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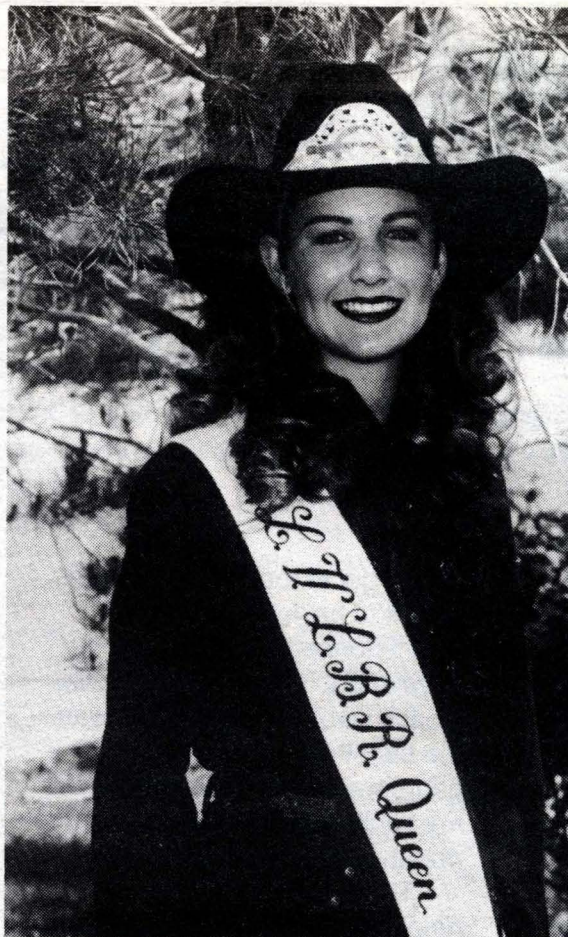
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Little Britches Rodeo Queen welcomes Helldorado Days

Helldorado Days are here again, and **Karly Rieger** is part of the celebration!

Rieger, a Distinguished Scholar Honor Student at Cheyenne High School has been named 1996 Nevada Little Britches Rodeo Queen.

She rode in the downtown Helldorado parade on Saturday and will ride each evening

(See **LITTLE BRITCHES**, page 37)

ON THE COVER

'The best skiing lake I know of'

Chad Bowen, 17, a senior at Silverado High, says Lake Mead is the greatest for water-skiing.

"It has so much space... compared to Lake Havasu, which has about eight million people on it."

He's been a water-skier since he was seven, when his dad taught him. In high school, he took up volleyball, now plays on the varsity team and hopes Silverado makes the playoffs.

Chad was the editor of the Green Valley newspaper in his sophomore year and expected to become a journalist. Then he transferred to Silverado two years ago and discovered a love for math ("my best class"), which led him to consider a career in engineering.

His pursuit of all available honors classes has earned him high SAT scores, a high GPA and a generous Presidential Scholarship to the University of Nevada, Reno, where he will study either mechanical or civil engineering.

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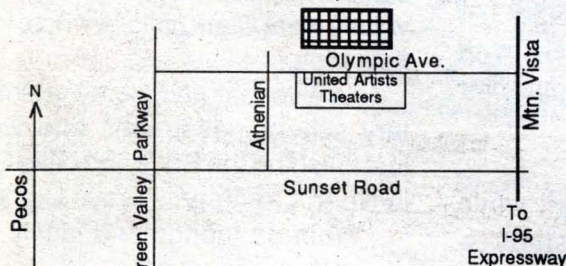
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GANGS. WHY.

By Drew Williams, Sunset West

Statistics from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Gang Unit indicate that there are 146 gangs throughout Las Vegas with 4,334 members, and 1,600 gang associates.

Since gangs only started here in the early eighties, the numbers will more than likely double in 20 years, especially with the overload of people moving here from Los Angeles and other places.

Gangs in Las Vegas range from five to 300 members, depending on how long they've been around. From when they first started to the present, there have been 36 reported drive-bys leaving people wounded or dead. It is estimated that 72% of all gang members have been in jail at one time or another.

Gangs, or organized crime, which started in American in the early 1900's, dealt with such things as bootlegging, prostitution, and racketeering... business with a large amount of money. Organized crime has somewhat died out, but gangs still exist. Though their operation isn't as big, gangs still pose a threat to society.

I recently talked to a former gang member (who did not want to give his name) who says he joined the gang because, "It was my neighborhood, and when I was nine my brother got in so I figured I

had to get in too, because it was meant to be."

He looked back at his gang days and told me, "If I could take it back I would. Getting out was the best thing I ever did. [The gang] made me a monster, took my soul away, and never gave me anything back in return."

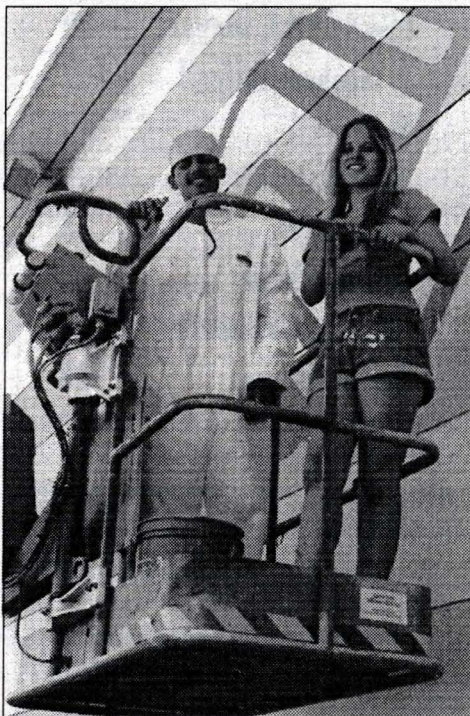
There are organizations that help kids to stay away from gangs and to straighten their lives out. They include: D.A.R.E., Kids-N-Action, Youth Diversion, and the Youth Outreach Church. These organizations teach discipline to teenagers who have known only meanness, hatred, and low self-esteem. They teach kids that being tough isn't always going to matter and that growing up is the best option.

Gangs are growing at a tremendous rate, and these organizations are there to help teens realize what is right and what is wrong.

Gangs have been here in the past and are going to be here in the future; there is no way of stopping them, but there is a way to slow them.



ABOVE: The painting pre-apprentices and instructors at the Boys & Girls Club in North Las Vegas. Bottom: teacher Wayne Leavitt, students Salvador Macias, J.C. Daniels, Deanna Clark, Adrian Martinez and Chris Ratliff, and teacher Chester Rankin. Top: students Thomas Miller, Leonardo Jauregui and Chris Walker.



Left: Clark and Martinez on lift

*Brush, paint, cap.
OK, ready for school*

Deanna Clark and Adrian Martinez are clear about their futures. They and seven other Chaparral High School seniors are in the pre-apprenticeship program for painters.

(We're not talking Rembrandt, folks, we're talking construction — where the money is!)

"If we do a good job in school, we can go right into the apprenticeship program," Clark says, adding, "It starts at about \$9 an hour and then, after a three-year apprenticeship, it goes to twenty-something an hour."

Martinez explains why he got into the program: "Before, I had no future...I didn't think I would even graduate. Now I can work outdoors and really enjoy it. I feel I have a future."

Two teachers are involved: one a professional painter affiliated with the Painters Union, and the other a certified teacher, to keep the class on track and meeting School District requirements.

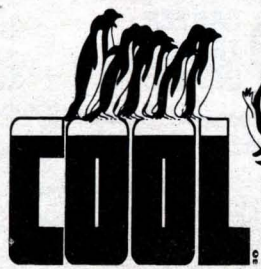
The painting class meets during the first two periods of the day (on the block schedule, alternating days). Some of the program is based on classroom work, but much of it involves what Clark calls "a whole lot of field trips."

"We've painted some elementary school classrooms and we're just finishing the Boys and Girls Club in North Las Vegas," says Clark.

What do friends and family say about their program?

Martinez says a lot of his friends,

(See IT'S COOL, page 37)



Be cool: take summer classes at UNLV

From a report by Devon Jean Senior, Silverado High

If you think Summer School is just another way to make up your credits from failed classes, you are wrong.

UNLV offers summer courses to high school juniors and seniors. You can (1) receive dual credit for high school and college work or (2) simply get started early in college.

Start thinking about collegenow! UNLV offers a large variety of courses that you can take this summer. If this is your jump-start into college, you might want to focus on core courses to get them out of the way.

Nevertheless, there are many interesting alternatives such as criminal justice, hotel management, foreign languages, and the ever-popular "Magic, Witchcraft and Religion."

Seniors need only to have graduated with a minimum 2.3 GPA and be prepared for a new level of intensity in class. Juniors must be eligible for the Early Studies Program and should first contact their school counselors.

SCHOOLS GO HIGH TECH FOR HIGHER ED

In addition to Summer Term, UNLV offers six interactive-video classes at selected high school sites starting in August. You'd attend classes in the school

nearest you, regardless of where you go during the day.

Interactive live video classes will be offered at Bonanza, Eldorado, Valley and Advanced Technologies Academy, Laughlin and Pahrump Valley High Schools. The program is also open to both seniors and juniors. The classes, taught by UNLV faculty, invite high school students to join in classroom discussions with professors and fellow students who are in a classroom at UNLV.

You can choose from Introduction to Psychology; Humans and the Environment; Gender, Race and Class; Finite Math; Composition I; and Russian I.

Each class is worth three credits at UNLV. Students with a 2.5 or higher GPA are encouraged to call 895-0334 to talk about your interests and get lots of help with registration. You may want to talk with your counselor first about dual credits.

SOMETHING TO CONSIDER

Showing that you can do college-level work while you're still in high school — and doing it successfully — will look awfully good on your college or job application. After all, you are demonstrating your eagerness to learn, your determination, maturity and thinking skills. Just a little something to consider....

Chaparral senior wooed by two medical schools

Jennifer Leigh Larsen, a 1996 graduating senior and class valedictorian, has been accepted to two medical school programs upon graduation from Chaparral High School.



Larsen

Northwestern University's Honors Program in Medicine and the Rice-Baylor Medical Scholars Program — both highly selective — offered Larsen incentives to begin studying for her career as a bilingual physician.

After interviews and visits with the schools, she chose Rice-Baylor in Houston, TX, "because the people were really nice there...that convinced me," she explains. The eight-year program accepts only 15 students each year.

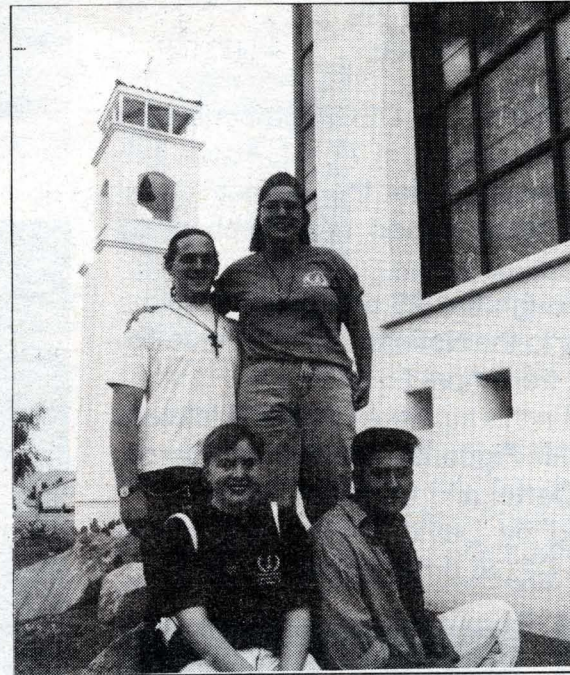
Larsen's schedule is awesome! She is completing fourth-year Spanish because she wants to work with the Hispanic community (particularly the

(See HOUSE CALLS, page 37)

FABULOUS FOURSOME



They have a common bond: volunteering



FRIENDS FROM THE START: Christine Poeller and Antonio Torres (seated) and Joseph Smith and Nicole Gagnon have been buddies since elementary school. Still together, they do church volunteer work.

On any given teen mass at Prince of Peace Church, you'll find Nicole Gagnon serving as usher. But she's not just ushering: she is changing church tradition! Nicole, a junior at Gorman High, is the first female usher at the mass.

Joseph Smith, Antonio (Tony) Torres and Christine Poeller are also volunteers at Prince of Peace. The team of four teach younger children about church activities and traditions.

"We all stick together through bad and good," Nicole says. "It's not like we have just one mind..."

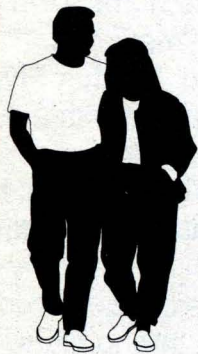
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Teen Rec Time

Cannon and Cashman Middle Schools offer a weekly Summer Recreation Program from June 10 through August 9 for ages 11 to 13. Program hours are 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The cost of the program is \$25 per week or \$6 per day, per participant.

This is a great way to get out of the heat and meet new friends!

Teen Rec Time activities include: movies, tournaments, field trips, workshops, arts & crafts and sports. This program is supervised by the New Directions for Youth staff.

Mail-in registration will be taken through May 20 at all Clark County Community Centers. Walk-in registration begins June 3. Call the Lowden Center at 455-7004 for details.

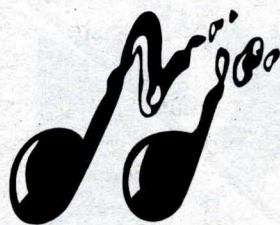
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Free Teen Open Rec Program

Sports leagues, field trips and a variety of recreational activities are planned for ages 12 to 17 at Orr, Cannon, Cashman, Guinn and Von Tobel Middle Schools, Monday through Friday from 1 - 6 p.m. and on Saturdays (times vary). This program begins June 3.

For information call:

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Fashion show photos
by Mark Lewis

3rd Annual CMHS pre-prom fashion show raises DECA funds

The Cimarron-Memorial chapter of DECA presented its Third Annual Pre-Prom Fashion Show in April. About 125 people watched CMHS students model the hottest formal fashions of the year, which were loaned to the school by Tuxedo Junction.

The \$500-600 raised through the \$5 admission fee was used to send DECA students to the National Career Development Conference in Florida, from April 25 to May 1.

Students who participated in this trip were **Tammy Erickson, Chris Boyle, Kelly Sims, Denise Figueroa, Tabitha Livingston, Crystal McFarling, Fabian Oertel and Candace Turner.**

They were accompanied by David Philippi and Henry Borowik, co-sponsors of the DECA organization at CMHS.



ABOVE: The DECA class taking a bow after their successful recent fashion show.



Chess Club #1 in State

By Cameron Langer



Langer

Cimarron-Memorial has been crowned as the state high school chess champions, taking first place among 30 participating schools.

The CMHS squad team scored 17½ points among its top four boards in the six-round event, edging out second-place Cheyenne to be victorious.

Vepa Myalikgulyev, a senior foreign exchange student, was CMHS's power player against other schools. His 6-0 record won him a trip to Alexandria, VA next August to be Nevada's representative in the United States Chess Tournament of State High School Champions. Myalikgulyev's home town is Asgabat, Turkmenistan.

Teammate **Patrick Flynn** took second place with a 5-1 record. Flynn will be Myalikgulyev's alternate if he is unable to attend the tournament.

Cheyenne High, the top seeded team through four rounds, was topped cold in the fifth round. They came short of victory by 1½ points.

The CMHS chess team was coached by International Grand Master Stan Vaughn; Mari-Anne Cover was the supervisor.

This was the first competition year for the CMHS chess club, and all CMHS's team members are freshmen except Myalikgulyev.

3 is NOT the only difference between 9 and 12

By Shannon Raagas (Below)

The phrase "12-month school" is quickly becoming the topic of conversation for parents and teachers.

In the 1996-97 school year, five different tracks will be offered. Students on Track One will not begin attending school until September 16 while the rest of the tracks begin on August 26.

When one track is on vacation, another may be in attendance, but all tracks have winter and spring breaks for vacation. However, the specialists (special education teachers, art and music teachers, speech therapists, librarian, etc.) work on what is called a Rainbow schedule. Teachers on this schedule put in time for the full year, for these teachers are needed year round.

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We miss your face!

Photos were not available for several journalism advisors, including **Robbie Thompson-Dunn**, A-Tech; **Vickie Swanson**, Cheyenne; **Susan Marshall**, Cimarron-Memorial; **Carol Medcalf**, Las Vegas Academy; and **John Perry**, advisor for Western's student council, who served as school correspondents for CLASS!

Thanks

Special thanks to **Janet Gabriel** for reporting on VICA, FHA and other school-to-work programs; to **Aaron McKinnon** (Clark) and **Paul Dodge** (Green Valley) for their work as general assignment school reporters; to **Devon Jean** (Silverado), our first intern; and to Dr. **Harold Boyce**, CCSD Assistant Director of Student Activities and Fine Arts for countless courtesies and support.

Asterisks

* Williamson is moving into a new position at Basic; Bill Helms will teach journalism next semester.
** Demeny took time off to bring twins into the world, but will return to Eldorado in the fall.
*** Amblad, a counselor, pitched in to keep VoTech before the public; longtime professional journalist Sandy Bell will be the new journalism teacher (print and broadcast).

IMAGINE... Getting started on your college education while you're still in high school!

UNLV Classes for High School Juniors and Seniors This fall six interactive-video UNLV classes will be offered at specific high school sites for high school juniors and seniors. Classes will be taught by UNLV faculty (with UNLV students in a campus classroom) and will be "real time" — which means that high school students at each site will be joining in classroom discussions with the UNLV faculty and students via distance education technology.

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High school sites for UNLV interactive video classes are:

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Pahrump Valley High School

For more information about how you can start your college education while you're still in high school, please call (702) 895-0334.



MEADOWS

Not one, not two, but...
3 plays to be presented

The public is invited to three theatre experiences presented by students at The Meadows School in May. Tickets are \$5 and must be purchased in advance. Call director Laureen Hunady at 254-1610, ext. 219.



LEFT: So this is Paradise! Andy Cannon and Jenifer Wade are married... but to other spouses. Thus begins the French farce "Hotel Paradiso," May 25 at The Meadows School.

BELOW: Cast of the long-loved (and long-lived) comedy that spawned a movie and a TV series, M*A*S*H. Catch it at The Meadows on May 31st.



RUMORS are flying! The cast of the hilarious Neil Simon play "Rumors" are shown here on the set. Seated, from left: Tiffany Stepuchin, Aaron Goldberg, Laura Bielinski, Peter Simon and Heather Robbins. Standing: Justin Michaels, Jaleel Anjum, Brooke Wagstaff, Jolyn Groom, Jayden Brant, Astra Herzlich, Frank Toddre, Victor Buscaino and Jeff Raskin.

MAY 26: "Rumors" by Neil Simon

This wildly funny play takes place during an anniversary party that never quite begins: it seems the host shot himself, his wife is missing, three guests are in a car accident — and rumors are flying!

The cast includes **Justin Michaels** as the deputy mayor's lawyer; **Aaron Goldberg**, **Laura Bielinski** and **Peter Simon** as the accident-prone guests; **Jaleel Anjum** and **Brooke Wagstaff** as

a psychiatrist and his cooking-show-host-wife; **Jayden Brant** and **Jolyn Groom** as a politician and his wife; **Victor Wright** and **Astra Herzlich** as an arguing couple; and **Victor Buscaino** and **Heather Robbins** as "the ditzes." (Hmm, like they're not ALL ditzes!) Finally, **Jeff Raskin** and **Frank Toddre** show up as police arriving on the scene.



ABOVE: A hotel even Hilton wouldn't want. The cast from "Hotel Paradiso:" On the floor: Stormi Rinehart. Middle row on the couch: Andy Cannon, Sammy Robbins, Matt Pynch, Jen Wade and Colin Drake. Standing at Back: Chris Starmer, Kareh Najafi, Jake Williamson, Suzi Spezzi and Nathan Vaccaro.

MAY 25 Hotel Paradiso by Georges Feydeau

Okay, so it sounds French and it IS a French farce that takes place in Paris — but don't be alarmed if you don't speak French. You'll LOVE this play! There's something very modern about those ol' folks!

It's about marital problems, secret meetings for romance, mistaken identities, clever disguises, ghosts, accusations and lies. And it is hilarious!

