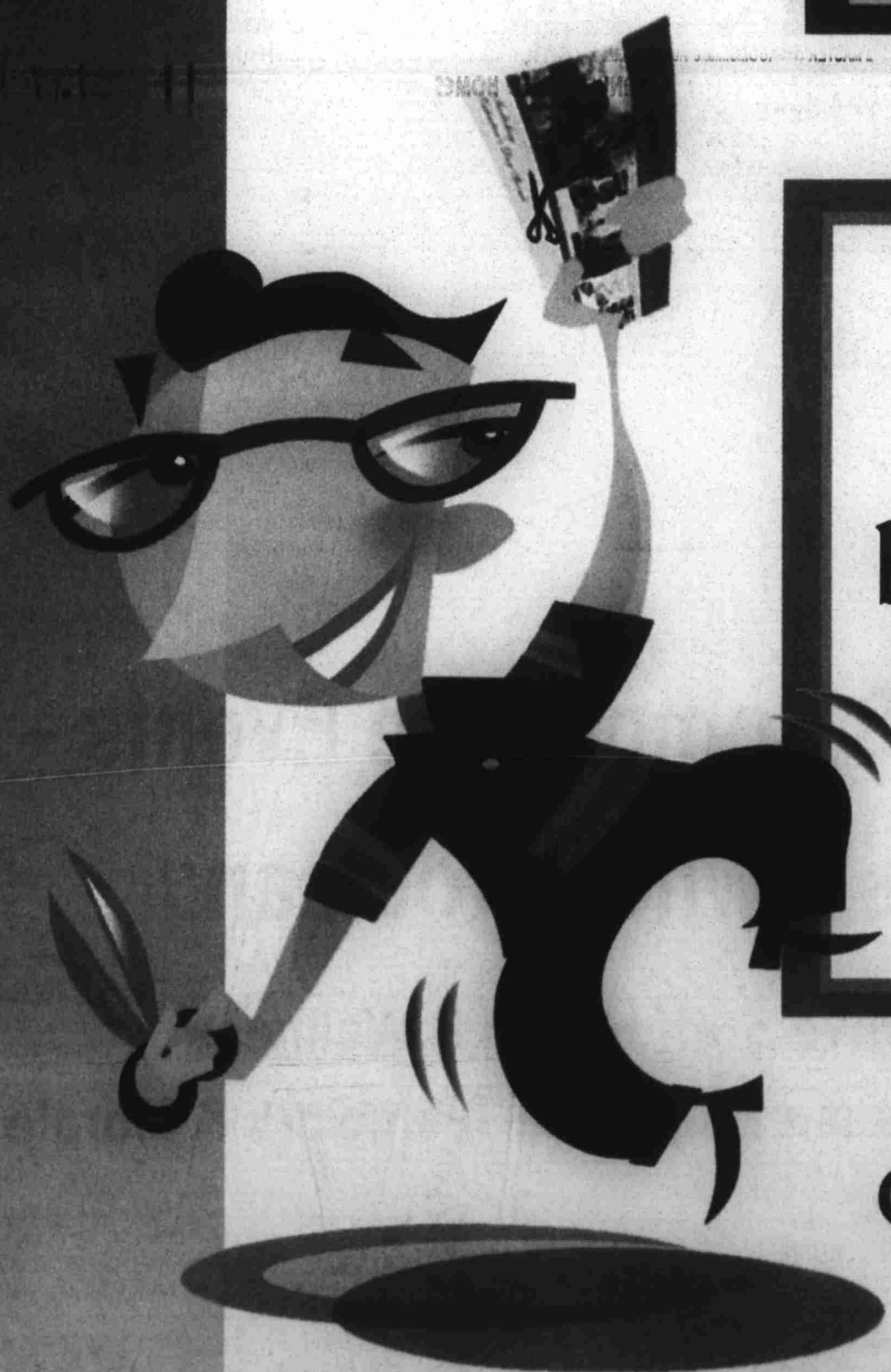


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