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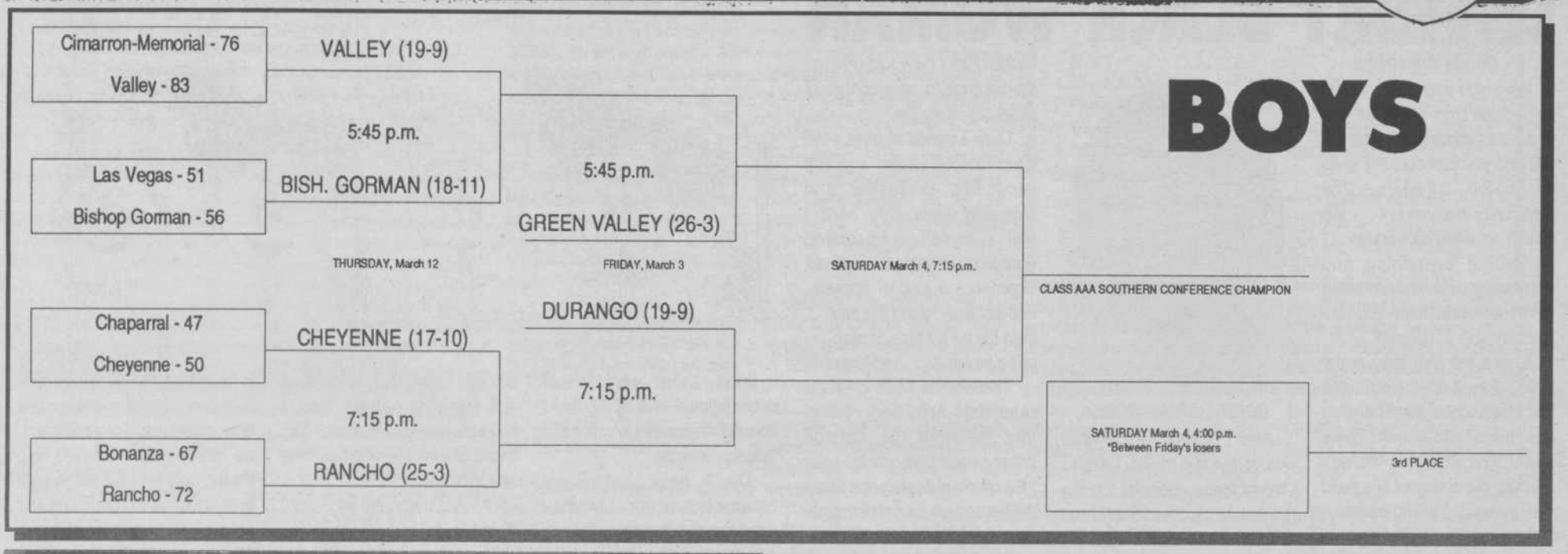