The two couples that start the confusion are the Bonifaces (**Sammy Robbins** and **Andy Cannon**) and the Cots (**Jennifer Wade** and **Colin Drake**.) Henri Boniface has eyes for Marcelle Cot.

Other cast members are **Matt Pynch** as Cot's nephew, **Stormi Rinehart** as a maid, **Nathan Vaccaro** as a family friend who arrives at Hotel Paradiso with his daughter, **Suzi Spezzi**. **Jake Williamson** is the hotel manager, **Kaveh Najafi** and **Chris Starmer** bumbling bellboys, **Will Richardson** appears as an irate artist, and **Harky Jewett** is a policeman.

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Students seek faraway places

Learning Spanish on site



By Bryan Hedlind (left)

A two-week trip to the Latin American country of Costa Rica is scheduled for July 14-29. Students will stay with a Costa Rican family in the capital, San Jose. In the mornings, they will go to the Forester Institute, an international school that offers Spanish to students from all over the world. During the afternoons the students will go on cultural trips to places such as coffee plantations, historical ruins, museums, rain forests, and a university.

Skip the pizza, try the gnocchi

By Nikole Williams

While some students are daydreaming about what they'll be doing during the summer, the members of the Italian Club know what's on their agenda: they'll be in Italy. Students have already begun fund raising to help pay the expensive costs.

The trip to Italy will begin with the flight to New York on June 17 when 42 students, teachers and other chaperons will then take off for Europe.

They'll tour a number of cities including Milan, Genoa, Naples, Rome, Vatican City, Pompeii, Venice (where they'll ride on gondolas), and they will visit museums and churches.

Financial aid and Jimi Hendrix, too

ROCK THE VOTE!

By Elizabeth Cicco (Below)



Everywhere you go, you can hear someone complaining about how the government is run. Yet, how many of those who complain actually vote? Many people take the act of voting for granted. As more issues are affecting teens, *it is becoming imperative that teens vote.* People say that voting is their right. If so, they should exercise that right. If every teen who could vote would vote, maybe something would get done — like we could get representatives who actually care about our problems.

Minimum wage could be raised; college financial assistance could be more accessible; heck, maybe Jimi Hendrix could get a street named after him.

To vote, you must be at least 18 and a U.S. citizen. In Nevada you must register at least 30 days before the election takes place. *Just do it!*

A tiny thought

From Hagar Labouz

As summer approaches, many students are planning parties. Drinking by persons under the age of 21 is illegal, but it is naive to believe that teenagers don't drink simply because of the legality.

In one recent year, 2,691 alcohol-related deaths of kids were recorded, which makes drinking and driving the leading cause of death for teens.

It's the thought that counts.

Sesma to head next Student Council

Reported by Tiffany Breaz

Megan Sesma, the new student body president for the 1996-97 school year says that the Student Council is "the backbone of LVA."

"The president of the student body needs to be someone with experience...a strong representative who will work for the student body as a whole," she says.

Sesma, at the Academy for two years, has been involved with the planning of every dance and assembly. She is the vice-president of Key Club, a junior class executive and a member of National Honor Society.

Sesma hopes to involve the Student Council in one central activity that will combine all majors, and to improve the dances and assemblies.

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OPINIONS: Teacher vs. Student

Are We on the Same Wave Length?

Q What do you hope to accomplish by the end of this school year?

Teacher: Students will have a love for good literature, realize the importance of a good education and be able to write a cohesive essay.

Student: I hope to keep everyone smiling and to become a legend in the war against Vegas [Las Vegas High School]

Q What is your favorite part of Rancho?

Teacher: Students and a few teachers.

Student: Football season is the best part of school because there is more spirit.

Q Do you think Rancho stands out against other schools and why?

Teacher: The media has painted a negative picture of Rancho. Fortunately, they are wrong.

Student: There's a more racially diverse culture. Not as many problems like other schools.

Q If it were up to you, what would you change about Rancho?

Teacher: The negative image.

Student: If money was not a problem, I would put a dome over the football and baseball field.

RELATIONSHIPS: A Survey

QUESTION	FEMALE		MALE	
	YES	NO	YES	NO
Have you ever been in love?	59.6%	40.4%	55.4%	44.6%
Are you currently in a relationship?	33.3%	66.7%	22.4%	77.6%
Do you want a relationship?	76.2%	23.8%	78.6%	21.4%
Do you feel you are ready for a relationship?	81.6%	18.4%	78.6%	21.4%
At what age is a person mature enough for a relationship?	Average age: 18		Average age: 15	

Senior Reflections

Earning glory, gathering memories

By Kelly Hampton

All good things must come to an end, but that doesn't mean they should be forgotten.

Senior year can be the most important event in high school, even though the other three add to the memories.

By the time a student reaches the very last year, each little event grows in importance. Things that never really mattered before have become highlights of the year.

Many different elements make the senior year special.

"Good friends that will last through the years" makes this year special for **Christine Davis** and many other seniors.

Friends aren't the only memory-makers, though. According to **Sara Greaves**, it's "the school dances like Homecoming and Prom, and the football games."

Students plan to earn glory by the end of high school. From their freshman year on, they try to make an impression that will remain after graduation.

They go out of their way to be involved in memorable activities that will create a legacy to leave behind for future Rancho students.

Some do this through their art, some excel in sports, others in academics and activities, while others have an air to their personality that just makes them unforgettable.

Some students, however, enter their senior year expecting, as **Jimmy Herrera** says, "Nothing." When nothing is expected, nothing is received.

In cases like that, if students don't try to make something of the year, it ends up being wasted away.

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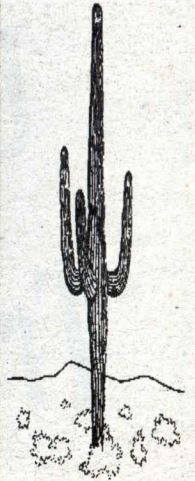
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**FBLA
winners announced**

Clark County students earned many honors at the recent Future Business Leaders of America State Competition in Elko. Listed below are the top winners; those in first and second place are eligible to attend the National Leadership Conference in Washington, DC, in July.

FIRST PLACE:

Accounting II: **Dawn Sherman**, VoTech; Business Communication: **Kwan Hyo Kim**, Chapparral; Business Law: **Jaycee Kam**, Durango; Business Procedures: **Kwan Kyo Kim**; Computer Applications: **Dawn Sherman**; Word Processing: Jennifer Velazquez, VoTech; Community Service: **Cimarron-Memorial**; Outstanding Advisor: **Susan Rollins**, Clark.

SECOND PLACE

Business Calculations: **Kwan Hyo Kim**; Business Law: **John Provenzano**, Green Valley; Business Math, **Sylvia Collett**, Clark; Business Procedures: **Dawn Sherman**; Economics: **Jason Mattson**, Green Valley; Information Processing, **Dawn Sherman**; Word Processing: **Dawn Sherman**.

THIRD PLACE

Accounting II: **Ashley Ackerley**, VoTech; Business Law: **Michelle Koven**, Green Valley; Information Processing: **Kwan Hyo Kim**.

The newly-elected State Officers include **Rebecca Armstrong**, A-Tech Academy, as Treasurer.

Local FHA members score big at State!

Results of the State Competition, Future Homemakers of America

NATIONAL STAR EVENTS*

Chapter Service Project			
Valley	Jr.	Roseane Ficken	Silver
		Melissa Cole	
Moapa	Sr.	Dana DeMille	Silver
		Claire Leavitt	
		Cheene Macias	
		Tami Hillstead	
Chapter Showcase			
Valley	Sr.	Cathy Downs	Silver
Entrepreneurship			
Silverado	Jr.	Katie Iwanylo	Bronze
CMHS	Sr.	Britney Cisneros	Silver
Valley	Sr.	Yvonne Chavez	Silver
Cheyenne	Sr.	Trisie Marshbanks	Bronze
		Emerald Robinson	
Focus on Children			
CMHS	Jr.	Antoinette Oddo	Bronze
		Amanda Troche	
Eldorado	Sr.	Yvonne Ambis	Bronze
		Amy Flowers	
		Jeanine DiGregorio	
Durango	Sr.	Kylea Lyons	Bronze
		Mindy Rowse	
		Shannon Gammon	
Illustrated Talk			
CMHS	Jr.	Shannon Raagas	Gold
	Jr.	Alisha Fowles	Bronze
Job Interview			
CMHS	Jr.	Tiffany Grace	Silver
	Sr.	Myra Aplaom	Gold
Valley	Sr.	Maria Matiella	Silver

STATE EVENTS

Creative Catering			
GVHS	Sr.	Amy Robertson	Silver
Durango	Sr.	Natalie Bohne	Silver
		Kylea Lyons	Silver
Fiber Art			
CMHS	Jr.	Shannon Raagas	Gold
		Alisha Fowles	Silver
Virg.Vly.	Jr.	Jolene Jensen	Silver
Rancho	Sr.	Tamra Johnson	Gold
Moapa	Sr.	Jodi Hills	Gold
Virg.Vly.	Sr.	Renee Hill	Silver
Moapa	Sr.	Tom Duren	Silver
Rancho	Sr.	Tiffany Martin	Silver
Durango	Sr.	Natalie Bohne	Silver
Vir.Vly	Sr.	Julianna Kuhn	Bronze
Food & Nutrition Science			
Valley	Jr.	Roseane Ficken	Gold
		Melissa Cole	
Total Look			
CMHS	Sr.	Alisha Cicero	Silver
Cheyenne	Sr.	Maurice Spell	Gold

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FORE! (No...two.)

(From a report by Lauren Walsh, below)

Two star players from the Silverado boy's golf team made it to zone. Freshman **Brad Callihan** and junior **Jason Rowland**, who have been playing since they were ele-level with the 7 irons, have the best averages on the team.



The varsity team had only nine members this year, and no seniors, but has excellent prospects for making the playoffs next year.



TAKING THE HURDLES: Silverado freshman Heather Brobeck. (Photo by Kelly Green)

GANGBUSTERS!

(From a report by Kristin Edington, below)

Groups Against Neighborhood Gangs — also known as GangBusters — is the newest community service organization at Silverado.



Members plans to make a difference in the lives of elementary school children by using positive student role models. GangBusters will focus on at-risk children who might, without intervention, turn to gangs.

Members will be assigned to the younger students who were selected by teachers as those who would most benefit from the program. Some end-of-the-year activities include a pizza party for Silverado and Paradise Elementary students to meet, and a trip to Magic Mountain.

GangBuster members will write to "their" kids regularly, recognize their birthdays and take them along for sports activities and other field trips.

Seventy Silverado students have signed up for next year GangBusters program, and more are on the way!

Swimmers make waves

(From a report by Glenn Pilarowski, below)

The men's and women's swim teams have had some stand-out performers this year. Strong performances have come from **Gena Benson**, and relay team members **Jacque Hoover** and **Trisha Healey**; and from **Jansen Donoghue**, **Brady Hess** and first-year diver **Mario Paladino**.



The girls have a strong record of 6-1 going into zone...ranking with the top three teams in the Valley. The men's record stands at 3-3.

Hawks whomp USA Today pick

From a report by Adam Hill

Silverado's Hawks men's team recently beat the Gorman Gaels, 5-2. *USA Today* had ranked the Gaels 19th in its poll. Leading the barrage was **Phil Platanitis**, a former Gael.

"It only proves that we can beat anybody when we play to our potential," says junior catcher **Brandon Splinter**.

The spirit is great but the Hawks' season record of 14-12 did not earn them a place in the zone tournament.



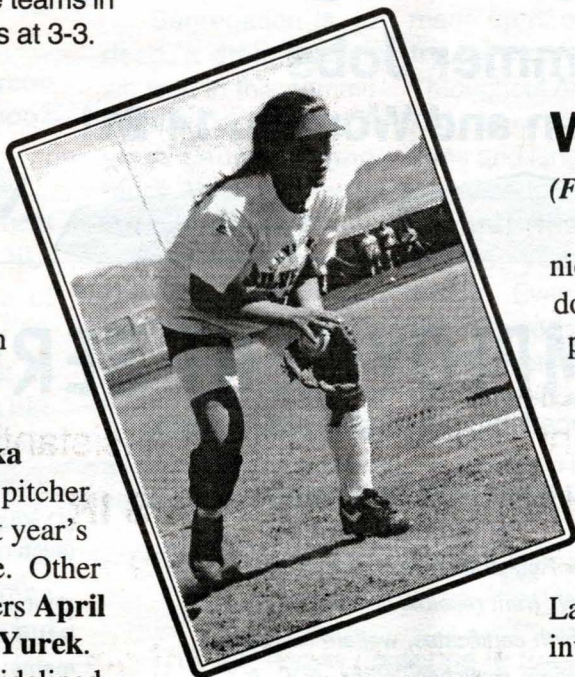
READY TO WHOMP: Hawks senior Phil Platanitis

Lady Hawks baseball look 'like veterans'

With only two years of experience the Lady Hawks look like veterans in the league. They recently clinched the Sunset Division championship for the second year.

The team is led by three-year lettermen **Heather Young**, **LeMeka Anderson** and **Kelly Hoorn**. Top pitcher is Anderson, a junior, who was last year's M.V.P. in the Southern Conference. Other team assets are freshman newcomers **April Arata**, **Laura Connors** and **Julia Yurek**.

Senior pitcher **Shana Singer**, sidelined by a car accident in January, was named to the All-Tournament Team, along with Anderson.



ABOVE
Lady Hawks softball player **Laura Connors**, a freshman at Silverado

We're telecommunicatin'!

(From a report by Melissa Parsons)

The introduction of telecommunication technology has opened the door to a world of educational opportunities. Online networks allow them to reach out locally and globally...to do research, share their writings, work on school projects, or talk to scientists around the world.

Students in Silverado's Global Lab research air and water quality, investigate marine science matters, and study the social and economic climates of foreign countries by communicating with schools around the world.

Other interesting branches are electronic publishing to showcase, for example, student newspapers and poetry; and tele-fieldtrips, in which students share their experiences from local fieldtrips or information about where they live.

Some of the important results of this fusion of computers and education are: improving student motivation to write and to participate in global interests, exposure to a variety of cultures, an introduction to valuable computer skills, and helping students make the connection between what is learned in school and "real life."

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LEFT: A recent aerial photo of Eldorado taken by David Phillips

Student Council builds month full of memories

The Eldorado Student Council had an eventful April.

They participated in the Channel 3 Earth Fair and in the AIDS Walk sponsored by AFAN (Aid for AIDS, Nevada). Both events were successful and the students were happy to take part in them.

Several Student Council members spent four days at the NASC State Conference in Elko,

interacting with other Nevada councils, gaining new ideas and refreshing leadership skills. Eldorado's Student Council received the Silver Star Award at the conference.

On May 6, Eldorado hosted another blood drive. On May 11th, the junior-senior Prom was held at the Officers' Club at Nellis Air Force Base.



NJROTC experiences "the real thing"

The Eldorado NJROTC travelled by bus to the Mini-Boot Camp held at the Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, AZ in April.

Activities for the one-week camp included rappelling off a three-story tower, land navigation in the desert, indoctrination in the use of gas masks (with exposure to tear gas), an obstacle course run, firing M-16 rifles, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training.

The 43 NJROTC members also visited aircraft facilities, learned to use flight simulators and experienced plenty of drill and physical training.

Martin: Speaking of champions!

Jessica Martin of Eldorado High School has won the third level of the Lions Club 59th Annual Student Speaker Contest.

Competition at this level is from throughout Southern Nevada. State-wide finals were in Reno in April. The nationwide prize is a \$17,500 scholarship.

This year's subject was Affirmative Action, which has proven to be one of the hardest topics in a long time for teenagers to deal with.

The Lions Club collects eye glasses that can no longer be used and recycles them before distributing them to children who might not be able to afford glasses. Collection boxes are in many local schools.

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TAGGING

By
Misty
Windholz

Since Basic High School students have attended Green Valley, there has been a problem with tagging in the bathrooms.

Tagging is a problem not only at Basic, or even Henderson, but a problem everywhere. "Rich, poor, no matter where you go," says Dean James Testa.

When any tagging is seen at school, the Clark County School-District has it immediately taken down, "which takes time and money," comments Testa.

If a student gets caught tagging the bathrooms, there are three things that could happen: RPC, suspension to an opportunity school, or a fine for the cost of the materials used to cover it up.

Both senior **Jessica Meyer** and freshman **Callie Patterson** think it makes Basic look uncivilized. "It gives me a sense of insecurity to know that we can't act mature enough to be in high school," says Patterson.

It is also a concern that next year at the "new Basic" the same thing will happen.

"We'll have new bathrooms and halls, and we don't want to make anything ugly," says Testa. Junior **Randy Daniels** says, "It happens everywhere, probably even at Basic next year. Why should they even bother to repair Basic if tagging continues?"

One way of solving this problem is a \$100 reward. The Dean, who announced the reward, believes that somebody must have seen something, knows something, and is willing to turn them in. After the reward was announced, some students did go to the office, but no names can be mentioned.

Junior **Rayza Diaz** says the reward is a good idea, but there shouldn't be any need. "If the students take more pride in their school, there wouldn't be a problem."

No tacos, but big bucks!

Prom Debate:

By Chris Loff

OK, guys, you know the feeling, and it's in your wallet! The feeling that you're probably going to spend more money on one night than you have all school year, maybe in all your life!

Oh, sure you can take your date in her beautiful gown to the cheapie movie theater, then off to Taco Bell for an exquisite Chilito!

Good luck finding a girl who will enjoy that (and if you do she's cool in my book).

The truth is, you're going to end up paying for a show that costs anywhere from \$5 to \$300. In order

to go to the \$5 show, you must convince your date that you'll let her out of the trunk once you're in the drive in!

ROMPIN' WITH RONALD

Guys, you'd better not forget that the restaurant you take your date to isn't McDonalds (although Prom pictures with Ronald McDonald would be pretty cool, and you can always start a frolic in the kiddy park).

In the real world, dinner is going to cost you quite a bit of money, and chances are that your date is going to order a stupid little salad that costs as much as your wardrobe!

Prom Debate:
HE SAID, SHE SAID

It's all stress and flowers

By Kelli Gallacher

Prom time. We know what that means! Shopping...and we know it's not the fun kind of shopping.

It's the kind where you look for that perfect dress, and you have to try on about a hundred. Either you're too fat, too skinny, too short, or too tall. You have to decide whether you want your dress to be red, black, purple, or yellow. (Like anyone would actually wear a yellow dress!)

Prom. What does it really mean besides stress, stress, and more STRESS. Isn't Prom supposed to be the best night of your life, excluding your wedding night?

You only have a few things to worry about. For instance, your date. Although he may be uncoordinated, immature, irresponsible, and sometimes plain geeky, he will look good in pictures. That cute little cleft in his chin, the way his eyes wrinkle when he smiles, and man, just think, if he looks that good in a pair of Gap Denim jeans and a Mossimo shirt, then he will be ALL good in a suit!

Now let's talk about the real problem, the real dilemma, THE DATE! Stop me if you've heard this one.

"What do you mean I can't wear my orange Dumb and Dumber shrine-to-Jim Carey suit to Prom," or "Oh, was I supposed to buy flowers? Man, I knew I forgot something."

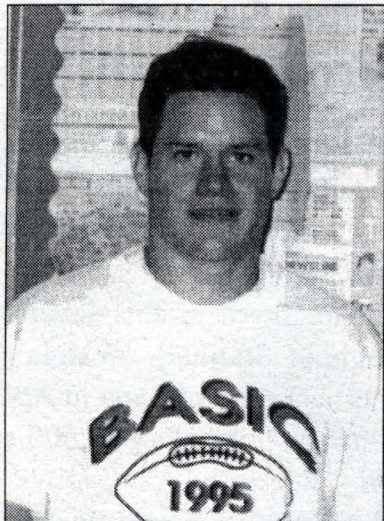
But in all reality, girls, go easy on those boys. They're doing their best. And, boys, before that big night comes (the night of her dreams, the one she's been talking about for months) use the maturity I know you have,

On top of it all, you have the stupid traditions to abide by, for instance, the corsage! Girls, for guys this is almost as hard as picking out a pair of shoes is for you, except guys can't understand the concept of color-coordination!

WHAT A BREAK!

What is the deal with guys having to pay for pictures? Most of us teenage males hate to get our pictures taken. Then, as usual, when the pictures come out, your date thinks it's the worst picture ever!

Girls give us a break. Oh, wait, you already did; you're going with us!