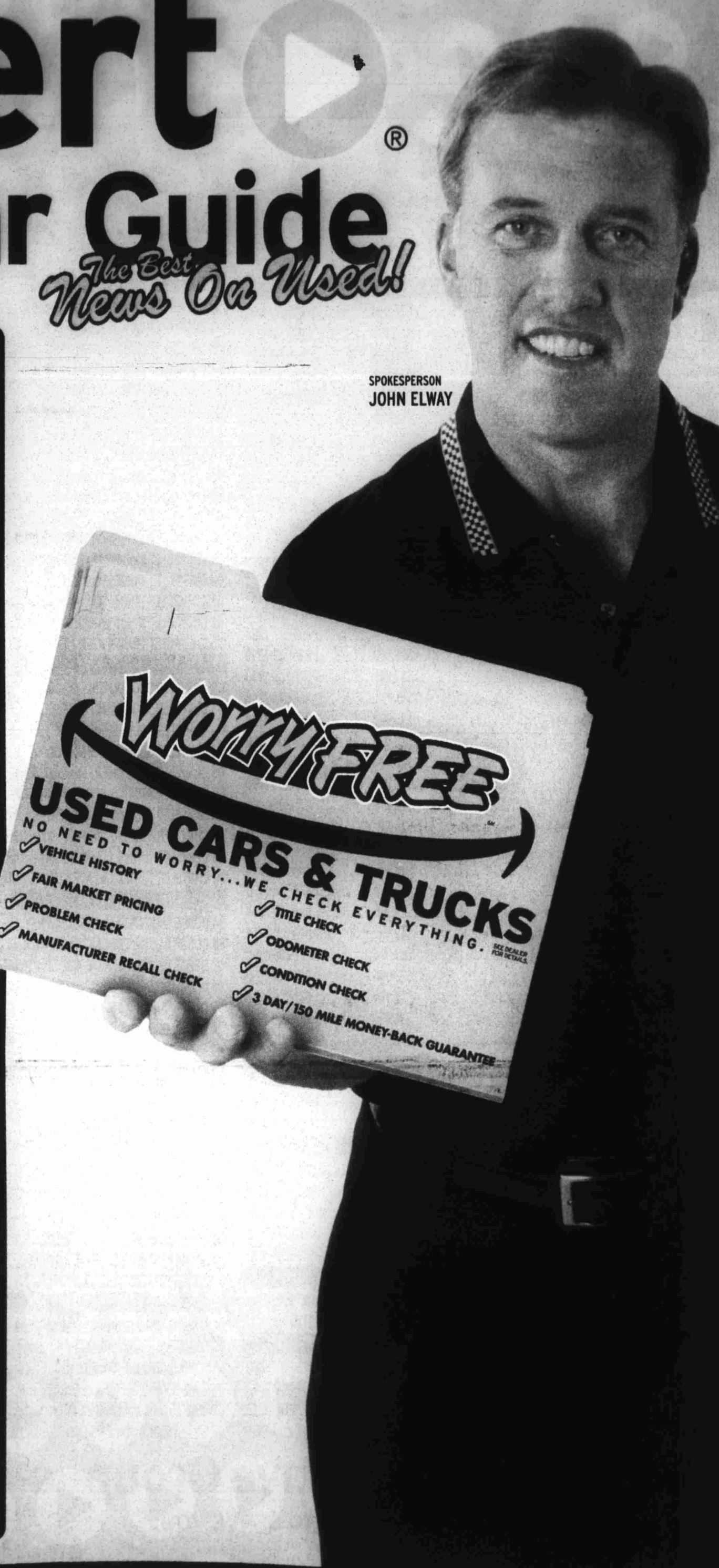