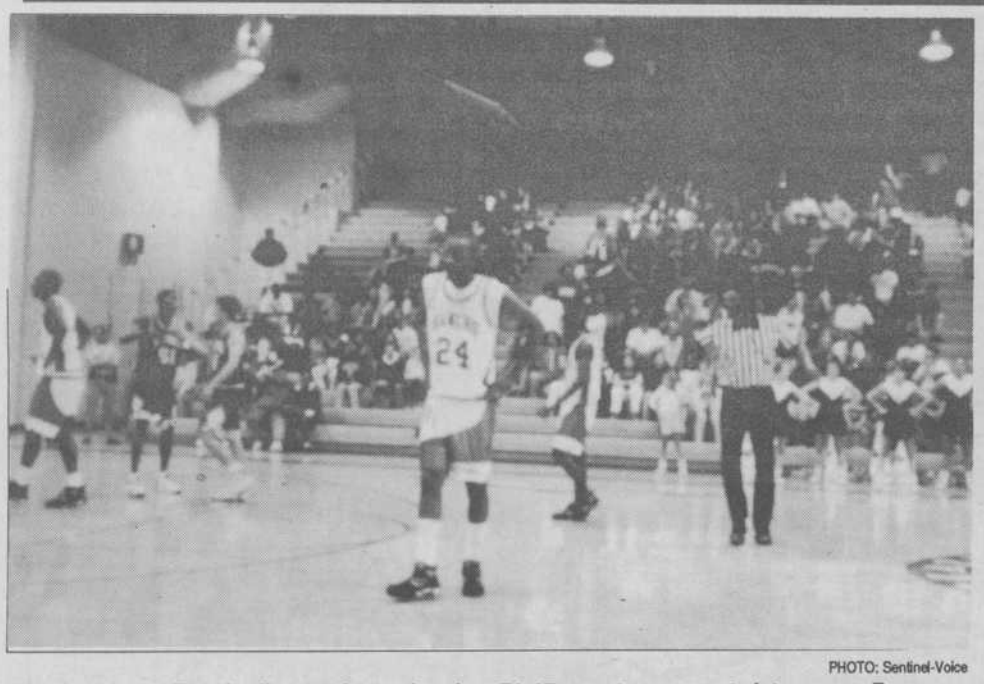

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Rancho's Larry Treadwell scored 22 points in a 72-67 zone tournament victory over Bonanza Tueday night at Durango High. Rancho faces CHeyenne tonight at 7:15 p.m.

Rancho Survives Opening Round Scare

By W.G. Ramirez
Sentinel-Voice

Rancho coach Tony Hopkins described the opening round of this year's 1995 Class AAA Southern Conference Tournament as jittery, while explaining how much Tuesday night's 72-67 win over Bonanza meant good things for his surging Rams.

"The thing that was gonna be my worst nightmare, which was my worst nightmare last year, was actually playing a playoff game in the first round," Hopkins said. "Now that I've gotten over that phobia, I'm hoping that I could do a better job as the coach

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KCEP TO BROADCAST GAMES

KCEP 88.1 FM will broadcast six high school tournament games, three from the Class AAA Southern Conference Tournament and three from the NIAA/U.S. Bank Nevada State Championship at the Lawlor Events Center in Reno.

Seat Williams will be calling the action while Eugene Bibbons will provide color commentary.

Tonight will be the first broadcast at 7, when Rancho faces Cheyenne at Durango High.

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Thurs. 3/2 - Rancho vs. Cheyenne - 7:15 tip-off
Fri. 3/3 - Rancho/Cheyenne winner vs. Durango
Sat. 3/4 - Class AAA Southern Conference Championship
Thurs. 3/9 - Semi-final No. 1 - 4:55 tip-off
Thurs. 3/9 - Semi-final No. 2 - 8:05 tip-off
Fri. 3/10 - Class AAA Nevada St. Championship - 6:30 tip-off

Stewart Suspended, Smith Appealing and Coach Grgurich Reportedly Quitting

Sentinel-Voice

Last night, ESPN reported that UNLV basketball coach Tim Grgurich will resign this afternoon, one week after the school received an NCAA letter of inquiry containing alleged violations that could lead to the "death penalty" for the beleaguered program.

Reports say that Grgurich will meet with interim university president Kenny Guinn today and step down as coach. School officials confirmed that a meeting will take place either Thursday or Friday.

Grgurich was named head coach of the Runnin' Rebels in October but has been sidelined by mental exhaustion for most of the season.

The letter alleges an incident in which agents funded a shopping spree for center Kebu Stewart and forward Jermaine "Sunshine" Smith at a mall and that an agent paid for a hotel room and legal fees.

Stewart and Smith were suspended yesterday for the remainder of the season, which includes two more games and the BWC Tournament.

Stewart was suspended for accepting sneakers from an individual affiliated with a sports agent. Smith's suspension will reportedly be appealed by the school today, in order for him to be eligible for tonight's game. The alleged violations took place in July of 1994, when Rollie Massimino was head coach.

The Rebels are currently serving a three-year probation for NCAA violations that occurred while Jerry Tarkanian was head coach.

If the Rebels are found to have violated NCAA rules while already on probation, the basketball program could be shut down for two years, depending on the severity of the violations.

A spokesperson for the Big West Conference said that any penalty faced by the school would be determined by the NCAA Committee on Infractions.

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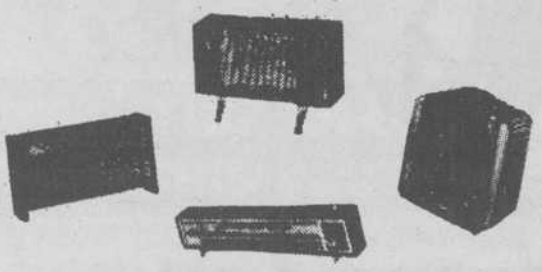

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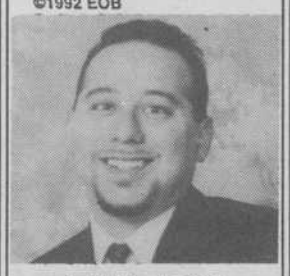

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