Travis Tillman

Tillman receives appointment to West Point

By Steve Zyla

Basic Senior **Travis Tillman** has received an appointment to the United States Military Academy, to begin July 1.

Tillman is not only an outstanding student, he is also an outstanding athlete, and someone for younger students to model themselves after.

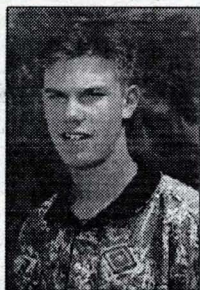
Tillman carries a 4.7 grade point average and will be one of the valedictorians at this year's graduation. He has lettered in track for four years, is wrestling for two, and football for two.

All of Tillman's hard work has finally paid off for him. Tillman was also accepted to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, but he chose West Point instead. He will attend for four years, then will be enlisted in the United States Army.

While at the Academy, Tillman plans to major in Environmental Engineering. Tillman has received a full scholarship for his time at the Academy, and he will receive \$550 a month while attending.

Getting the nomination was not an easy thing. He was appointed through Senator Harry Reid. Travis says that about 10,000 people apply for an appointment at the Academy yearly. From these, 6,000 receive nominations, and only 1,000 of them receive appointments.

When asked what made him want to attend one of the military academies, Tillman says he read a lot about them and decided that it would be a good career.



Zyla



Poetry from the heart

By Manny Reyes (right)

"I release my poetry naturally from the heart," explains LVHS junior **Nicole Moore**, about how her poems flow so easily.

Since the second grade, Nicole has written poems as a way of expressing her emotions. Throughout her childhood she has encountered difficult situations which her poetry has helped her deal with...over 150 poems, most of which are based on love and past experiences.



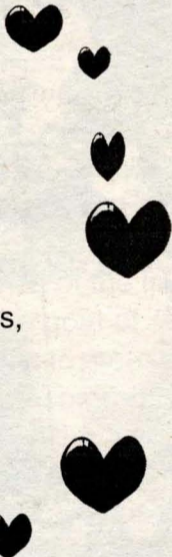
Moore

Nicole read her poem *Black Ecstasy* on Multicultural Night. "People were asking me if it (my poem) was Maya Angelou's; I was flattered," Nicole says.

She plans to release a collection of poems; however, she explains, "The only thing I expect (to gain from the publication) is peace."

Excerpt from *Black Ecstasy*.

How can I forget the pain,
The heartache,
The sorrow,
How can I forget the hope to see
a brand new day,
Tomorrow.
How can I forget the bondage,
The late night night hours rush.
How can we forget yesterday's leaders,
Who paved the way for us.
Looking back on the past
Through an elderly woman's eyes.
The scars upon her face,
The heart ache,
she cries.



LVHS Hispanic club tidies up neighborhood

Reporter: Manny Reyes,
SOL President



SOL (Student Organization of Latinos) at Las Vegas High School will have its first "Streets of Las Vegas Clean-Up Day" on May 19.

Members will paint over graffiti and pick up trash in the neighborhood around school.

Celebration

On May 26, SOL will sponsor an Awards Ceremony at the Hacienda Hotel. At least two \$100 scholarships will be given to Hispanic students. Awards will go to SOL officers and advisors, and to parents and LVHS administrators who have supported the group all year.

Switcheroo

Scholarship money comes from SOL's Principal-for-a-Day fundraiser held earlier this month. The club sold \$1 raffle tickets and the winner exchanged places with Principal Barry Gunderson. The student worked in the principal's office; Mr. Gunderson attended classes all day, did classwork and homework, took tests and had lunch with the rest of the students.

Menudo Run: New Tradition

The First Annual Menudo Run, sponsored by the Latino Police Officers Association, was "clean" thanks to the SOL organization at Las Vegas High School. The members volunteered for two things: to hand the runners cups of water and to clean up the discarded cups along the track afterward.

The 10k race and 2-mile "fun run" raised funds that will be used for scholarships for Hispanic students and to help support a drug-abuse program.

Sure, it's scary...
just don't think
about it!



By Storry Fezatte

With tall hats and high hopes, Las Vegas High School's **Jamie Montano** and **Lance Tsosie** are making it big in the rodeo circuit.

Freshman **Montano** is a barrel racer. On a horse, she runs around barrels set up in a triangular formation, trying to compete for the best time. She has won several first place awards.

Senior **Tsosie** is a bull rider. He has won several jackpots for second and third place. Asked about how he felt about the bull rider from Boulder City who recently died from injuries in a bull-riding competition, Lance replies,

"Sure it's scary, but when you're out there you just can't think about it. It's the farthest thing from my mind."

These rodeo competitions are supported through the school. If a student can't make the grades, he can't compete. Both Jamie and Lance find that their training time does interfere with their school work and other teenage activities.

"When I get home, I usually get something to eat and go right to practicing if I don't want to do homework. Riding is more important to me," says Jamie.

But they both admit that they get frustrated once in a while.

"I get aggravated, especially if I don't do well, but I wouldn't give it up," says Lance.

They say their ultimate goal is to compete in the NFR, the National Finals Rodeo, held annually in Las Vegas. "I don't care if I win or not, I just want to be skilled enough to go," comments Jamie.

Young life cut short by drunk driver

By Storry Fezatte

"Jessie" was the kind of friend who would make you laugh when you wanted to cry. She always had a joke or story to tell that could put a smile on your face. Her enthusiasm for life revolved around school, friends, and family. Although she had triumphed over many tribulations in her life, nothing could have prepared her for what was to come.

Jessie had just moved from Las Vegas to Oregon. Three days after her arrival, she went out to dinner with her brother. On the way home, they were joking around in the car. The last thing Jessie saw was headlights — headlights on a drunk driver's car — before submerging into darkness.

At home, her parents began to

worry. Jessie nor her brother ever missed a curfew. Half an hour after they were supposed to be home, the phone rang. It was a police officer.

Jessie died in the head-on collision; her brother was paralyzed. The cause of Jessie's death was a broken neck and hemorrhaging in the brain.

Fifty percent of all collisions are due to drinking. Sixty percent of deaths caused by drunk drivers affect people ages 16-24.

A very special life had been taken by someone who drank too much and then got into a car. Jessie could still be alive and her brother would be able to walk if this person had just spent 6 bucks to take a cab.



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(Or is it entertainment?)

By Manny Reyes

Students of all grades and both sexes sit scattered in the cafeteria, socializing with their friends. Suddenly, a student hollers, "A fight! A fight!" Without hesitation all the students stand up (some on chairs and tables) to get even the slightest glimpse.

I am amazed! I've never seen so many people stand so quickly and with such attention, not even for the Pledge of Allegiance! Five seconds later, the confrontation between the two students is put to a halt; the "show" is over. Students run back in line for food, continuing their usual day.

This did not really bother me until I overheard two students discussing the fight. One

said, "It was the best! Their blood was everywhere!" The other replied, "Oh, man, if only I had stayed in for lunch, I wouldn't have missed it."

I was shocked and disgusted! As responsible "pre-adults" they should have been upset about the fight. Instead they revel in the violence and bloodshed.

Is this what our so-called "safe educational environment" has become, a place filled with bloodthirsty savages? Everybody hopes that one day all students will get along, but because we live in Las Vegas, the "boxing capital of the world," we salute our role models by beating each other senseless.

It seems as if we, the future of America, have been programmed since early childhood to enjoy violence. Some children's television shows I remember best are those with senseless violence: He-man, She-ra (remember kids, it's okay for girls to kill, too), and the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

The violent cartoons of my youth have evolved into the "new age": The Mighty

Morphin' Power Rangers...happy, energetic Rangers, putting children in an angry commercial-based trance.

For example, one afternoon I spotted some neighborhood children, all decked out in their spiffiest Ranger accessories, playing the Power Ranger game. They screamed out, "Red power! White power!" before beating each other down.

I asked the mother of two of the playing kids whether she thought it was appropriate to teach her two-year-old son how to fight. She answered she was teaching him how to *defend* himself, that she didn't want her son 'to be a wimp' and come home with bruises.

Did I miss something? Aren't these individuals who bring violence into the playground the people we refer to as bullies, the bad ones in our society?

We need to get our human values in order and start treating each other with the respect and dignity that every one of us deserves.

Would you rather have your friends teasing you for not fighting or your family mourning over your death?

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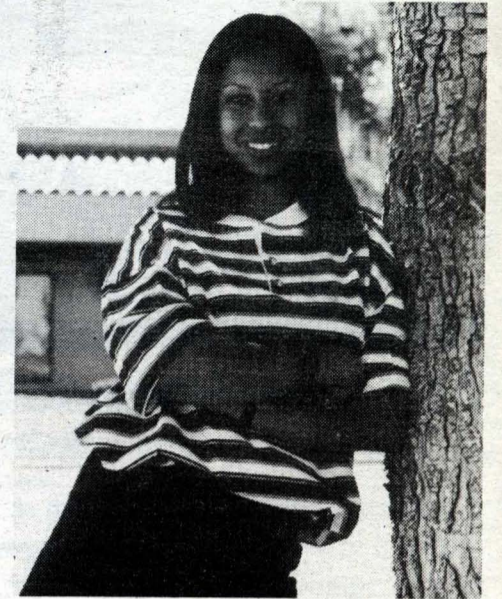


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VoTech students really mean business!

VoTech's FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) returned from the State Convention in Elko after capturing second place for the largest chapter membership.

In addition, three VoTech seniors won awards: (l-r) **Dawn Sherman**, first place in Accounting II and Computer Applications and second in Information Processing and Word Processing.

Ashley Ackerley took third place in Accounting II; and **Jennifer Velazquez** captured first place in Word Processing.

Velazquez was also the winner of the *Who's Who in FBLA* Award.

Sherman also walked away with an FBLA Scholarship.

How did they carry all those medals home?

VoTech captured 29 medals in the state VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) competition held in Reno in April.

Seven of the ten gold medal winners are shown above. From left: **Jayme Nordstrom**, Marine Mechanics; **Ginka Manuilova**, Nail Sculpturing; **Jason Parker**, Air Conditioning; **Thomas Burke**, Electronics; **Brent Baran**, Computer Drafting; **Robyn Carter**, Cosmetology; and **Moises Garay**, Electronic Product Servicing.

Not pictured are Gold Medal Winners **Priscilla Pitch**, (Culinary) Job Skill Demonstration; **Melissa McComas**, Commercial Baking; and **Jonothan Carino**, Auto Collision.

VoTech also won the award for the largest membership in the State, ranking third in the nation. Drafting Senior **Geno Astarita** won a \$500 VICA Scholarship, and Cosmetology teacher, Jan Garrett, was named State VICA Advisor of the Year.

Can't keep a good writer down

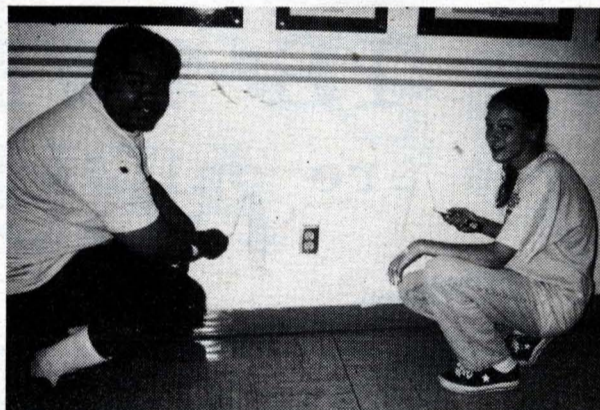
Chenoweth sets sights on salon

Nicolle Chenoweth, sophomore, knows exactly where she's headed. Even though she is the VoTech correspondent for CLASS!, her heart is set on opening a beauty and massage salon.

She even has plans for her mother, a manicurist: Nicolle will make her Mom a partner in business. But first, Nicolle must graduate from VoTech, get business education (probably at the community college), work towards her masseuse license, and put in about six months getting on-the-job training as a hairdresser's assistant.

The "almost all-A's" student planned to write an advice column for the VoTech newspaper, but when that publication never got off the ground, she offered to write for CLASS!

RIGHT: Erasing hate: VoTech sophomores **Paul Dungo** and **Jessica Baker** paint over graffiti that is a reminder of the hate that caused the Holocaust.



Paint rollers and action: students help fight hate

VoTech students responded to recent Holocaust speakers at the school by taking positive action against derogatory graffiti on school property.

The speakers were Jerry Molen (Executive Producer of *Schindler's List*), Gene Greenberg (adult child of two survivors) and Captain Steve Franks of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. They stressed the importance of learning the lessons of the Holocaust.

One of those lessons is to take social responsibility and put ideals into action.

In April, 113 freshman and sophomore VoTech students participated in an all-school clean-up campaign. They painted, scrubbed, picked up trash, and polished the halls of VoTech High School.

"We can make a positive difference!" was the unanimous sentiment of the students who participated in this all day "rub and scrub." They plan to maintain the initial clean-up by creating a Graffiti Response Team at VoTech.



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The Little Rose Tree

Every rose on the little tree
Is making a different face
at me.
Some look surprised when
I pass by,
And others droop, but those are
just shy.
Two of them, whose heads
together press,
Tell secrets I could never guess.
Some have their heads thrown
back to sing,
And all the buds are listening.
I wonder if their gardener
knows,
Or if he calls each just a rose.

Nathan Dye
Class of 1996

Born Feb. 8, 1978
Died Dec. 4, 1995

DIGANOS



LA CANTANTE TAMARA SE CONSOLIDO EL 5 DE MAYO EN LV

Por Francisco Alejandro

La escultural ojiverde Tamara cumplió ampliamente con el público reunido en el Freedom Park, el pasado domingo 5 de mayo durante la celebración del aniversario 134 de la histórica Batalla de Puebla.

La cantante vino en plan estelar a compartir el escenario con toda una constelación artística donde hubo casi de todo: mariachis, banda, salsa, imitaciones, danzantes, folclor latinoamericano y más.

Tamara se presentó en mismo Freedom Park el año pasado, cuando su popularidad estaba en "las nubes". La canción "Papucho" se escuchaba en todas las radiodifusoras de México y Estados Unidos.

En entrevista con **Class** al final de su actuación, Tamara dijo que recién acaba de grabar su último disco, "El Punto G".

Tamara tuvo una ligera ausencia de las presentaciones en centros nocturnos de Las Vegas, debido a que canalizó sus esfuerzos para abrir espacios en ciudades como Kansas, Nashville, Pennsylvania y otras. Pero prometió actuar pronto, en fecha próxima, en Las Vegas.

El estilo musical de Tamara ha sido definido, incluso por ella misma, como cumbia-rocck, y fiel a esa línea su nueva producción lleva ese peculiar sello.

Igual que a todos los artistas, en el terreno sentimental a Tamara no le queda mucho tiempo para dedicárselo a una relación sentimental. Pues eso es

muy lamentable, dijeron voces masculinas del público que la rodeaba esperando tomarse la foto con ella, "tiene con queso las quesadillas!".

ABAJO LA 187 !!!

En el terreno político, Tamara manifestó tristeza y desilusión por el cauce que han tomado las cosas en el ámbito migratorio.

Cambió la sonrisa por una expresión de seriedad, y con firmeza propuso que, ante los graves problemas que se observan con los indocumentados que desesperadamente buscan trabajo en Estados Unidos, se otorguen permisos de trabajo temporales y condicionados a la demanda laboral.

Es decir, agregó Tamara, se tiene que aceptar que el problema migratorio es bilateral. Y en cuanto a las recientes leyes que se impulsan gritó: "abajo la 187".

Cuestionada sobre la posibilidad de concientizar al pueblo a través del mensaje musical, externó que es necesario promover los derechos humanos como base del convivio humano; "a Dios no le gustan las fronteras, pienso que todos somos ciudadanos del mundo".

Ya entrados en el tema de la defensa de los derechos civiles, Tamara dijo categórica que "para mí tanto el hombre como la mujer tenemos las mismas cualidades y los mismos derechos".

La gente pidiéndole autógrafos y fotos a su lado exigió que ahí terminara la entrevista, la cual permite notar que, en Tamara la belleza no está reñida con la inteligencia

El Fútbol Profesional Llega a los Estados Unidos!!

Por: Franco Carranza, Silverado HS



Por fin llegó lo que tanto esperábamos. El fútbol profesional es ya una realidad en los Estados Unidos en la forma de la Major League Soccer (MLS). después de habernos dejado colgando tras el mundial del '94, podemos de nuevo admirar a los mas destacados jugadores norteamericanos y algunos internacionales mundialmente reconocidos.

Será como en la vieja patria con toda la familia reunida para presenciar los encuentros televisados y podremos gritar !GOOOOL! sin que nos vean como bichos raros. Nos uniremos a las tribunas haciendo barra y se escuchará el conocido "OLE,OLE,OLE,OLA..." y le podremos gritar un par de cosas a los árbitros (opciones nunca faltan para esto).

De la selección estadounidense estará el rockero Lalas, después de haber jugado en Europa. Veremos al gorilón de arquero de Meola; también a Dooley, Wynalda, Balboa, Cobi Jones (con sus trenzitas), y no podemos olvidarnos del único jugador a quien le partieron el coco en el mundial, Tab Ramos.

En fin el fútbol está aquí y depende de nosotros, el público, para que se quede. Así que si les gusta el fútbol, "...pídanlo por nombre y no se dejen llevar por imitaciones".

Invitan a Estudiantes de Secundaria CONFERENCIA SOBRE LA MUJER



La Junta de la Mujer en 1996, patrocinada por docenas de organizaciones (incluyendo H.A.B.L.E., Girl Scouts y Caridades Católicas) tiene el gusto de invitar a estudiantes femeninas a que asistan a la conferencia el día sábado, 1ero de junio, en UNLV.

Temas que se tratarán incluyen:

- * Ponerle fin a la violencia en contra de niños y de mujeres
- * Familias en la pobreza
- * La mujer en el trabajo
- * Acoso sexual
- * Elecciones a la Junta Directiva Escolar

La inscripción es de \$10 para estudiantes e incluye un desayuno continental y un almuerzo. (También hay becas para aquellas estudiantes que no puedan pagar la inscripción). Fecha límite para inscribirse es el 21 de mayo.

Para mayor información llame a Mitsi al teléfono 385-3677.

Frente a Frente

Debate del mes de mayo: "Uniformes Escolares"

A favor:

Andrya Padrón, Valley High School

"Mis pros son: Se acabaría la vestimenta de los "Cholos". Todos estaríamos vestidos iguales. Estudiantes de otras escuelas no vendrían a ésta y si lo hacen, los agentes de seguridad sabrían que no son de Valley High School. No habría problemas con las muchachas que usan faldas muy cortas, no hubiera tanto RPC y estuviéramos mas controlados en la escuela. Se acabaría un tanto la violencia por el uso de uniformes.

Douglas Recinos, Valley High School

A mi me gustaría que esta escuela adoptara ese mandato. Personalmente, no me gustaría usar rojo y blanco. Preferiría que escogieran azul, con la diferencia de que la camisa llevara el nombre de la escuela. El uniforme acabaría con las diferencias sociales y no se sabría quien tiene mas dinero. Con uniforme, no tendríamos que preocuparnos de que ropa ponernos al día siguiente. Hasta la violencia puede que disminuya a consecuencia del uso de uniformes. Las muchachas ya no vendrán vestidas tan atrevidas como lo hacen hoy. En vez de venir a coquetear a lo mejor vendrían a aprender algo. Este método ha tenido buenos resultados en el estado de California y debería emplearse aquí en Las Vegas también.

Judy Estrada, Valley High School

El uso de uniformes es una buena idea. Los uniformes terminarían con muchos problemas de los estudiantes y de las escuelas. Facilitaría el problema de que ponerse todos los días y ayudaría para que las autoridades identificaran a los estudiantes. Usar uniformes le daría otras formas nuevas de expresar su individualidad al estudiante, ya que mucha gente lo hace únicamente con la ropa que se ponen. Ya no habrían estudiantes vistiéndose como Pandilleros. Los estudiantes que salen temprano de la escuela serian reconocidos fácilmente. Una gran ventaja es el aspecto económico. El precio de un uniforme es mucho menos que la ropa. Te este modo, puede uno ahorrar dinero para otras cosas.