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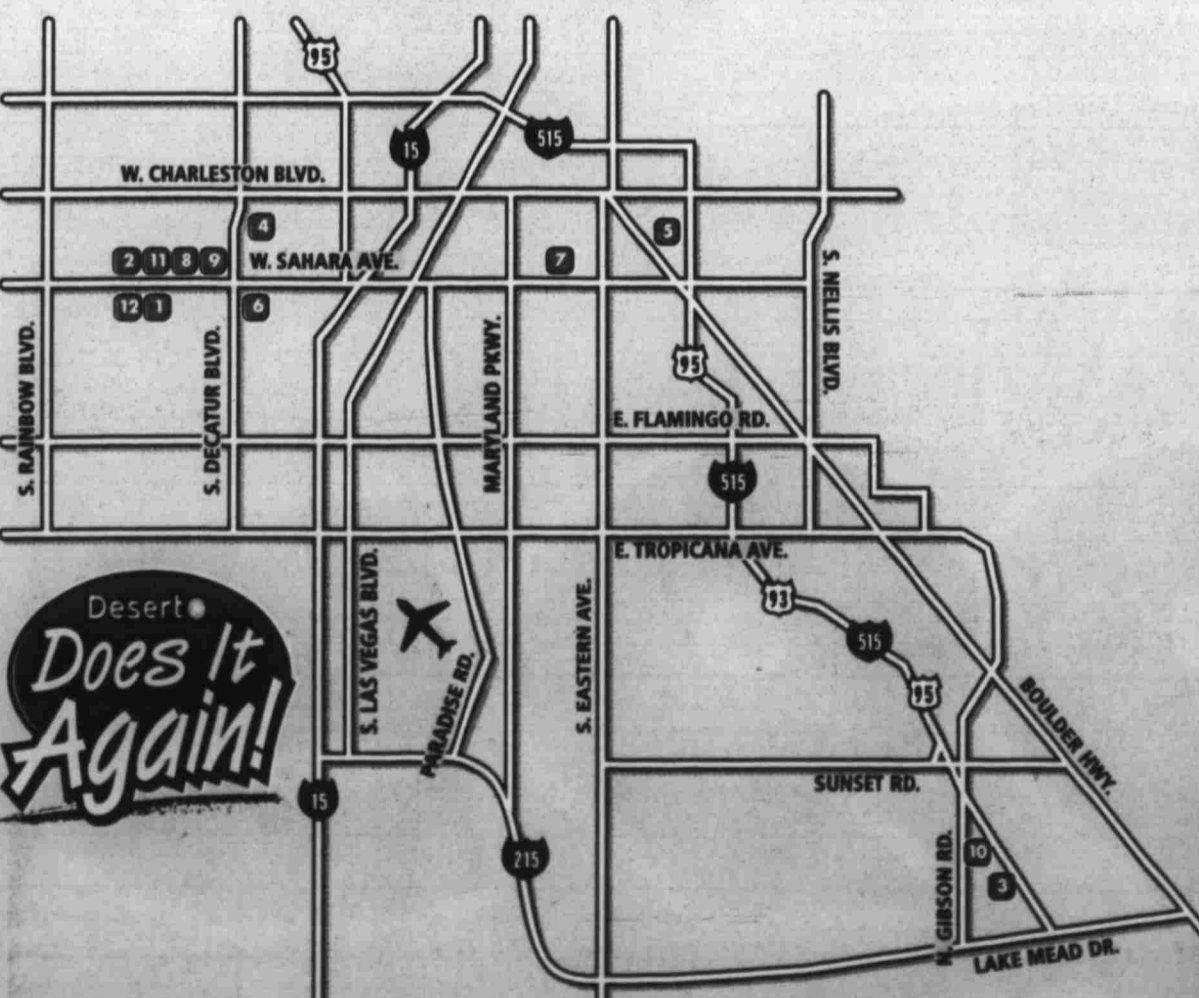
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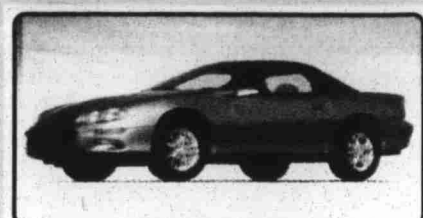
















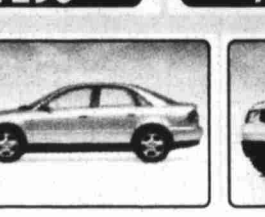




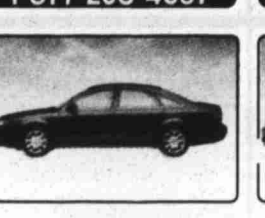
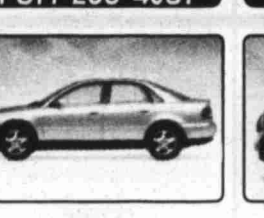

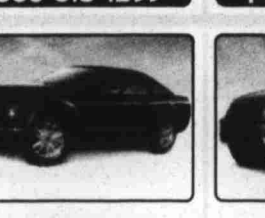








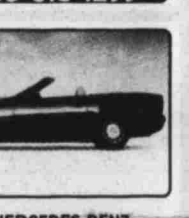


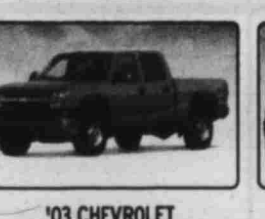






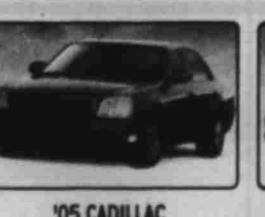




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