Yamilet Ramírez, Valley High School

Usar uniformes genera respeto. También ayuda a distinguir al estudiante como parte de instituciones religiosas, militares, medicas o escolares. En muchos países es común el uso de uniformes en las escuelas. Los beneficios no son solo para los profesores, padres de familia, sino también para el estudiante. Para los profesores seria mas fácil controlar a los estudiantes, para los padres de familia seria mas económico y para los estudiantes seria mas fácil identificarse como estudiante. El uniforme es una buena idea. Al usarlo nos beneficiamos todos. Pero si pienso que deberían consultar con los estudiantes a la hora de escoger el estilo del uniforme y el color. Somos los estudiantes los que los vamos a usar. Además, el viernes podría ser día de vestirse como uno quiere, siempre y cuando no se rompan las reglas de la vestimenta.

Melissa Friedman, Chaparral High

Yo pienso que los uniformes escolares serían una gran cosa en la escuela Chaparral. Primeramente, ahorraríamos dinero en las ropas que llevamos a la escuela y tendríamos mas para las ropas que usaríamos en otros lugares. Además, tendríamos mas dinero para otras necesidades como gasolina y podríamos ahorrar un poco mas. Luego, no necesitaríamos llegar tarde a la escuela por buscar que ropa ponernos cada día y ganaríamos 15 minutos por lo menos o podríamos dormir 15 minutos mas. Ultimadamente, no tendríamos que estar a la "última moda" en un concurso de popularidad. Creo que el uso obligatorio de uniformes es una gran idea y deberíamos de adoptarla.

Jessica Chávez, Chaparral High

El uso de uniformes es una idea muy buena porque reduciría los problemas con los administradores, nuestros compañeros y nosotros mismos. Tu no tendrías que levantarte temprano preocupada de que te vas a poner ese día, tus compañeros no podrían hablar de lo que llevas y los maestros y administradores podrían dedicarse a atender verdaderos problemas que tenemos en las escuelas, en vez de preocuparse del código del vestir. Además, los estudiantes podríamos concentrarnos mas en los estudios y en otras actividades extracurriculares. Los uniformes son una idea magnífica.

En contra:

Kenia Leon, Valley High School

Yo me opongo al uso de uniformes en las escuelas publicas por que interfiere con la creatividad y el libre espíritu del alumno, al mismo tiempo que opaca la personalidad. Las restricciones son necesarias en las escuelas, pero las imposiciones son casi siempre contradictorias e incitan a la rebeldía de los estudiantes. Después de todo, los estudiantes que asisten a la escuela no por usar uniforme dejaran de ser o bueno o malos.

Gerson Argueta, Valley High School

Poner uniforme en las escuelas es mala idea, porque a los estudiantes les gusta vestirse de moda. Si después de la escuela los estudiantes quieren ir a alguna parte con los amigos, no les gustaría ir vestidos con el uniforme. Además, donde se cambiarían? Lo primero que deberían hacer las escuelas es mandar cartas a los padres preguntándoles que les parece la idea de imponer uniformes. Los uniformes deberían ser para niños.

Milly Rodríguez

El incorporar uniformes en la escuela no solo me disgusta porque así andaríamos todos iguales, pero también siento que estaríamos violando el derecho de nuestra libre expresión. Al estar en este país nos dan la libertad de poder escoger y hacer lo que queremos, siempre y cuando no sea en contra de la ley. La forma de vestirse es una manera de expresar individualidad, cultura y personalidad. Aunque algunos dicen que los uniformes eliminarían la discriminación, no veo como. Todos somos humanos y siempre vamos a encontrar una forma u otra de criticarnos unos a otros. Si no nos criticamos por la forma de vestir, será por el peinado, maquillaje o cualquier otra cosa. Como jóvenes creciendo no queremos ser tratados como niños. Queremos que se nos trate con la responsabilidad y libertad de poder escoger como vamos a vestirnos. Además, resultaría imposible encontrar un uniforme que le gustara a todo el mundo.

Karina Sandoval, Chaparral High School

Como escuelas publicas del gobierno, los estudiantes deberían tener la libertad de ponerse lo que se les gusta. A mi no me gustaría ponerme la misma ropa todos los días, durante todo el año. Y para aquellos de ustedes que quieren uniformes ahí tienen las escuelas privadas, allí pueden estar contentos, porque ellos usaran los pantalones hasta las nalgas y las muchachas también, sino peor.

Español En El Futuro

Hoy en día la lengua del español es muy necesaria para comunicarse con las personas hispanas en este país. Muchos patronos prefieren que sus empleados hablen español. Además, la población de hispanos en Estados Unidos está creciendo rápidamente.

Nosotros estamos en el cuarto año de español en la escuela Silverado y hemos aprendido cuanto nos ayudará el español en el futuro.

Soy Ryan Wray, uno de los miembros de la clase, y quiero ser director de películas. El español me ayudará con los actores latinos y me permitirá hacer películas en otros países. También podré comprender mejor las diferentes costumbres de tantos países.

Soy Nitya Chandran, una estudiante mas del cuarto año. El español es muy importante para mi porque me ayudará a comunicarme con otras personas. Quiero ser ingeniera y el idioma me permitirá trabajar en los países latino americanos.

Estamos felices de haber aprendido español porque nos sentimos mejor y nos hará la vida mas fácil en el futuro.

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UN EVENTO MULTICULTURAL

Por Jorge Kihuen, Rancho High

La oficina de asuntos multiculturales del Distrito Escolar del Condado de Clark organizó un taller informativo presentado por estudiantes y dedicado a los maestros. El evento se realizó en el auditorio de la escuela superior Clark durante el sábado 13 de abril del corriente año.

En el panel que trató sobre la cultura hispana participaron como panelistas la señorita Kim Wanlee de la Academia de Bellas Artes Las Vegas y Ariadne Monarrez, David Rivera y éste servidor, Jorge Kihuen, de la Escuela Superior Rancho. La señorita Wanlee, originaria de la China, ha vivido ocho años en España y ha aprendido bastante de la cultura de ese país. Los otros panelistas somos de México.

Yo tuve oportunidad, así como los otros panelistas, de expresar mi punto de vista y de opinar de las diferentes situaciones y problemas que confrontamos los estudiantes en el mundo actual. Las diferencias culturales fueron mencionadas y la atenta audiencia ofreció una serie de preguntas muy apropiadas relacionadas con los estudiantes hispanos en nuestras escuelas. Las respuestas fueron amplias y con lujo de detalle para aclarar puntos de confusión.

En total, este evento nos dio la ocasión para aclarar nuestras diferencias personales y las que parecen ser de tipo cultural. Al final de cuentas, a pesar de nuestras particularidades, resulta que todos somos bastante iguales.



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...Los estudiantes de VoTech pueden cursar el programa de animación computarizada de dos años.

Recientes graduados dijeron

que les había gustado la clase por que habían podido emplear su creatividad y también por que se gana mucho dinero. Algunos estudiantes están ganando hasta \$10 por hora y animadores pueden llegar a ganar hasta \$60,000 al año.

Estás invitado al Teatro Meadows

La Escuela Meadows te invita a que asistas a tres producciones durante el mes de mayo. "Hotel Paraíso" será presentado el 25 de mayo por estudiantes de los grados 10-12. La comedia "Rumores" será presentada por la clase freshman el día 26 de mayo. Los estudiantes de la escuela media presentarán el popular "M*A*S*H" el día 31 de mayo. Por favor infórmate en las páginas de la Escuela Meadows para mas información.

Clark H.S. tiene astronautas en su campus

Estudiantes en la clase de tecnología de Clark H.S. construyeron un modelo espacial de cuatro cuartos este semestre. Los tripulantes son **Pedro Medrano, Nichole Wagner, Danny Kovene, Daniel Sigler, Jordon Yelinck, Jackie Brown, Nate Cannon y Josh Connell.** Como astronautas de verdad, los estudiantes trabajan en turnos de ocho horas, haciendo trabajos que se les manda a través de la computadora. Dentro de muy poco, otras escuelas tendrán acceso y podrán ver que es lo que sucede dentro de la cápsula espacial.

Escorpiones causan alboroto en Valley

El departamento de Ciencias de Valley H.S. solía tener en su laboratorio a un escorpión. ¡Luego ese escorpión de siete meses tuvo doce hijitos! Llegaban a visitarles estudiantes de toda la escuela. En cuanto los escorpiones estén mas grandecitos serán adoptados por algunas escuelas medias del Condado de Clark.

Estudiantes de la secundaria hablan acerca de la violencia

Estudiantes de todas las escuelas secundarias del área de Las Vegas participaron en la junta de la Juventud de Nevada Sobre la Violencia doméstica. Dieron sus ideas de como resolver los problemas de la violencia doméstica en nuestra comunidad. Funcionarios públicos de alto nivel estuvieron presentes para escuchar los puntos de vista de los estudiantes. Dignatarios presentes incluyeron a los Senadores Estatales Dina Titus y Mark James, y la Miembro de la Asamblea Gene Segerblom.

Club SOL de LVHS tiene una temporada agitada

Por: Manny Reyes, Presidente del Club SOL

El Club de Estudiantes Latinos (SOL) de la escuela secundaria de Las Vegas llevara a cabo su primer "Limpieza de las calles de Las Vegas" el día 19 de mayo. Los miembros del club cubrirán con pintura el graffiti y recogerán basura en el vecindario alrededor de la escuela. El día 26 de mayo, SOL patrocinará una Ceremonia de Premios en el Hotel

Hacienda. Por lo menos dos becas de \$100 serán entregadas a estudiantes hispanos.

Consejeros, padres de familia y administradores escolares recibirán premios por haberle dado apoyo al club durante todo el año. El dinero de las becas proviene de la recaudación de fondos del Club Sol titulada "Director Por Un Día" y que se llevó a cabo durante el mes de mayo. El club vendió boletos por \$1 para una rifa y la persona ganadora intercambiò lugares con el Director Barry Gunderson. El estudiante trabajo en la oficina del Director y el Sr. Gunderson asistió a las clases del estudiante todo el día, hizo todas las tareas de clase y las de casa también, tomó exámenes y comió con el resto de los estudiantes en la cafetería.

El anuario de Basic High gana premio a nivel nacional

"El Lobo", el anuario de Basic High School ganó un premio de la Columbia Scholastic Press Association por su publicación del año pasado. Solamente 21 escuelas en todos los Estados Unidos reciben este premio a nivel nacional.

El Rincón Poético

Una Mujer Sagrada

Azucena Rodríguez, Valley High

Una mujer sagrada
la cual es capaz de dar su vida,
por mi que soy su hija.
Ella, la cual le dio vida a mi corazón;
que por mi padre me engendró,
y ella en su vientre me llevó
y a los nueve meses nació yo,
para convertirme en niña inocente.
Pero al pasar de los días,
fui aprendiendo de aquella mujer sagrada,
lo mas bonito que en la vida, pueda existir.
Que es a Dios siempre amar
y nunca a la gente odiar.

¿Quién es ella?

Anabel González, Valley High

Es muy chistosa.
Nos cuenta bromas que al fin entendemos
horas después.
Es muy inteligente.
Ya aprendió todo lo que la vida ofrece.
Es callada.
Se sienta muy calmada como una niña
castigada,
pero cuando dice una palabra es para
defenderse
o para cumplimentar a alguien.
Es simplemente maravillosa.
Yo se lo agradeceré eternamente.
Es mi esperanza, mi amiga, mi vida.
Es mi madre.



Por Giuliana Campos & Mónica Soto, Silverado High

FEAR - Esta película trata de una muchacha de dieciséis años que se enamora de un hombre que ella piensa que es muy simpático. Pero después se vuelve malo y mata al mejor amigo de la muchacha. Pensamos que la película esta llena de suspenso y nos gusto mucho.

EXECUTIVE DECISION - Kurt Rusell es un buen actor y en la película él salva a muchas personas de los terroristas en un avión. También nos gusto la película. Tiene mucha acción. Todos la deben ver.

SGT. BILKO - No nos gusto esta película. Es muy tonta. Sugerimos que no vayan a verla, porque hay otras que son mas cómicas.

Las Canciones

MI TIERRA por Gloria Estefan, A CABALLO por Azúcar Moreno y ZANSARABANDA por José Sombbrero son canciones con mucho ritmo que te hacen bailar. Son perfectas para las fiestas.

AMIGO por Roberto Carlos, TU ME HACES FALTA por Eddie Santiago y LLUVIA por Luis Enrique son canciones para novios. Son muy románticas.

Madre Bendita

Elvia Rodríguez, Valley High

Eres la mejor madre del mundo.
Eres la reina de mis jardines, como así
eres la primavera que siempre rodea mi
alma
con sus flores mas hermosas y
el canto de los pájaros.

Madre

Mirna Unzueta, Valley High

Madre, te agradezco
tus desvelos y tus consejos
que han sabido guiarme
por el camino de la felicidad.

Madre

Irerí Herrera, Rancho High

Tu eres la luna y el sol
porque estás llena de amor
y yo soy una semillita
que necesita tu calor.

Madre Querida

Beatriz A. Perez, Rancho High

Eres como la seda
suave por dentro, suave por fuera,
eres como la brisa
con una tierna sonrisa.

A Mi Madre

Teresa Lugo, Rancho High

Cuando yo me siento triste y desconsolada,
¿Quién cuida de mi y con caricias me
consuela?
Tu madre mía.
Cuando yo era niña
¿Quién mis pasos y mis sueños cuidaba?
Tu madre mía.
Cuando me siento perdida,
¿Quién conmigo encuentra las salidas a
todas mis dudas?
Tu, madre mía.

Madre

Patricia González, Rancho High

Madre, tu amor es
mas puro que la blanca flor.

Madre

Silvia Lozano, Rancho High

Madre es la palabra que encierra
todas las cosas bellas de la tierra
y el cielo, porque Dios no pudo hacer
otra imagen mas hermosa y sagrada.

COLORES Y VESTIMENTAS DE UN PAYASO

Por la noche, pensando, buscando en el armario colores
para adornar; ocultar mi rostro negro lleno de soledad
despierto, me miro en el espejo y me visto en silencio
con la máscara de la risa y la felicidad

Empiezo mi jornada, diario de mis días
luchando por hacer felices a los demás seres humanos
buscando caricias, sonrisas o palabras de alegría
pero todo es fantasía

Separando y componiendo renglones para encontrar respuesta a mi
soledad
construyendo mi teatro de experiencias
y decorando mi sala para mis espectadores de cada día
mis regalos, consejos, pensamientos y virtudes

Voces, llantos, gritos, aplausos y cantos
son mi maletín de trucos y magia para curar cicatrices y encantos
para limpiar a un pequeño, lágrimas de esos ojos de encanto llenos de
llanto
fruto de dos enamorados
con agenda llena de verbos, excepto vida y sin tiempo para conjugarlo

Se baja el telón, se cierran las puertas de mi corazón, el teatro
empieza el despojo de vestimentas y colores
llega el momento de meditación con la luna y las estrellas
el momento de preguntas sin respuestas
y el comienzo de la búsqueda de colores nuevos para otro día.

*Alberto Maldonado, Las Vegas High
Almapaya*

OPINIONES

DE NUESTRA TRIBUNA

Toque de Queda: ¿Qué opinas?

Traci Ann Carpenter de Green Valley HS no esta de acuerdo con el toque de queda del Condado de Clark. Dice: si sus padres aprueban que ella salga de noche y que regrese a las 2:00 a.m., la policia no debería pedirle que estuviera en su casa antes de esa hora. Ella también pregunta por que no pueden los adolescentes jugar boliche toda la noche si se les da la gana. Las Vegas es una ciudad de las 24 horas y los centros de boliche también están abiertos las 24 horas del día. Pero gente joven, menores de 21 años no pueden andar en el "Strip" después de las 9:00 p.m. ¿Qué piensas tu? Envíanos una carta a CLASS!, 6290 Harrison, Suite 10, Las Vegas, NV 89120.

Estimado Editor:

En la edición de abril de Class!, se publicó una carta al Editor, que a nuestro paracer fue muy grosera, tratando de decir que no se les hacia justo que hubiera una edición para los hispanos; estamos de acuerdo que como hispanos, tenemos que aprender el lenguaje y la escritura de los Estados Unidos (inglés), pero también como norteamericanos que son, deberian saber que el idioma español es el idioma mas hablado después del inglés. Nuestra opinión como hispanos es que no es justo que eliminen la sección de "Diganos" en español. Con respecto a los diferentes estudiantes del Condado de Clark (chinos, frances, italianos, etc.), si ellos pidieran sus propios segmenetos en sus diferentes idiomas, estamos seguros de que ustedes podrían agregarlo al periódico de la misma forma que hicieron con "Diganos" en español.

Al contrario de la opinión pasada nosotros pensamos que de esta manera se resolvera el racismo en el que vivimos hoy en día al igual que la incomunicación alrededor de todo el mundo. Esperamos que las publicaciones en español no causen mas problemas entre nuestras mismas culturas.

Atentamente

Estudiantes de Valley High School preocupados por nuestras raices; Josefina Palacios, Fatima Alvarez, Karina Sabalos, Jesús Beltran, Martha Quintanilla, Alma Oliva, José Martínez, Eddie Gómez, Riacrdo Sedano, María Becerra, Jocanne Flores, Luigy Rosique.



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Vandals hit cars in Chaparral corral

By Nicole Christian (below left)

When someone parks a car in the Cowboy Corral, they don't really think about it again until they're on their way to Taco Bell. They expect the car to look the same way they left it: in one piece. No one expects to come out to a keyed paint job or busted brake light but, unfortunately, some do. It's school vandalism and it's one of the reasons school security has been increased.



"Cars are getting shoe-polished left and right," says one junior. Shoe polishing is the least of the damage done; most of that is just for a kick. But backing into someone's car and leaving *isn't*. It's a hit and run.

"I didn't think people at my own school would just hit my car and leave," says one surprised senior. Junior **Summer Ernstein** agrees: "I would hope people would give a little more thought to other people's property."

Even the bike patrol is not invincible. Sophomore **Adriana Menengatos**, whose car was keyed and washed with chocolate milk, says "My tax money goes to those cop people...why

don't they do something?"

Believe it or not, those two "cop people" actually DO something: every day they're out there patrolling the area and watching for suspicious occurrences, such as slow-moving vehicles circling the school. And they have a huge area to cover.

The bike patrol urge students to report vandalism promptly; they cannot take a police report if it is delayed (unless there is a witness).

Broken windows, stolen stereos, hit and run accidents — arrests are made but, because they are not announced over the PA system, most students are not aware of the many things our campus security prevents.

Anonymous sure writes a lot!

Richard Park, editor of the Chaparral Express, wrote about people who don't sign their letters to the school paper. A favorite with the CLASS! staff was the anonymous writer who complained that the school clocks were not set right because they disagreed with her watch, which was perfectly synchronized with the earth.



Look at this overlooked photo, please!

This photo was accidentally overlooked last month, but the victorious Chaparral Varsity Quiz team deserves attention. Shown here are (l-r) front row: team advisor **Sharon Heflin**, members **Steve Gomez** (junior), **Pierre Gonsalves** (senior), **Mike Webster** (junior) and **Justin Shiroff** (sophomore).

Back row: **Jeff Livingston** (junior), **Dee Golightly** (sophomore), **Jeremy Keen** (junior), **Adam Villarreal** (senior) and **Ben Keaton** (junior). Team member **Madika Bryant** (sophomore) was absent when the photo was taken.

Varsity Quiz, Chapter 2

The Chaparral faculty team then took on the students in another Varsity Quiz challenge. Teachers were led by Hayward Harrington, who has made it to the contestant pool of Jeopardy tryouts.

"It's finally a chance for the students to show who's in charge," exclaimed Villarreal. To which Harrington replied: "We will drive the dirty dogs to the ground like they deserve."

It was a battle from the beginning, but THE STUDENTS WERE VICTORIOUS BY FIVE POINTS! "I was proud to...show the teachers who the real intellectuals are," says Webster.

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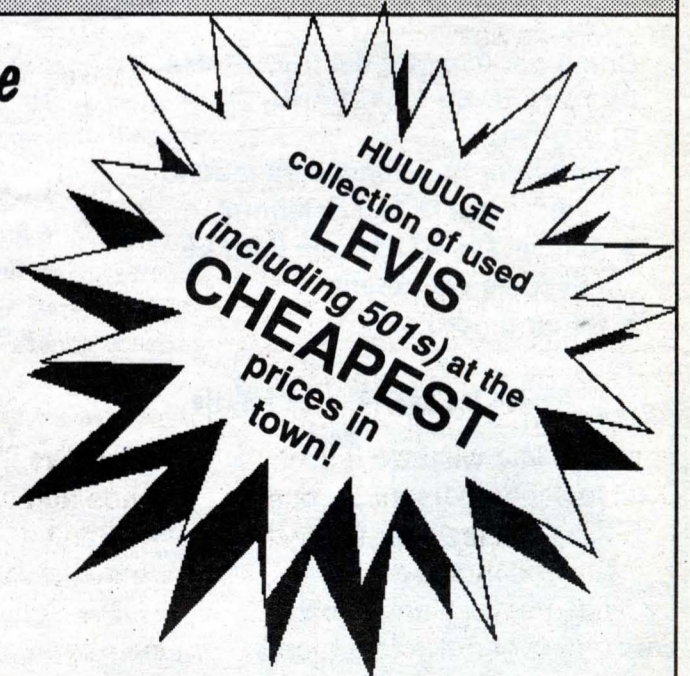
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I-rate over R-rating?

Should 16-year-old be restricted?

By Tanika Brown

Picture this: you're sitting in a nice cozy theater seat. The lights dim and the coming attractions blaze across the screen.

Just as you get into your mode, a hand grips your shoulder. It's the friendly, yet annoying movie attendant, telling you that you and your companions are too young to see that movie (which happens to be rated R). Don't you feel stupid?

ARE WE VICTIMS?

Many people our age have been "victims" of the ratings system:

- * R- restricted to those under 17
- * PG13- parent/guardian strongly suggested for those under 13
- * PG- parent/guardian strongly suggested
- * G- general audience

It may be appropriate to prevent a six-year-old from seeing a movie that shows an insane person ripping off another man's head and shoving it down his throat, but should the same rules apply to a 16-year-old?

Some parents say the ratings sys-

tem is the best thing that's happened to the movie industry. Here's what one parent has to say:

"Some kids can't tell the difference between reality and fiction. The system... helps us (parents) to judge the movies our kids see."

DO TEENS KNOW WHAT'S REAL?

But teens don't think that parents should tell them what they can or can't see.

"They treat us like we don't understand a thing. It's not like we go out and do every thing we see on a movie screen," says a frustrated teen.

Even though we may not agree with the system, it's not here to ruin our fun. It's here to protect people who may not be able to handle what they see.

There may be a day when the age requirements to see an action packed flick drop. Until then, make sure you have your Video Time or Blockbuster card handy.

You're going to need it.

Love is not defined by race, age or gender

By Andrew Torres

Love... the word itself has many meanings and conjures up many mental pictures. To some, love is a good friend sharing a platonic relationship. To others, it is a boyfriend or a girlfriend.

What influences one's choices of love? Is it anything to do with society or standards? What about race? Or is it other people's views on sexual orientation? These all have a role...but should they be a consideration in someone's love life?

Older generations may think there is a guideline to love, one that states what type of person can date another based on superficial things like race, age, status, and sex. Sorry, but there is not.

All we have to go on is our emotions and what we feel or don't feel for a person. By basing a decision on feelings, we find something very special.

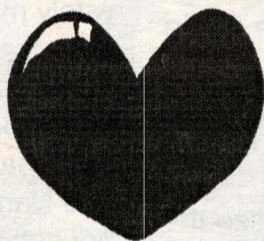
These days, many people date others of a different race. These couples have found love in someone without looking at

their skin color. In some places it is widely accepted, but in others, it is condemned. Is there substantial basis for this sort of prejudice?

Mixed race couples are not the only people that face rejection. Bigotry is also experienced by those in same-sex unions. Many say these pairs are "not right" or "immoral." Who are we to judge others or to condemn them for the way they feel?

Who we choose to spend our lives with shouldn't matter as long as there are common bonds and feelings. We shouldn't have to worry about the decisions we make.

The Constitution promises us "the pursuit of happiness" and, as long as we don't hurt anyone else, we should go for what we want.



Robbery leaves emotional scars

By Trinisha Walker

"Put the money in the bag and no one will get hurt," the guy demanded as the small piece of steel threatened to take my life.

The emotions that raced through my body were torn between fear and utter horror. My whole body began to feel numb. His eyes displayed an intensity I've never seen before.

It was on a December night, 1995. I was working the night shift when our location was robbed. If you've never experienced a robbery, hope it is something you never have to endure.

The total robbery took maybe ten minutes, but the scars left behind last a lifetime for the victims.

Just when I thought it was over, it began again; only this time the setting was much different. This time he was not in control; I was. The courtroom was the setting for the battles yet to come.

Now my feelings are turning into rage instead of fear. How can this guy turn my whole life upside down in just ten minutes? What right does he have to violate my right to be secure? But what I have asked myself over and over again was: why was this habitual criminal still allowed to walk the streets? This is just another example of how justice fails us.



STATUS makes a point

By Michelle Sproul

It's 11:39 P.M. and you're at a roaring Friday night bash. The room-shaking racket is loud enough to tilt the Richter Scale in California.

One of your plastered acquaintances realizes she has to be at work early the next morning...she staggers out the door, gets into her car and slowly pulls away.

You didn't know it at the time, but that was the last you would ever see of your friend. She drove under the influence and she caused not only her own death, but the deaths of two innocent children and the paralysis of their mother. Sad, isn't it?

Cheyenne has a club that is taking action to prevent disasters like these. It's called STATUS: Students Taking Action to Terminate Unlawful Substances.

STATUS doesn't run around snuffing out joints or arresting those "underage" adults with alcoholic beverages. They're more into providing "positive alternative activities" for teens who want to have some good, clean fun...Such as a cruise on the Desert Princess, camps and overnights, and it's all drug free!!!

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Durango captures more awards

By Rachael Fish

Spending two hours in a freezing convention room, then waiting another 40 hours to hear the contest results — this made some Durango student-journalists doubt their writing abilities.

At the recent Journalism Education Association/National Scholastic Press Association convention in San Francisco, three of Durango's six contest entries earned top awards, proving those worries were groundless.

"I was really surprised to win a Superior rating," says **Karen Cover**, "I never thought I would do that well. She was one of only 12 students to receive this highest-possible rating in the editorial-writing competition.

Sophomore **Aliza Robinson's** assignment was to write a news article on a press conference and ensuing discussion. She earned Honorable Mention.

Durango sophomore **Rachael Moser** took home the second highest award in the sports-writing category, an Excellent rating, for her article on Olympic runner Regina Jacobs.

Each school is allowed to enter only one student per contest, so four of the ten students attending were not able to compete. This didn't bother sophomore **Teresa Veradej**, however:

"I was really happy that the three won their awards," she says.

It seems everyone learned something at the conference.

"I learned all the little tidbits about the computer that my students wouldn't teach me," says Vicki Occhipinti, who chaperoned the group along with journalism adviser Alison

Gray.

"I learned that when 4,000 people cram into one hotel, it gets really crowded," says Moser.

Chrissy Varnado was impressed by the arrangements: "I thought San Francisco was fun...and the dances that were set up for us allowed us to meet people."

"Never hang a body part off a cable car," says **Stephanie Domakowski**, who learned this the hard way.

"Hotel fire alarms sound a lot like my beeper," observes **Emily Glazberg**, referring to the false alarm that sounded at 2:15 a.m.

Breaking Ranks: High School for the Future

Excerpts from an Editorial by Karen Cover

Faces blend into a blur as the school bell rings and 3,000 students rush to accept an impersonal education.

Has society forgotten that children are the future and the lifeblood of America?

"Breaking Ranks," a program proposed by a nationwide group of teachers and administrators will remind America of the importance of education.

The goal of *Breaking Ranks* is to personalize the system, to meet the needs of every student. Today, it is not uncommon for teachers not to remember student names...the "anonymous student syndrome."

One important area of personalization is student/teacher relationships. *Breaking Ranks* suggests shrinking the teacher's workload from the usual 160 to 90 students, to allow the teacher to focus more closely on each student.

Another excellent part of this proposal is to create a personalized learning plan for each student...to meet their needs, abilities and goals, and to allow students to work at their own pace.

It is clear to all of us, as high school students, that there is a grave problem with education today. However, with *Breaking Ranks*, America has sunny skies in its future as a highly competitive, intelligent country.

MOVIES

EMILY'S EVALUATION

A Movie Review by Emily Glazberg

The Birdcage

Robin Williams, the man whose zany characters have been entertaining people for nearly 20 years, is back in a less zany but equally funny film, "The Birdcage," a remake of the 1977 French comedy, "La Cage aux Folles."

Williams plays Armand, the gay owner of a nightclub called the Birdcage.

Armand and his longtime partner, Albert (Nathan Lane) have raised Armand's son, Val (Dan Futterman), the product of his one heterosexual experience, in a loving, if slightly dysfunctional, home. Armand's major concern in life is keeping Albert's alter-stage-persona, *Starina*, under control.

All goes well until Val announces he's engaged to Barbara Keeley, daughter of a conservative Republican senator (Gene Hackman). The Keeleys decide to visit Armand, who they believe is a cultural attache, and his wife (two-time Oscar winner Dianne Wiest).

What follows is a hilarious chain of events that include Albert masquerading as Val's housewifely mother in a most Barbara Bush-like manner.

Although the star power of the movie comes from seasoned screen veterans Williams and Hackman, the real performances come from Lane and Hank Azaria, who plays Agador, the faithful houseboy. Agador believes he is "the perfect combination of Lucy and Ricky Ricardo."

Christine Baransky of TV's "Cybill" and young stage actress Calista Flockhart co-star.



Durango hosts annual Foreign Language Fair

Reported by Aliza Robinson

The annual Foreign Language Fair took place at Durango on April 27, celebrating the diverse cultures of the world. Among these were Spanish, French and Japanese, all languages taught at Durango, as well as Italian, Latin and German.

Fair activities included games associated with these cultures; 50 food booths where visitors could sample typical foods; a display of paintings, maps, calendars and videos — all made by students as extracurricular projects; and performances of songs and poetry as well as cooking demonstrations, all relating to the foreign language represented.

Information was also provided about UNLV's foreign language departments.

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Ama Nyamekye is 'culture queen'

By Summer Ostlund

The immediate impression of **Ama Nyamekye** is a not-so-serious girl whom you'd find "tuned out" much of the time. Upon deeper inspection, though, it's apparent that she knows much more about life than she likes to let on.

A sophomore at Bonanza, Ama spent her first six years in Papua, New Guinea, an island off the northern coast of Australia. Her backyard was a rain forest, complete with the native "Mudmen" who cover themselves (you guessed it) with mud. Living with a diverse cultures, Ama finds "beauty in their differences." When she was six, she moved to North Carolina and then to California and finally to Las Vegas.

At Bonanza, she single-handedly wrote and directed this year's Black History show. Instead of the usual program about slavery and segregation, Ama chose instead to enlighten her audience "about a culture that is often forgotten in history classes." The ideal school, in her opinion, would give equal representation to every culture.

Ama has participated in choir and theatre since her freshman year. For the first semester of this year, she was in the advanced singing group, Madrigals, but had to leave because of scheduling conflicts.

With her love for theatre, Ama has an even greater passion for writing. She has been writing plays since 6th grade. "I find for a moment you become somebody else... the master of your fate," she says.

Ama has written seven plays and often uses herself as the mold for characters. In her one-act musical "Musically Correct," the main character is a little girl, misunderstood by her family and teachers, who escapes through imaginary friends. As a child, Ama says, she was "really strange"...that she, too, lived in an imaginary world.

Ama can picture herself as nothing other than a "poor but ambitious playwright/waitress" in ten years. When asked where her passion comes from, she says,

"A friend once told me 'the people we meet, whether they're friends, enemies, or lovers, leave lasting impressions...' Some people sing about them, others act them out, and I write about them."



Ama

New coach 'out for change'

By Jimmy Cavaretta

Nick Butera was recently named Head Coach of the Bengal Varsity Football Team, replacing Coach Rick Traasdahl.



Cavaretta

Butera says he is out for change. His main goal will be to get the student body more involved. He also says that Bengals will see some changes made to the field and stadium itself.

For the football team, Butera will bring his own plan of attack. On offense he will run more different sets, such as two offset-backs in the backfield, and even the single-back set. The defense will see more differences in formation, too.

"One of our greatest assets is going to be the returning big offensive line," he says. He is also looking forward to the return of running back **Robert Thomas**. One problem remains however, he has not yet found a quarterback.

Thespians present rollicking comedy

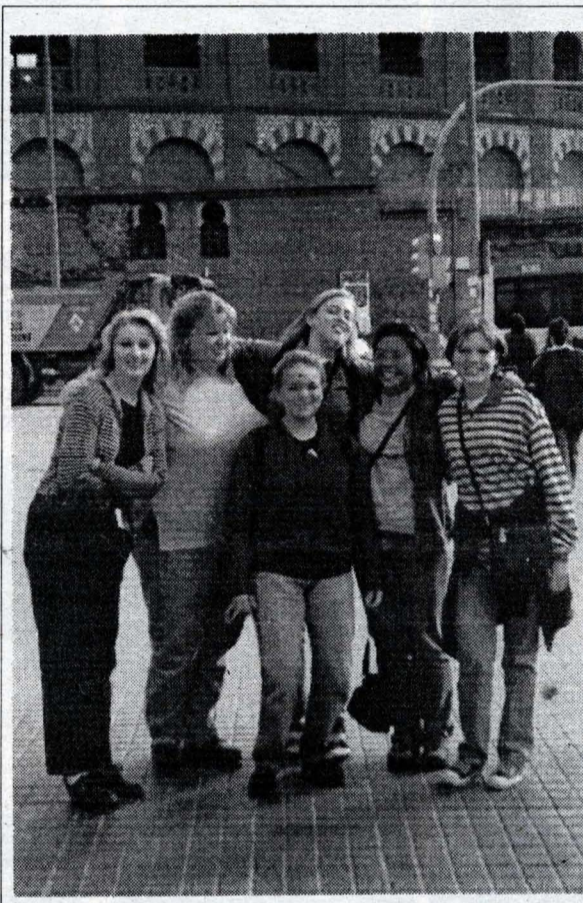
The Man Who Came to Dinner, a hilarious comedy with an intricate story line, was Bonanza's spring play.

An interesting twist to the show was the addition of Bonanza faculty to the cast. Imagine: a favorite teacher portraying a paroled convict!

Principal members of the large cast were **Jennifer Marsala, Summer**

Ostlund, K.C. Wells, Rick Jost, Selima Kimball, and Brandon Dooley.

Other cast members included **Holly Hutchison, Aaron Huntsman, Michelle Rushforth, Ama Nyamekye, Steve Chambers, Rachel Marston, Maria Merten, Mark Henderson, Brigg Owens, Tru Ives, Scott Epstein, Damien Raney, Andy Kaempfer, Ken Nelsen, and Matt Wall.**



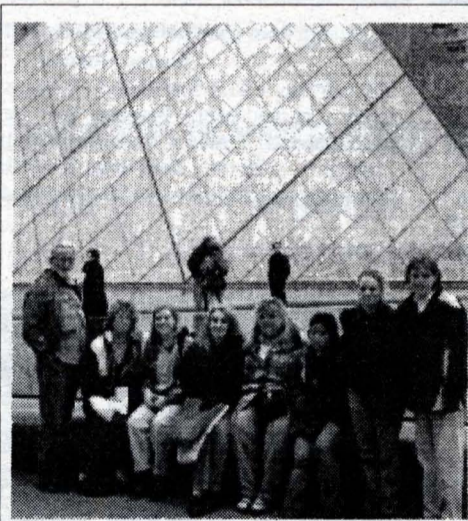
Olé and Bonjour!

Six seniors from Bonanza headed for Spain and France over Spring Break. Shown above: the group stands in front of their hotel, just across from the main bullring in Barcelona, before starting off for a quick walking tour of the Gothic Quarter, the oldest part of the city.

Making the trip with teachers Gene and Susan Wright are (left to right) **Kristy Bell, Rachelle Whetten, Sannon Parry, Jessica Ogawa, Eryn Ohlson**, and in front, **Rachel Land**.

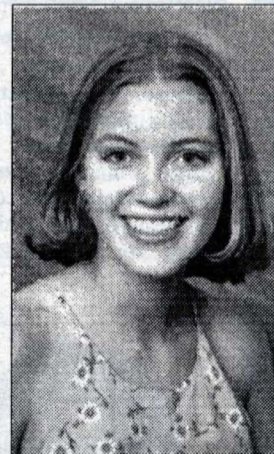
The students traveled by bus to Nimes and Avignon in Provence, France, and then to Paris on the TGV — a train that travels at 160 mph. Summing up the feelings of the group, Shannon says,

"It was all so beautiful and exciting, and traveling with the Wrights was the best part because they know all the best places to go and the most interesting things to see."



But did they see Mona Lisa?

On a cold and windy day, the group stopped in front of the glass pyramid before touring the Louvre Museum in Paris. Above, from left: Journalism and year book teachers **Gene Wright** and **Susan Wright**; students **Shannon Parry, Kristy Bell, Rachelle Whetten, Jessica Ogawa, Rachel Land** and **Eryn Ohlson**.

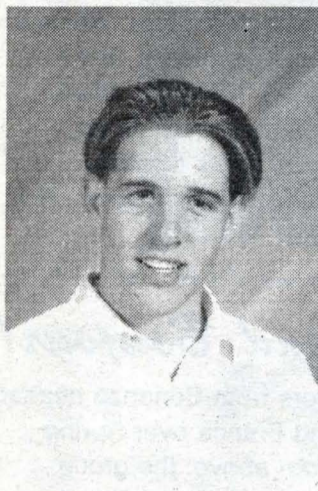


Torchy Seniors

Seniors **Suzanne Collins** (left) and **Paris Petersen** had the singular honor of being two of the 1996 Olympic Torch Relay escort runners. Petersen and Collins accompanied an Olympic Torchbearer for 5 kilometers in the Las Vegas portion of the run to Atlanta.

The announcement was made in a letter from Coca Cola, one of the Olympic sponsors. It said: "This is a unique honor and you should be very proud of the accomplishments on which your selection was based."

On this page we honor the young journalists identified by their journalism advisors as The Most Valuable Newspaper Staff Member of the 1995-96 school year. We salute and thank them for their contributions to **CLASS!**



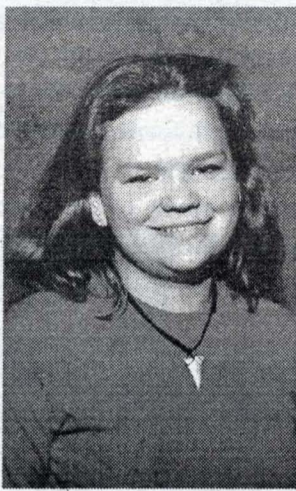
Eric Petty (junior)
A-Tech

Advisor Robbie Thompson-Dunn says Eric "has worked harder than ANYONE" on the newspaper during this "virgin year" for the A-Tech program.



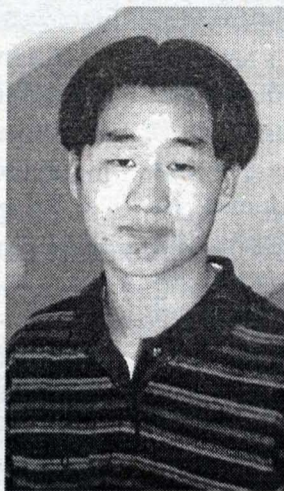
Brenda Feldhouse (senior)
Basic

Advisor Jennifer Williamson says Brenda has the ability to "bring it all together...always putting in extra time to make sure we meet our deadlines." She has worked for two years on the paper



Rachel Land (senior)
Bonanza

Advisor Gene Wright says Rachel is "dedicated to both newspaper and yearbook—above and beyond," spending hours after the normal school day. She has worked on the paper for two years.



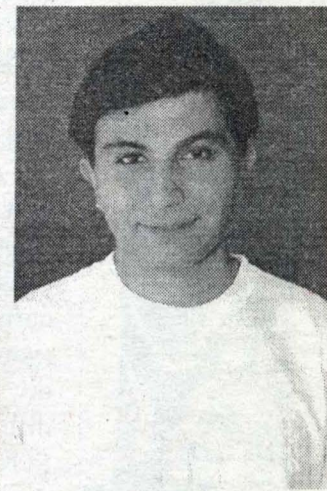
Richard Park (senior)
Chaparral

Advisor Regina Roybal says Richard worked hard to improve the layout and content...is a dedicated reporter...making sure they put out a quality paper...participating for three years.



Carrie DeSouza
Cheyenne

Advisor Vickie Swanson says Carrie has "literally run the paper this year. Carrie has been involved with the school paper for three years.



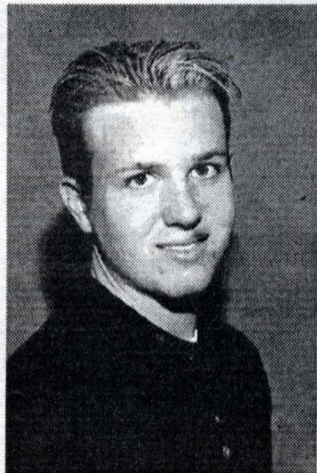
Paul Moradkhan (senior)
Clark

Advisor Teri Hill says "Paul's dedication is phenomenal; he stuck through the rough times and turned the paper around for the better." Paul has logged four years in contributing to Clark's newspaper.



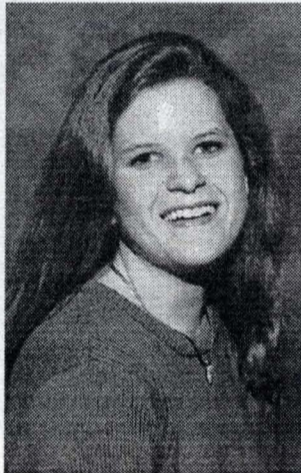
Karen Cover (senior)
Durango

Advisor Alison Gray says Karen organized and instructed Journalism I students in writing and production of their magazine "in a respectful and mature manner" She has worked on the paper 3 years.



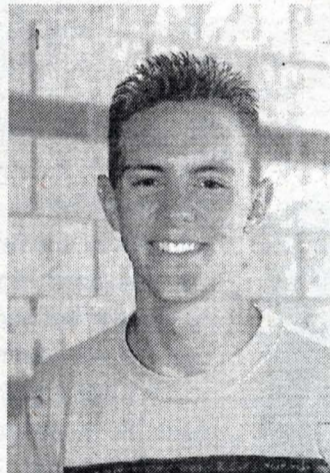
Lee Tone (senior)
Eldorado

Advisor Kim Demeny says "Lee is instrumental in the day-to-day functioning of the paper...a talented writer and a whiz on PageMaker...couldn't do the paper without him." He worked on the paper 2 years.



Leigh Ann Caldwell and Molly Raftery (seniors)
Bishop Gorman

Advisor Laurie Crawford and editor Adam Candee nominated Leigh Ann and Molly because "they have resurrected the [newspaper's] features page, turning it into one of the highlights...with their fresh ideas and solid research." Leigh Ann has worked on the paper for two years and Raftery for one.



Paul Dodge (senior)
Green Valley

Advisor Jackie Carducci says Paul has dedication, writing ability & computer knowledge, never quitting until the job is done...keeping high grades and producing an award-winning paper. On the staff 2 years.



Sybrina Bernabei (senior)
Las Vegas Academy

Advisor Carol Medcalf applauds Sybrina for dedication..."She continually works to better student publications...much of our paper's success is due to her efforts. On the staff 2 years.



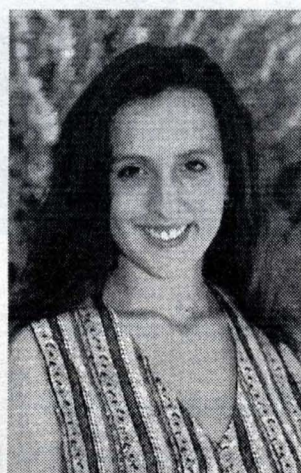
Monett Haley (senior)
Las Vegas High

Advisor Colette Welsing says Monett is an exemplary writer, outstanding student, a leader in every sense of the word. Monette has been editor of the school paper for two of her four years on staff



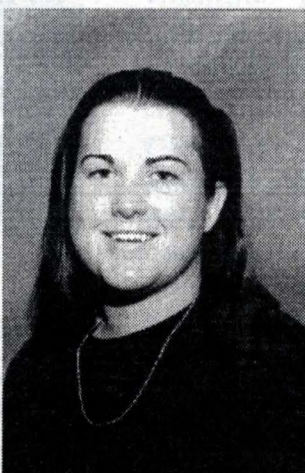
Isaac Blumbert (soph.)
The Meadows School

Advisor Judi Hale says "Isaac's enthusiasm has been an asset in the newspaper's first year...enthusiastically volunteered for all types of stories. Isaac was nominated by vote of the newspaper staff.



Holley Alford (senior)
Rancho

Advisor Sheryl Brewer says editor Holley maintains enthusiasm all year, stays on top of staff members to meet deadlines and improve quality of writing. She has been on the newspaper 3 years.



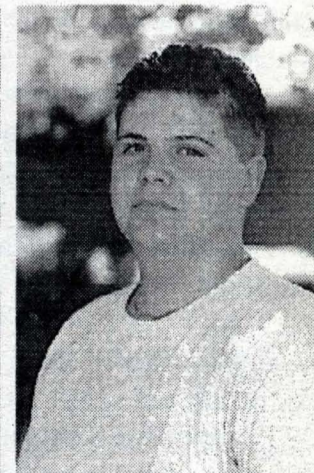
Devon Jean (senior)
Silverado

Advisor Daphne Grabovoi says that talented Devon is not only the Photography editor, but an excellent award-winning writer. Devon worked 2 years on the school paper and intered for CLASS!



Nicole Chenoweth (soph)
VoTech

Acting Advisor Jeri Amblad says Nicole is "a staff member of all trades...reporter, editor, typist, etc....who dedicated herself to journalism when it became a club instead of a class this year.



Jason King (junior)
Valley

Advisor Karen Vaughan says Jason is an asset to the school paper: "when things were left undone, Jason would pick up the ball." He also made sure copy for CLASS! was on time. Jason has been on the paper 2 years.

Should Religion be Part of the School Day? A Debate

'Religion belongs at home and in places of worship'

By Peggy Berger, Cimarron-Memorial



School and education have definitely changed throughout the years, including the part religion plays. It wasn't so long ago when religion was part of the school day.

The 30 seconds of silence students know today were part of the religious instruction that was once used. Students had the option to attend a class in one of the chosen religions.

With so many religions, it is hard to acknowledge them all. People have enough to fight over; religion does not need to be added. There would be too much controversy over the different beliefs.

It should not matter what religion someone is as long as they are a nice person. Just

because they may be religious does not necessarily make them a good person. A person should not be judged on his/her religion and what they believe about God.

Children should learn about their religion's beliefs and holidays from their parents...[or] they could take part in a temple or church [or]...attend a private school.

Students come to school to get an education, not to learn about their religion. This is what temples and churches are for. Let each do what it is meant to do.

There is rarely an equal number of people in each religion in school, so why should the less populated religions be left out? It is not fair to single out a group of people in that way. Students feel differently about religion in school...it is better left at home and in places of worship.

Religion in school can answer student questions

By Tiffany Porter, Cimarron-Memorial

During the mid-1800's students in Cincinnati, Ohio routinely read passages from the Bible in public schools. When parents challenged the Cincinnati Board of Education, however, the religious practices were stopped.

This controversy was known as the "Bible Wars." Since this time, religious practices have been taken out of all public schools.

Students should know about others' cultural backgrounds and beliefs, and that includes religion...[to] help people better understand why some people do what they do. Students should be allowed to practice whatever religion they want to, but they should not criticize others.

Having religion in schools will better inform the students about the different religions in the world and...they would better understand each other.

Many students have questions about others' religions that parents can't or don't want to answer. If religion was allowed in schools today, these questions could be reduced. Many people criticize because they don't understand or know. If religion was taught, they would have an understanding of other religions, and not just their own.

The [School Board] should provide a class that teaches all different types of religions. This class would teach only the beliefs of the different religions, and it would not include the opinion of the teacher teaching the class. This would solve many problems that are involved with religious practices today.



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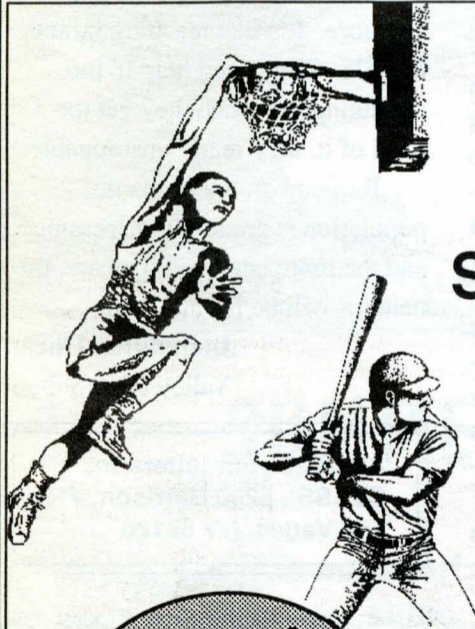
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Dear Concerned Student,
This is in response to your recent letter to CLASS!



Corrington

You stated that by having a Hispanic section, all the other cultures would want special treatment, too, and [because] we all live in America, we should all speak English.

You have definitely been misled. People should be in touch with their heritage and express it to others. You said [*Diganos*] causes more racism and separation; comments like yours are what cause that.

This is America; all people are created equal and have freedom of speech. [Do you believe] they are allowed to have this right only as long as it is English they are speaking or writing?

At [Valley] we have a multi-cultural newspaper that educates ignorant people... It gives every ethnic group a chance to speak out. You should have more of an open mind before you speak out to others on any such issue...[and] educate yourself first.

Shannon Corrington
Valley High School

Dear Student at Western High,

I strongly believe that special treatment should not be given to a specific race, like you mention in the most recent issue of CLASS!

I think that when you are living in America you should respect their beliefs like the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. I don't mean trying to adapt their religious beliefs. All races could practice their religious beliefs, but when specific races ask for their own section in the newspaper...that's going to add to the problem of segregation and favoritism.

America is a free country, but there are a lot of other races out there. If we start a section for Spanish, then we will surely start more than a racial problem, because there are lots of other languages used in America beside Spanish.

We definitely need to put a stop to all this treatment. I know Spanish is the second language in America, but there are more languages spoken in the school than Spanish. If we are going to learn to get along, we all need to try to speak together in one language, which is English.

No Name
Valley High School

Normally, CLASS! would not print an anonymous letter. However, the new Spanish-language section, DIGANOS ("TELL US") has generated much comment. On this page are excerpts written by students in response to the letter from "Anonymous" at Western High:

Dear Editor

In the most recent issue of CLASS! there was a section written for Hispanic students...entirely written in Spanish.

With all the racism going on in the community, why should we set aside a section in a newspaper that covers high schools around the district to segregate the races even more?

We all live in an American society. If they want to be considered part of the community so badly, why should there be exceptions made to segregate the races even more? If they can claim themselves as Americans, why can't they speak and read the language of Americans?

By requesting a special section for themselves, they are adding to the problem of segregation and favoritism.

What will be next? A section set aside for Chinese people, Japanese people, Koreans, Germans, French people? Where will it end? Each time something is done for one specific group, there will be another group

wanting the same special treatment.

With every group complaining, there will only be more racial problems. Before anyone realizes what is going on, there will already be so much discrimination in the schools that it will be too late to turn back.

We need to put a stop to all this special treatment before it goes too far.

Either take out the section or give every other language a section of their own. It would only be fair. Remember, Spanish isn't the only other language used to communicate around the schools.

How are you going to handle covering each of the schools, making special sections for every different language used? You need to think about what you are getting yourselves into.

Anonymous...concerned student at Western High School

[Editor's note: The DIGANOS section was not requested by any Hispanic group. Nearly 17% of all CCSD students are Hispanic and are eagerly learning English as a second language.]

To "Anonymous" at Western High School:

Segregation is, indeed, a great problem we face in this community. In my opinion, its main cause is ignorance. Without knowing the differences among various racial groups, how can we work with them...?

You spoke of the so-called "Language of Americans" without realizing what you have said. America is not

made up of one country, but two continents. Throughout America we find many distinct customs and languages.

Although I know you [meant] the United States, you are still wrong. Even here, we are referred to as the Melting Pot of the World and differences are expected.

As for Hispanics wanting to represent

themselves in their own language, they, just as we do, have the right to Freedom of Expression. I don't believe that their reason for wanting their own section is that they cannot speak or read the language, but that they want to show their pride and express themselves differently.

Diana Gallegos
Valley High



Duran

To Concerned:

It is obvious that segregation in the community is a big concern to you. Perhaps, it

would be best if

CLASS! had sections for other nationalities, as you insisted. However, until these other nationalities show some interest in writing, I strongly approve of the *Diganos* section in CLASS!

It is not "segregating the race even more" like you said. It's not that they can't speak or read your so called "Language of Americans." However...with the *Diganos* section...Hispanic students use their ideas along with their opinions on the same issues that interest you.

Why complain about the language? Even if you don't understand it...information is being sent and that is what journalism is all about.

Some people have interest in helping others succeed in a country that doesn't accept immigrants anymore. It's like teaching infants to walk. They need help in the beginning, but once they get the hang of it, they're unstoppable.

Remember, the Hispanic population is gradually increasing and the more educated they are, the better it will be for all of us.

Jhonnattan Duran
Valley High School

**Address your letters to:
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About youth, age & relationships

This letter is in response to the article "Guys just leave those kiddies alone," written by Laura Henderson in the February issue.

As I read Laura's article to a friend of mine, we thought of just how rude it was of Laura to judge all men age 24 or older to be desperate and immature if their girlfriends are 17 or 18 years old.

I agree that it is not right for a 15-year-old to go out and have sex with a 23-year-old ... because in Nevada the girl is not of legal age yet. But whose right is it to say you are too young or too old for one another?

One thing all people need to realize is that love comes in all shapes and sizes as well as many different age levels. It was not right for Laura to

judge all men by the actions of the one 25-year-old man in the store.

My fiance, Steve, who is 25 and I, 17, have a beautiful and loving relationship...We talk openly and we work constantly on building our relationship and making it stronger.

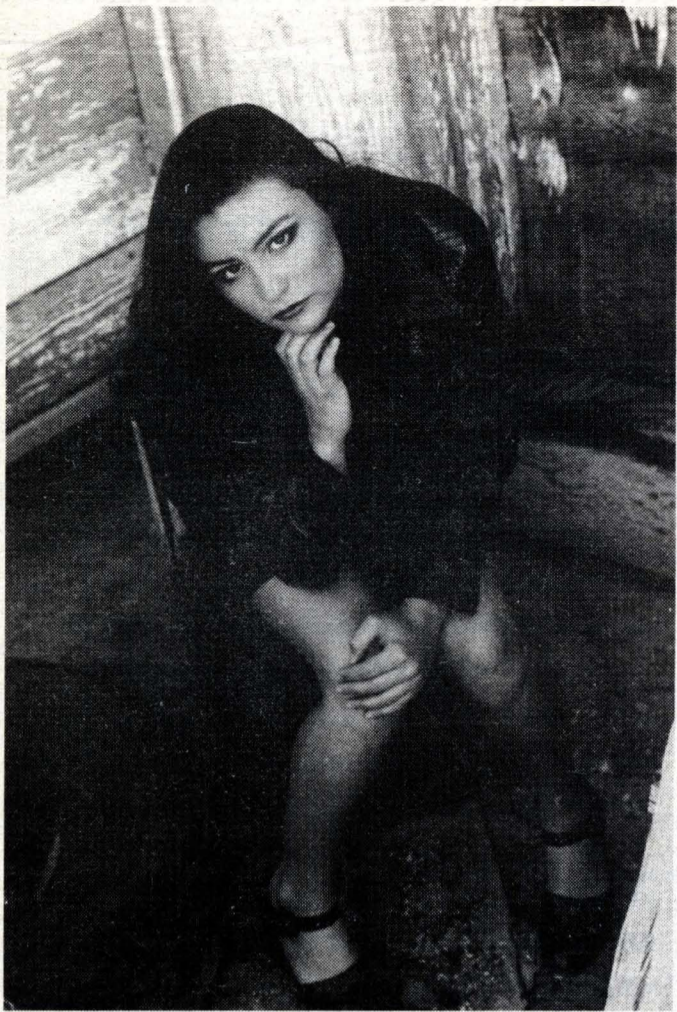
I feel that no matter what age...if both parties agree with the arrangement...unless you are God, you have no real power to judge who or what is right and what is wrong.

In the end, if a relationship does not work out, it will eventually work itself to a close.

Remember, "Love is blind to all but pain." So, regardless of age, race, or size if it was meant to be nothing can stop it.

Cynthia Kenner, Valley High School





Girl in a hurry

She's 16 years old. She works fulltime for a photographer, does some modelling and she will graduate from high school on June 3.

A day in the life of **Natalie Davis** comes very close to perpetual motion, but that's how she likes it.

"I get bored...I want to move faster," she says. That's why Natalie chose to attend Horizon Satellite Independent Study. Just this school year, she earned 10 credits, which puts her over the top for graduation. (Traditional school students earn six credits in that period of time.)

The Independent Study (I.S.) program was created last fall for students who are working or who fell behind in their schoolwork because they couldn't attend traditional classes for some reason (such as illness).

GETTING ON WITH YOUR LIFE

But Independent Study also works well for teenagers who really want to get on with their lives, as Natalie does, and are mature enough to handle it — Natalie fits that description, too.

"What some students don't realize is that while they might attend class only once a week, it takes *twenty* hours a week of working at home," explains Frank Mitchell, I.S. counselor. "That's the meaning of *Independent Study*." About 100 students are in this program, which is housed in the Adult Education Center on East St. Louis.

"I really like that school," Natalie says. "Everyone is nice to each other, no one's rude...there are no discipline problems, so the teacher doesn't have to take time from teaching to deal with kids."

She's in a hurry to get into college but doesn't know where yet or even what she'll major in. Until then, she'll continue as an assistant to photographer Mark Lewis (his work can be seen almost monthly in **CLASS!**) and she'll go in front of the camera when time allows. *Time? What time?*

Local students to perform in China

Student performers from local high schools are China-bound this summer as part of the second Las Vegas International Youth Exchange.

The group includes vocalist/dancers **Sara Hagen**, Cimarron-Memorial and **Rochelle Surette**, Clark High; the others are from the Las Vegas Academy:

Dancers **Rachel Benke**, **Dawn Carroll** and **Brook Valle**; band members **Don Mayall** and **Ryan Pardey**, pianist **Lisa Maresch**, and technician **Jason Wilson**.

The LVA vocalist/dancers are **Mary Ellis**, **Kelly Fotheringham**, **Jared Haddock**, **Norina Henderson**, **Jamie Howard**, **Lyndsey Hugins**, **Chris Ingenthron**, **Adam Kaokept**, **Terry Mickelson**, **Tiui Rebane**, **Joanna Russell**, and **Chris Schreiner**.

The students will do 90-minute performances called "Dream Train U.S.A." — representing five areas of our country: Broadway show tunes, country music, Disney/Florida movie music, jazz for New Orleans and movie themes for Hollywood.

Between performances in Shanghai, Beijing, Suzhou and Hangzhou, the group will tour schools and historical sites and will spend time with Chinese families.

In exchange, a group of Chinese students will visit Las Vegas in October to perform and tour the area.

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To raise funds for the China tour, **Dream Train U.S.A.** will be previewed for Las Vegas audiences:

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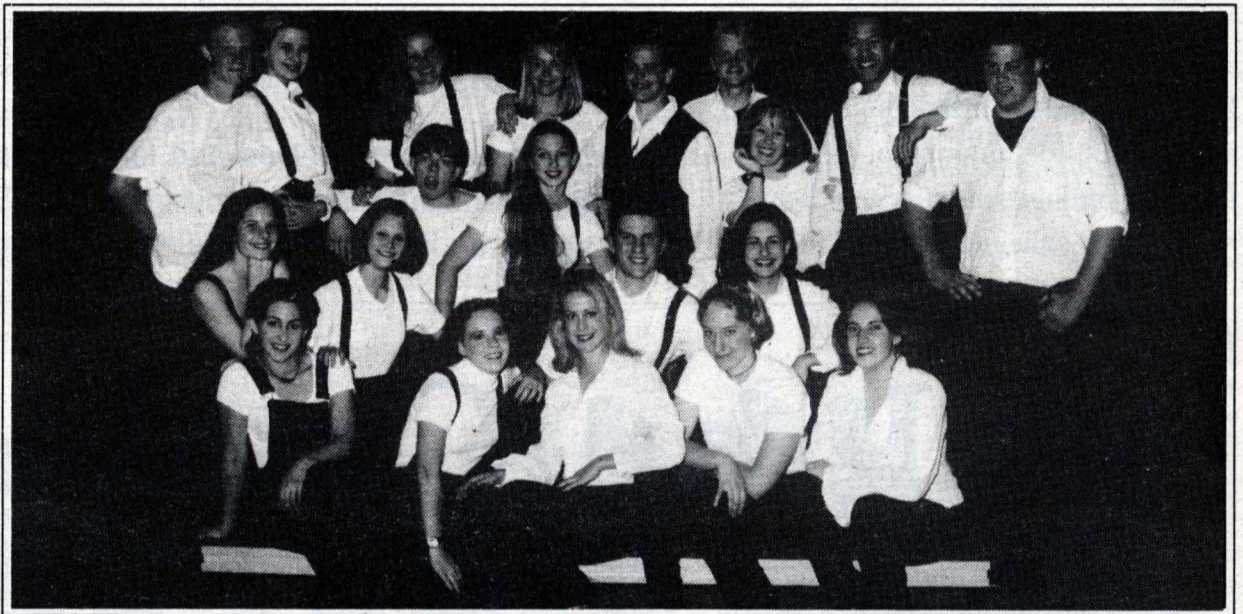
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Ticket prices: \$5 to \$25
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BELOW: Students from local high schools prepare to perform in China this summer as part of the International Youth Exchange Program



Planet Hollywood chef discovers Hopp

It was only a matter of getting elbow-deep in Captain Crunch and splattering some oil — next thing you know, Planet Hollywood hires **Richard Hopp**, a Cimarron-Memorial student. Here's how it happened.

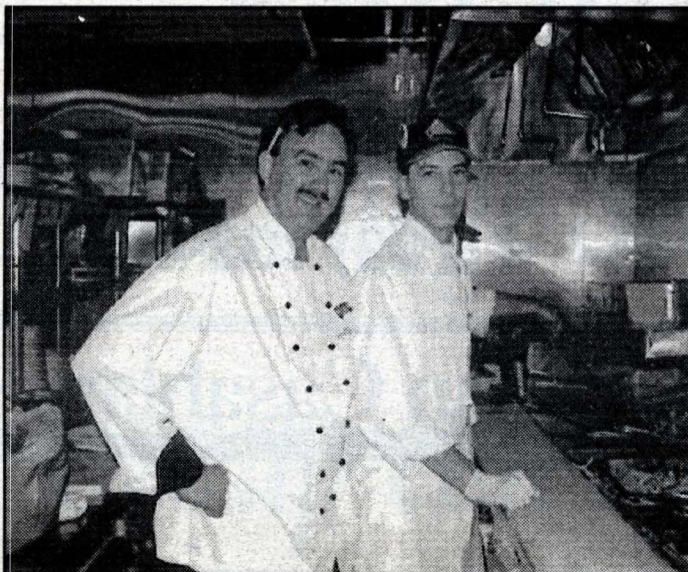
A food and nutrition class at CMHS invited Planet Hollywood's executive chef to give a cooking demonstration at the school. Chef Rick Griffen whipped up a

luncheon of chicken and pasta. Not just ordinary chicken, but the Planet's special kind that's coated with the cereal.

Somehow, Hopp joined Griffen at the stove as a "helper." Never mind the spilled oil and other small non-chef accidents. The 16-year-old student knew he wanted a career in the food industry — and *had* known since he was nine.

Apparently, Hopp's vision is so clearly focused that the Planet Hollywood chef hired Hopp just a few days after their gig at the school. Hopp has been taking culinary classes at ATTC to help him reach his goal in record time.

Not too long ago, Hopp's idea was to be a computer programmer, but that proved to be a snoozer. Then he tried a baking class. End of story.



LEFT: Cimarron-Memorial student **Richard Hopp** (right) was hired by Rick Griffen, executive chef of Planet Hollywood, after "helping" Griffen with a cooking demonstration at the school recently.

Green Valley gains recognition in national magazine

By Nicole Brende (below)

Gator Girls hungry for 1st State title

Reported by Jill Anderson

The Gator Girls Softball Team began a quest for their first state championship. [The Zone competition was held May 8, but results were not available by press time. State will be held May 16-18 at Cheyenne High.]

"The team has really been coming together," says coach Davis. "Their enthusiasm and cohesiveness has paid off for them."

Of the 15 girls, nine are returning Varsity players. There is no designated captain in softball. Players **Terra Pope** and **Crissy Buck** take it upon themselves to encourage everyone. Buck, according to the coach, is "heavily recruited for collegiate softball."



Redbook's fifth annual search for America's Best Schools resulted in GreenValley's being named one of the top 51 high schools in the country and the outstanding school in Nevada. This was announced in the April edition of the national magazine.

Redbook's education experts judged in two divisions: best in state and best in six particular categories.

"It may sound conceited, but [Green Valley] is deserving," says principal Carroll Johnston. "We have a great student body, an excellent staff and parental support."

PARENTS GET INVOLVED

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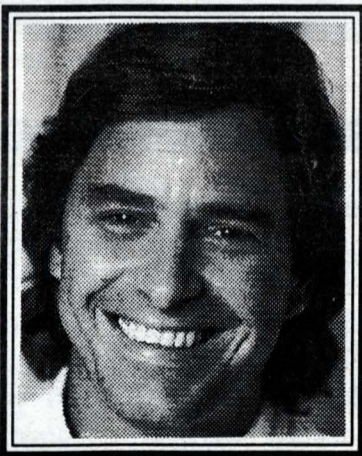
"It's an indescribable feeling when you walk onto the playing field and all your competitors are looking up to you," says **Molly Sullivan**, a GVHS swimmer.

Not only does Green Valley prove its excellence in athletics, but through academics as well. Our school exemplifies the standards of student achievement through high test scores and, with over 150 clubs and extracurricular activities, students can expand their social life as well.

Green Valley received plaques from Redbook Magazine and the Clark County School District, and a Senatorial recognition.

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The Scholarship Shuffle: How to Win

By Greta Erbe (below)



Many 1996-97 students find themselves on the road to college...and college isn't cheap. That's why scholarships were created, right?

What are they, where are they, and

how can students get these scholarships?

Adults say, "There are so many scholarships out there...even ones for left-handed people!" While this may be true, finding out about scholarships isn't quite so easy.

Academics, athletics and performing arts are the most common scholarships available. Requirements for academic scholarships include having a particular GPA, excelling in certain subjects, or meeting a given score on the SAT or ACT tests.

"Scholarships take a lot of pressure off the student and parent," says senior **Trevor Jenson**. "I'm really glad I received one." Jenson accepted a full ride to BYU, also received a half scholarship to the University of Utah, and won an international award of \$11,000 that could be used at any of six schools in Europe.

Athletic scholarships are offered for all sports, to men and women, and it often depends on students being in the right place at the right time.

Senior **Carron Allen** comments on her track scholarship to Georgetown University: "I'm excited...all the hard work and training during high school really paid off."

Scholarships aren't just for the "Model A" perfect student; they're available for many specific conditions — perhaps what

the student plans to major in, or his or her ethnic background, or the desire to join a fraternity or sorority. These scholarships are out there; students just have to do a little digging.

The school's College and Career Center is very helpful, not only for choosing colleges and scholarships to pursue. It also offers video tapes, books, catalogs and information from alumni and current students. Juniors and seniors should visit several times a year.

The GVHS GatorAid tells what scholarships are available during that month, their deadlines, and what students need to do.

With scholarships, planning is the name of the game. You can keep things organized if you prepare a calendar to chart application deadlines, to count down the days you have to prepare for the SAT or ACT. Some students keep a separate folder for each scholarship.

If you start early, plan carefully, and stay dedicated to winning scholarships, paying for college should be no problem.

Golfers eye State Reported by Robert Thomas

The GVHS golf team was ready for Zone and State titles. [At the time of this writing, the May 9 Zone competition had not been held. If Green Valley wins at Zone, the team will head for State on May 17 at the Sunrise Country Club.]

Bonanza presents a threat. After 60 straight wins, the Bonanza Bangles ended the Gators' winning streak, but GVHS senior **Russel Nygard** predicts a win. Another threat comes from a Reno school.

"This is one of the strongest teams we've had and if anyone is capable...it's us," says sophomore **Avi Khitri**.

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Gators want 4th straight title

The Gator Baseball Team has endured another long season in its quest for state championship. With a victory over Basic, in which senior **Nick Day** hit three home runs, the Gators had a record of 20-2 as of this report. If the Gators can win the remaining division games, they'll receive a bye in the first round of Zone [which was played May 9 — the state tournament is set for May 16-18 in Reno].

Shortstop **Bobby Pierce** says, "We're playing tough as a team and, if we stay focused, we can keep winning." And pitcher **Ian Jones** says "Our chances are very good."

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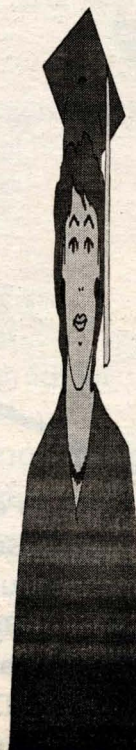
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Winners in the 29th Annual Photo Contest sponsored by the Clark County School District are shown here. The competition was coordinated by the CCSD Public Information Office.

First-Place winners from high schools (and one middle school) are shown here.

The High School Best of Show entry, *Friends for Life*, earned photographer John Cochrane of Indian Springs earned photographer John Cochrane of Indian Springs \$100 plus a \$50 gift certificate.



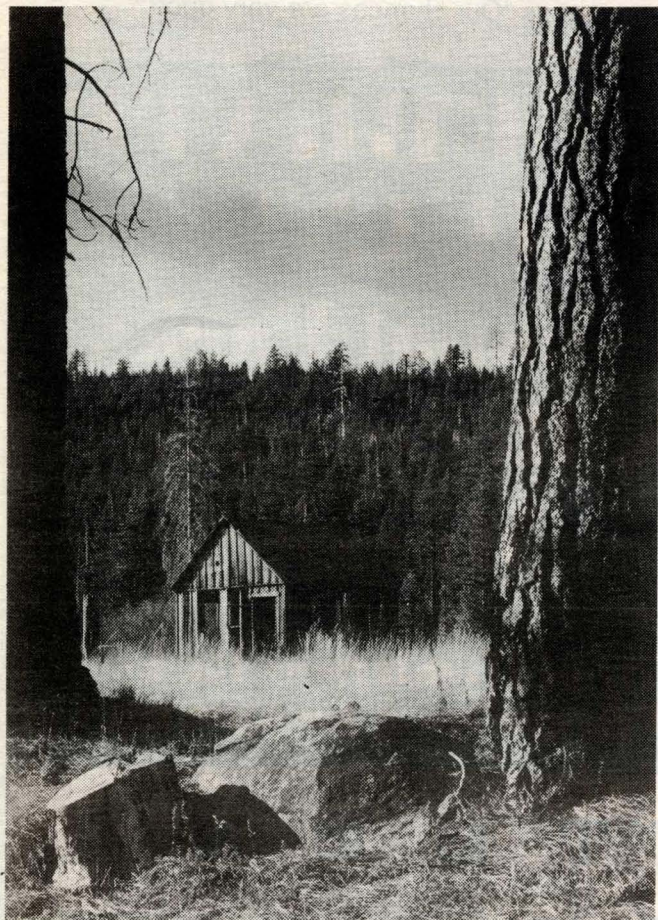
WHAT'S MISSING ON THIS PAGE?

The winning photo *Broccoli Orchard* by **Eric Stay** of Greenspun Middle School (heading to high school next year). His work got lost in production, but will run in the September issue of CLASS! Apologies to Eric!

LEFT: Best of Show - *Friends for Life* by **John Cochrane**, Indian Springs High School. (Both Second and Third Place awards in the Landscape division went to **Michelle Scheffer** of Durango High School.)

BELOW: The Judges' Choice Award was given to *Seagul* by **Jennelle Drayer**, Durango High School.

All category winners are on display at the Lied Discovery Museum through July 6.

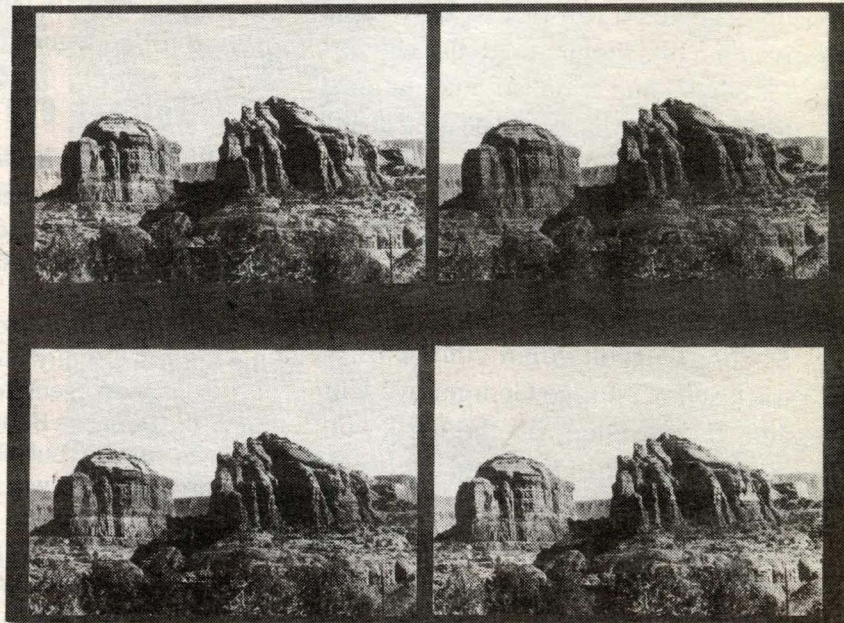


ABOVE: **Jeremy Saunders** of Eldorado High won in the Color category with his *Sour Dough Mansion* entry.

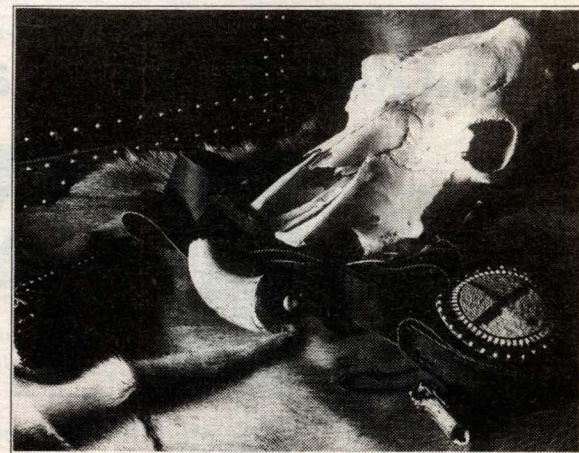
RIGHT: In the Sports category, *Trop Banks* took first place, the work of **Jeff Shaw**, Durango High.

BELOW: **Michelle Scheffer's** entry, *Flaw*, took top honors in the Architectural category

BELOW RIGHT: The winner in the Experimental/Digital category was *Technicolor Nightmare* by **Robert Juergens** of the Las Vegas Academy. Sorry we couldn't show it in real color! Each photo in the series became increasingly vivid as color bands were added to the vista.



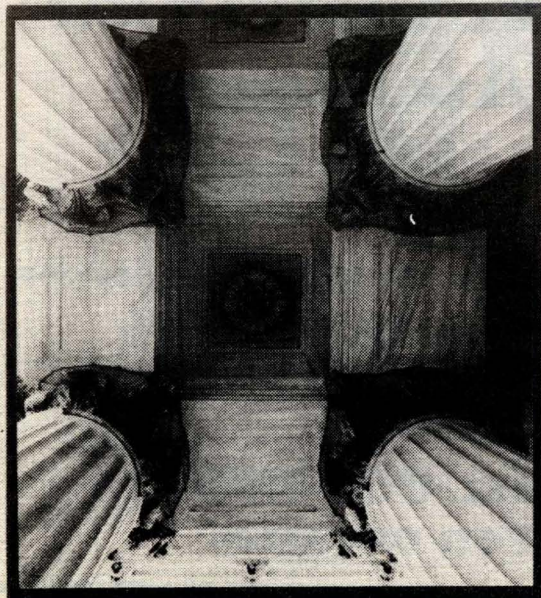
RIGHT: *Pioneer Gear* by **Heidi Stewart** of Las Vegas Academy won First Place in the Unclassified category.



RUNNERS UP:

People: **Ruth Bobo** and **Agueda Formosa** (both Durango); Landscape: **Scotty Schlehlein** (Boulder City) and **Mary Southerland** (Durango); Architectural: **April Guinn** and **Mary Southerland** (both Durango); Animals: **Kelly Ratner** and **Jessica Humble** (both Durango); Experimental: **Michelle Holland** and **Christopher Ungaro** (both Durango); Unclassified: **Agueda Formoso** (Durango) and **Fabiola Valle** (L.V. Academy); Color: **Brian Moynihan** (Boulder City) and **Jeremy Saunders**, Eldorado.

Special thanks to Geri Kodey, school district photographer, for coordinating this feature.



Valley students really dig those mines!

By Emmanuella Cherisma



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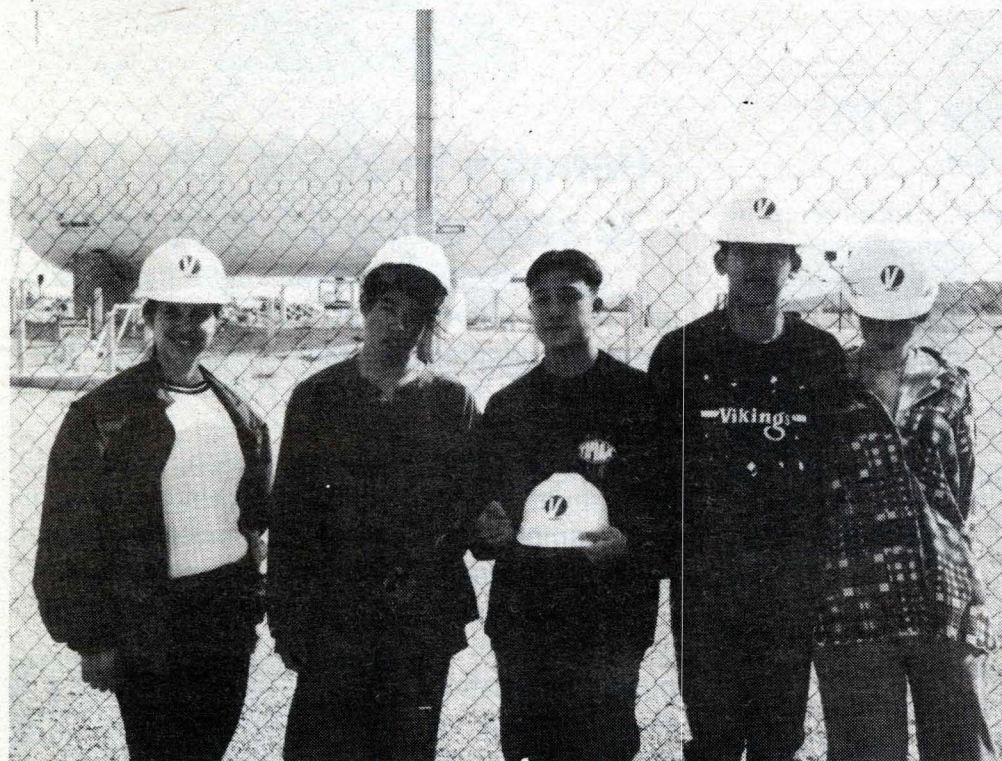
Chemistry and Physics students from Valley High School were invited by Mackay School of Mines in Reno to visit the Castle Mountain Gold mine near Searchlight to learn about mining careers.

The Mackay School, part of the University of Nevada, Reno, is looking for students who are interested in careers in mining. Scholarships are available for qualified students.

Valley students visited all aspects of the mining operation, including planning, production, gold processing and environmental reclamation. The students saw the open pit operation and a gold pour and also how the mine is

reclaiming the land and preventing pollution. The mining operation has become environmentally conscious. Nets are spread over the leaching areas to keep the birds away from the cyanide poison.

Anyone interested in a mining career, watch for this trip next year. Juniors and Seniors are welcome.



Quarter-million-dollar hunk. Students visiting the Castle Mountain gold mine near Searchlight are holding an ingot (bar) of gold worth about \$250,000. Shown above are **Sup Suksangasophon, Gold Sangnanshua, Eddie Beaver, Keely Grant and Sharon Gold.**

Debate: not just a lot of talk, talk, talk!

By Lara Rose Cooper (Below)



"It's the most challenging thing that I have done in high school," says Junior Aron Karabel. What is he talking about? Why, debate, of course!

You might think that all you do in debate is argue, but that is not the half of it. You can choose from 14 different events, including policy debate, in which two people discuss Government policy; Lincoln-Douglas debate, in which students debate about morals and values; and interpretation events, in which students interpret plays or literature.

They also have platform speaking events, in which the students present speeches that they have written and memorized.

In Lincoln Douglas and Policy debate, you have to make a case. Sometimes this takes a student weeks or months...to gather evidence, do research, and create emotional appeal. Students present the case to a judge, and the judge decides who wins.

More than 45 students are in debate and they have won over 53 trophies this year, including a second-place in a sweepstakes from Southern Utah University.

The last debate meet of the year was district-wide. Here the best debaters in the state compete to see who will qualify for Nationals.

Representing Valley this year were: **Andres Ramirez, Diva Alem, Matt Schreiber, Shaun Gordon, Aron Karabel, Chris Ganier, Delaine Hadarly, Jasmine Pinon,** and newcomer **Lambert Landry.**

This is the largest team Valley has sent to districts in a long time. Hadarly, Ramirez, and Alem made it to district finals. Diva is an alternate to Nationals.

Freshman **Rosina Tafoya** says, "Debate is challenging, exciting, and really wonderful when you win because your hard work has paid off."

'Music Man' award

Reported by
Lara Rose Cooper

Band director Nathon McClendon has been named New Teacher of the Year for the Clark County School District.

Among his contributions are: forming the parent booster club, creating the Viking Horn band newsletter, designing new marching band uniforms, and organizing the Black History Celebration and the first annual Winter Fine Arts Day.

Antoine Fleming, band president, says that McClendon promised to put the band on a national scale.

(See MUSIC, page 37)

Valley celebrates 'Nevada's Pride'

By Jason King

Seniors Tasha Pittman and Andres Ramirez are the Valley High winners of the county-wide 1996 Nevada's Pride award.

Pittman is vice-president of the senior class, an active member of Student Council, and assistant editor of *Thor's Hammer*, the school newspaper. She plans to amajor in either broadcast or print journalism in college.

Tasha was also an active member of the team that made a presentation to First Interstate Bank, seeking (and winning) a grant to help establish *Spectrum*.

Ramires is a student leader on the Valley campus. He has natural leadership ability that is put to good use on the school forensics team. He consistently receives high scores in forensic meets. He is also active in Student Council, is a member of Junior Statesmen of America, and competes on the track team.

Andres has been taking a challenging college prep program of honors classes. He will graduate in the top five percent of his class. Andre has received scholarship offers from Georgetown and Yale Universities.

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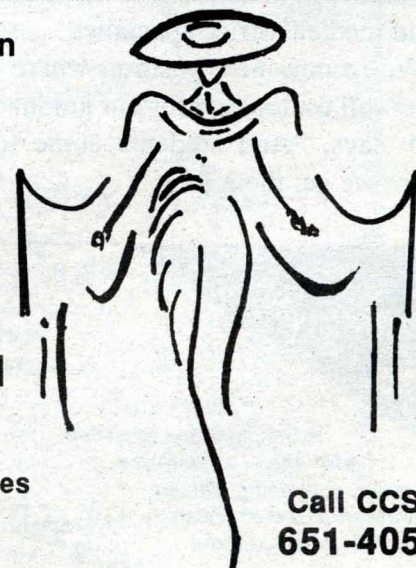
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~~BAD~~ GOOD NEWS/BAD NEWS

(There IS no good news here)

Girls are getting involved in violent crimes at a rate that far exceeds the increase in crimes committed by boys, according to a report from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Nationally, females under 18 represented almost one-fourth of all juveniles arrested in a 1989-1993 study — that's more than *twice* the growth for boys being arrested. Equally bad news: girls are becoming involved in crime at an earlier age.

Studies show that most frequently girls have a history of substance abuse, running away from home, promiscuity and suicidal tendencies.

Studies also show that girls in the juvenile justice system have experienced situations such as the breakdown of the family, emotional or physical abuse; this usually leads to feelings of rejection and seeing themselves as failures.

[If you have any thoughts on this issue, please write or call CLASS! and your comments will appear in the September issue.]

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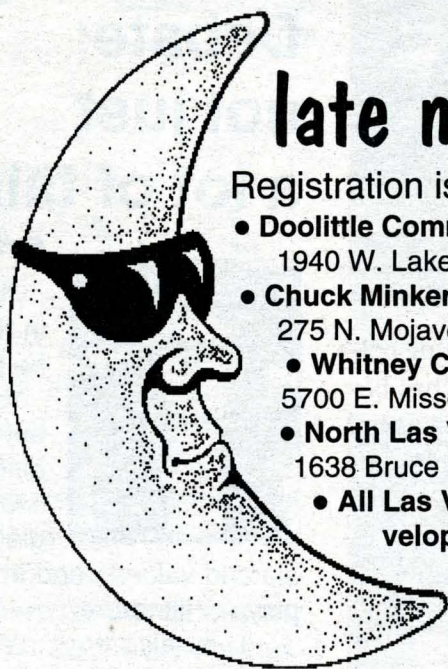


Partial "scholarships" valued as much as \$500 each are offered to Clark County seniors this year by the Career Training Institute. These are, in fact, discounts available to 1996 graduates, in celebration of the school's three-year anniversary in Las Vegas.

"Las Vegas has been very good to us," says Betty Dailey, director of admissions. "So what better way can we say thanks than to put something back into the community."

Dailey points out that CTI has a very high placement rate for its graduates: more than 96% go into the medical field and well over 90% enter other areas for which they trained. These include hotel front desk operations, computer basics and business administration, in addition to medical billing and medical office specialist.

"We're now in a position where employers call us, looking for our graduates," Dailey says. "And students come to us because we get them jobs."



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For more information, call Bobby McRoy or Gerald Davis: **229-2256**

AN EDITORIAL:

Time to draw the line!

By Rachel Land, Bonanza High School

Personal interest. That's been the focus of rezoning, past and present.

"Where are my children going to go?" "That's not the best school for my kids!"

Parents and others must look at the big picture. The School Board...is there to decide what's best for the community and, in turn, what zones will divide the district as evenly as possible.

Clark County's booming student population creates chaos...people must accept that zoning will change.

It is important to keep a balance between the levels of cooperative input and interference. Parental involvement can allow some useful information, but, at the same time, it can slow the policy-making process.

It is virtually impossible to create a zoning proposal that will satisfy everyone.

Teaching staff, administration, allotted moneys and supplies had to be considered before a reasonable decision could be made. Compromise and cooperation are a necessary part of all policy-making; therefore, the lines must be drawn somewhere.

What's best for the community? That's the question the Board tried to answer. But when emotions run high, it is easy to see why issues get muddled.

Remember: one element of solving a problem is not becoming part of it!



Land

ANOREXIA SUPPORT GROUP FORMING

If you are suffering from Anorexia Nervosa — or if you suspect that a friend might be — please note the following:

A support group for anorexics and others with eating disorders is forming in Las Vegas. It is affiliated with the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders.

The group will also offer support for family members and friends of those struggling with such disorders.

For information that is guaranteed confidential, call 368-0828.

Harrah's to award \$15,000 to stop under-21 gambling

Twenty students in Nevada have the opportunity to win either \$1,000 scholarships or \$500 awards for Honorable Mention in the annual Project 21 campaign sponsored by Harrah's Hotel and Casino.

This campaign focuses on keeping people who are not yet 21 years old out of casinos and away from gambling. In fact, entries must be geared toward discouraging underage gambling.

You may enter this statewide competition with an essay or a poster. The ten first-place winners will win \$1,000 scholarships. Ten Honorable Mentions will receive \$500 savings bonds. The awards will be distributed equally between essays and posters.

Harrahs has sent details of Project 21 to the principals at each high school. The deadline for sending an entry is June 30.



This poster won a \$1,000 scholarship in 1995 for Jhawar Rajwinder of Green Valley High.

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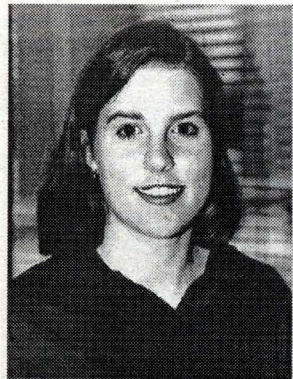
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Larsen



HOUSE CALLS: Jennifer Larsen chooses from med-school offers

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children); during this semester, she has been an intern in Sen. Harry Reid's office; and she has 600 hours to her credit as a volunteer in Sunrise Hospital's pediatrics ward.

"We try to help the kids realize that a hospital doesn't mean just getting shots," Larsen says.

She remembers especially one little girl she met in the section that works with people who have cancer or AIDS:

"I thought she was just there visiting someone. Then I found out this little girl was there for AIDS treatment," Larsen says. "That made an impact on me."

School activities stand side-by-side in importance with her volunteer work: president of Interact, president of Mu Alpha Theta (the math honors society), senior class secretary-treasurer. And that's not all.

Larsen was involved in Chaparral's application for a First Interstate Bank "Best Ideas" grant and now she's in charge of fundraising to help equip Chaparral's new telecommunications class.

"They need pretty much everything," she says, including video cameras and other equipment." (Donations happily accepted.)

Since she began high school, Larsen has known that she would be a doctor. Will she specialize in the pediatrics she has experienced as a volunteer?

"Just knowing I want to be a doctor will get me through the first four years," she says. "After that...I'm just not sure yet."

(Editor's note: Thanks to Chaparral counselor Lynn Sommer for telling CLASS! about Jennifer Larsen, a student Sommer describes as "having it all...she is intelligent, genuinely nice, and beautiful too!")

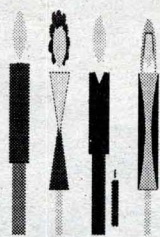
MUSIC MAN

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"And since then," Fleming notes, "we have won superiors and first places, the band has almost tripled in size, and he created the first R&B funk band in the school district."

After three years at Chaparral, he came to Valley. Other projects he has undertaken: painting and remodelling the band room, establishing a summer camp scholarship at UNLV and creating the color guard program — all the while composing and arranging music for the jazz, pep and fusion bands.



'we share feelings'

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We have a common bond and we do share feelings." And there's another shared trait: they're all excellent students.

"With us, academics come before anything else," Nicole emphasizes.

Joe, a junior at Eldorado, maintains a 4.0 gpa while he plays football, practices power-lifting, participates in German Club, and does that volunteer work.

Tony, a junior who earns all A's and B's, just returned to Las Vegas High School after a semester in home-schooling because he believes he will learn even more at the school. He plays the guitar and wants to join or start a band. He can be heard playing for some teen masses.

Christine, a Gorman sophomore with a 4.0 gpa, fits a regular babysitting job into her schedule and she hopes to join Gorman's wrestling team.

Now the friends are planning a trip to Aruba, a Caribbean island just off the north coast of Venezuela in South America. That's where Nicole comes from — and where family members are waiting to greet the four kids.

(The group is like a little United Nations: Joe's background is German, Tony is Mexican and Christine is Irish.)

So how did Nicole change church tradition?

"They used to have older men as ushers," she explains, "and my dad was one of them. But he decided teenagers should be ushering at the teen masses."

Nicole talked to the priest, who agreed to try the arrangement "for just a little while." That was five years ago. Her duties include seating people, collecting donations, writing and directing skits, overseeing other activities that take place during mass, and working with the younger church members.

"It's kinda cool..."

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most of them juniors, are interested enough in what he's doing to think about getting into the painting program next year. He points out that the class will probably double in size to 18 students then.

In addition to Clark and Martinez, the class includes Salvador Macias, J.D. Daniels, Adrienne Martinez, Chris Ratliff, Thomas Miller, Leonardo Jauregui and Chris Walker.

"My friends think it's kinda cool that I'm painting the Boys and Girls Club," says Clark.

She studies hard and maintains all A's and B's, and she has no time for extracurricular activity or a job.

"I'm concentrating fulltime on education," she says.

Martinez says at first his parents were not thrilled with his choice of a painting career, but now they like what he's doing.

"They're proud that I have something in mind for my future," he says, adding, "You don't have to be a lawyer or a doctor to be a good person; I just want to be the best at whatever I do."

12 vs. 9:

What's the better school year?

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what they learned throughout the year. Children attending nine-month schools often cannot remember the information they acquired the previous year.

Another advantage is that overcrowding is addressed. A certain amount of students will be put into each track. That way the children will come to school at different times of the year instead of in one big jumble every day all year as in nine-month schools.

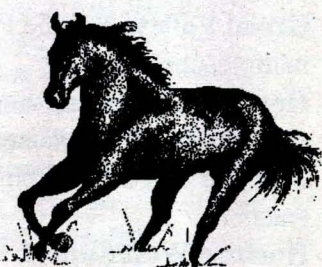
Also, for parents who have all their children on the same track, family vacations can be taken at more advantageous times of the year such as January and October. For example, Track 3 has five weeks off in October while the other tracks are still in school.

However, not everyone is pleased with the thought of twelve-month schools. For families who cannot get their children on the same track, quality time is short because everyone would be on a different schedule. Freshman Peggy Berger says,

"I think schools should be on the same schedule because most families have children in different schools. It's hard to make plans because everybody is on a different schedule."

Little Britches Rodeo Queen welcomes Heldorado Days

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May 14-18, in the rodeo's Grand Entry at Sam Boyd Stadium.

Reiger, 16, has been rodeoing since the age of five. She is a member of the Women's Professional Rodeo Association, the Las Vegas High School Rodeo Team, and the Little Britches Rodeo Association.

She competes in open and junior rodeos in four events and has earned a ton of titles, belt buckles and trophies for her skills.

Reiger plans to become a veterinarian.

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Kiwanis honors CCSD high school educators

By Sari Aizley, CLASS! Editor

The Kiwanis Club of Las Vegas recently sponsored a luncheon in honor of the club's fifth annual Educator of the Year Awards. All CCSD high schools were represented.

Students will probably recognize at least one of the following award winning educators:

- Advanced Technologies Academy:** George Breaz, librarian
- Area Technical & Trade Center:** Amber Drabant, horticulture teacher
- Basic:** Melanie Fleck, counselor
- Bonanza:** Steven VanPatten, history teacher
- Boulder City:** Denise Senko, science dept. coordinator
- Chaparral:** Dianne Ranney, business dept. coordinator
- Cheyenne:** James Schlude, counseling dept. coordinator
- Cimarron-Memorial:** Cecile Rizzo, guidance dept. coordinator
- Clark:** Joanne Ho, advisor of award-winning STATUS Club
- Durango:** Cheryl Noreen, English literature teacher
- Eldorado:** Gerald Pentsil, science teacher, coach
- Green Valley:** Bobbie Poole, math teacher
- Horizon East:** Geraldine Trice, special education teacher
- Horizon North:** Josephine Carter, teacher
- Horizon West/Sunset:** Elizabeth Foyt, librarian
- Indian Springs:** Tim Dailey, special education teacher
- Las Vegas Academy:** Jeneane Gallo, dance dept. coordinator
- Las Vegas High:** Janice Rhea, business teacher
- Laughlin:** Ric Stitt, Fine Arts
- Moapa Valley:** Pam Bundy, special education dept. coordinator
- Rancho:** Charlotte Freeman, theater teacher
- Silverado:** Jose Loya, English teacher, Hispanic club advisor
- VoTech:** Laura Shugars, technical skills teacher
- Sunset East:** Kay Hawkins, counselor
- Valley:** Karen Vaughan, journalism teacher (see page 7)
- Virgin Valley:** Charles Hurley, teacher
- Western:** Connie Porray, theater director, drama teacher

High school girls welcome to attend

WOMEN'S SUMMIT



The 1996 Women's Summit, co-sponsored by dozens of organizations — including the Frontier Girl Scout Council, UNLV, the Community College, and Catholic Charities — invites high school girls to attend its conference at UNLV.

This one-day Summit, "Nevada Women United," will meet Saturday, June 1, from 8:00am to 6:00pm in Classroom Building B on the university campus.

The conference goals are to raise awareness of women's and children's issues, to motivate and mobilize voters and decision-makers and to unite women throughout Nevada.

The issues that will be discussed in workshops and by the 50 speakers and panel leaders include:

- Ending violence against children and women
- Families in poverty
- Mobilizing young women
- Health and reproduction issues
- Women in the workplace
- Valuing women's work
- Voter education
- Sexual harassment
- Environmental issues
- School board elections

Conference registration is \$10 for students, and includes continental breakfast and a luncheon. (Scholarships are available.) Register by May 21. For more information, call Mitsi at 385-3677.



Photo by Randy McPhail

HONORING THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER: Shown here are nominees for the Parents Hall of Fame. (Winners appear below.) From left - **Front row:** Sandee Stewart, Santa Holgvin Lawrence, Paula McCray, Gayle LeDell, Sharon Harper, Priscilla Sensi, Nancy Lesh, Cheryl Routh, JoAnn Castillo and Linda McDonald. **Second row:** Lisa Reichelt, Sheri Kurtz, Carol Olewinski, Marilyn Michalka, Anne Richard, Diana Fagan, LuAnn Day, Karen Sansone and Teri Brown. **Third row:** George Stewart, Faye Wheeler, Georgia Smith, Elaine Bandy, Eileen Lloyd, Gordon Ritholz, Donni Rincon, John Edwards, Frank Smaka, Robert Keiser. **Back row:** Michele Fournier Swinford, Ginny Cederburg, Chris Petersen, Eric Fricker, Trudi Johnson, Mick Montgomery, Gary Melton, William Ikner and Eddie Kravetz.

PARENTS HALL OF FAME

Parents are more than just those lovin' folks who cook your meals and earn enough to buy you sweat sox. Some of them are heroes who make your school better or help other kids who face problems you might not even dream of.

The Parents Hall of Fame ceremony in April saluted 58 parents nominated for their extraordinary volunteer work in our education community. Their names were submitted by teachers, principals or other people in the community.

One outstanding parent was selected from each of the seven districts (with a tie in District A). Seven of these honorees are shown here.

However, two were not available to have their photos taken in time for publication here. These include **Yolanda Lloyd**, tied in District A with Joyce Seegmiller (right); **Brenda Kennedy** from District C, whose School Board trustee is Dr. James McMillan.

Four of the honorees are deeply involved in the high schools where their children go. Lillian McMorris volunteers at Cimarron-Memorial; Sue Wesolowski devotes thousands of hours to Clark High and Johnson Middle School; and Sheila and Larry Moulton, with six children, divide their volunteer time between Las Vegas High and Wengert Elementary.

Four hundred guests attended the ceremony last month. Entertainment featured the Madrigals from Durango High, and the choir from Will Beckley Elementary School.

Great Clark County Parents of 1996



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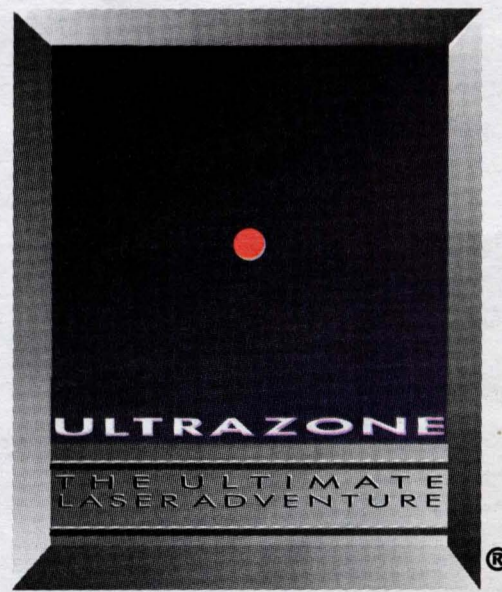
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