

# Alpine County will vote Tuesday on changing role as 'Tahoe's toilet'

By Jim Sloan  
Special to the Mercury News

MARKLEEVILLE — There's a lot of talk these days in Alpine County about the millions of gallons of sewage that are being pumped over the mountains each day from South Lake Tahoe.

Some residents say they're tired of being "Tahoe's toilet" — and watching millions being spent at the lake for development and sewage treatment when little or nothing is being done to promote water conservation.

On Tuesday, voters here will decide on an initiative that would ban anything but the cleanest effluent from entering this remote, pastoral county of 1,100 people, effectively halting a \$24 million conversion project that many say is needed to prevent a disastrous breakdown of Tahoe's deteriorating treatment plant.

The initiative will determine if Alpine County will agree to a plan to let the South Tahoe Public Utility District lower the quality of its effluent and use it in an irrigation system on some privately owned Alpine County land.

The initiative is being backed by residents who say that South Tahoe's plan to reduce its treatment and send the less-pure effluent into Alpine could contaminate the area's ground water and present dangerous health risks to those whose wells border ranch land to be irrigated with the sewage.

There are also many initiative supporters, including those who say the health risks are more imagined than real and that the effluent is needed to support the ranches and help Alpine keep its attractive, rural qualities.

South Tahoe's project also has the support of the county supervisors, who have negotiated a con-

tract with the district that will bring in an annual \$100,000 "mitigation fee," 15,000 pounds of fish a year for a county reservoir and an annual district-funded monitoring program that they say would prevent contamination of nearby wells.

"There are a lot of pros and cons," county health officer Greg Hayes said.

South Tahoe has been pumping highly treated, three-stage effluent into Alpine County since 1967. The district has stored the effluent in Indian Creek Reservoir — a man-made lake outside Markleeville that supports a trout population and a summertime crowd of anglers and sunbathers.

Although the South Tahoe plant once was considered one of the finest in the world, its equipment has been breaking down in recent

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## Alpine voters try to head off South Tahoe sewage charge

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Voters in Alpine County, Calif., will go to the polls Tuesday to vote on an effort to keep South Lake Tahoe from reducing its treatment of sewage pumped into the tiny Sierra county.

They will be voting on an initiative that would require that only sewage treated by a three-stage process be sent to Alpine County, where it is used for irrigation, after being stored in the popular Indian Creek Reservoir.

But the South Tahoe Public Utilities District (STPUD) wants to drop the third stage of treatment because it is expensive and because its plant has been breaking down.

County supervisors have already negotiated a contract with STPUD that will bring in \$100,000 a year in mitigation fees, and 15,000 pounds of fish each year for a county reservoir, and set up a monitoring program to prevent contamination of wells.

A group of residents collected 175 signatures to put the question on Tuesday's ballot, and they have filed for a referendum to overturn this contract.

All of this is likely to end up in the courts, too. Meanwhile, Nevada is also keeping an eye on events to prevent pollution of the Carson River and eventually Lahontan Reservoir.

# Alpine County to vote on Tahoe sewage plan

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years. There have been a number of major spills into Lake Tahoe, and the effluent quality was so bad at times that there were major fish kills at Indian Creek.

District officials said that the heavy demands of a three-stage process were too much for their plant, and four years ago began planning a conversion to a less-costly two-stage process.

Although the federal government has supported the conversion by giving South Tahoe a high rating for a \$19 million grant, the district has hit several roadblocks. First, a group of county residents collected 175 signatures — 40 percent of the last election's voters — to force the Tuesday initiative on whether the district could lower the quality of its effluent.

The opponents of the plan also filed for a referendum vote that would overturn the supervisors' proposed contract

with the district. The legality of the contract is tied up in the courts.

To make matters worse for the district, the state of Nevada last month complained that the conversion program would violate state policy about putting effluent in natural stream courses.

The California Water Resources Control Board upheld that objection, forcing the district to reconsider its plans to distribute the effluent to ranchers along the California-Nevada border — a delay that may prevent it from getting its federal money until next year.

Although Alpine County residents have been debating the sewage issue for years, the initiative has helped turn up the volume on the argument. Opponents have bought a video documentary by ABC on ground-water pollution and are taking it all over the county for private and public showings.

"We just don't feel we should take

any chances with our ground water," said Wayne Martin, a Markleeville landowner who bought the video documentary for \$400. "We don't feel it's our responsibility to take Tahoe's waste."

Some county residents say they're ambivalent. They want the ranchers to have the irrigation rights, they'd like to see Indian Creek Reservoir well-stocked with fish and they'd like to give South Tahoe a chance to improve its marred performance record. But something irks them about being the recipients of Tahoe's waste.

Part of the uncertainty comes from the inconclusive scientific opinions about the project, Hayes said. No one has been able to say with complete certainty that there aren't any health risks, he said.

He pointed out that three-stage sewage may be more damaging to soils — because of chemical buildup — than

secondary treatment. He thinks carcinogens could form when the chlorine in three-stage mixes with natural organic material in the soils.

It's still not certain that Tuesday's vote will have any effect on South Tahoe's plan. An El Dorado County judge is still trying to decide if the referendum against the supervisors' South Tahoe contract is valid, and that agreement could stand up even if a majority of voters say they don't like it.

"The only thing that's certain is that the project will be delayed while the attorneys sort things out," said district manager Jim Cofer, who said that the conversion won't increase the plant's capacity of 7 million gallons a day. "Nobody really knows what the repercussion will be if the voters approve that initiative. But we're very hopeful that it gets defeated."

# Alpine voters narrowly pass STPUD wastewater initiative

By SUE SCHLERF  
Tribune Staff Writer

Although the votes are in, the issue of a new wastewater treatment project in Alpine County is far from over.

In a very close vote, 217 to 207, Alpine County voters supported an initiative Tuesday which requires South Tahoe Public Utility District to continue three-step treatment of wastewater shipped to Alpine County, apply more stringent water quality requirements and limit flows to 7 million gallons per day.

STPUD had negotiated a contract with Alpine County supervisors in June which would allow wastewater to go through a two-step rather than three-step treatment and increase flows to 7.5 million gallons per day.

"We're very disappointed," said STPUD Manager Jim Cofer. "We feel we still have a project but obviously there's a delay. We will

try to keep things moving forward for the project while we sort out the flack from the initiative."

Cofer said the district will wait to take any action until El Dorado County Superior Court Judge Terrance Finney decides on a separate referendum that would void the June agreement.

"If the judge finds in favor of the referendum, we'd have to go back to the voters in June of 1984," Cofer said.

If necessary, the district will challenge the initiative in court, Cofer said.

"I can't imagine how the courts could find parts of the initiative valid. It is a violation of the contract with Alpine County," he said. "A whole mudpie of legal questions need to be resolved."

Alpine County resident Tim Pemberton, who headed the group of citizens campaigning for the

initiative, says the next move is up to STPUD.

"It's really up to STPUD," Pemberton said. "They should read between the lines and realize the project they've proposed is not acceptable to the citizens of Alpine County. That's what this vote means."

"In the event the district challenges the validity of this initiative, I will ask the judge to allow me to defend the case," Pemberton said, who is a lawyer.

"It was never our intention to injure Lake Tahoe," Pemberton said. "That community should develop an interest in what the STPUD board does. Their judgement is faulty. They have to face up to making the proposed project right in Alpine County."

Cofer said the \$19 million project has been approved for 75 percent (See Alpine, Page 4)

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(Continued from Page 1) federal funding, but must be ready for construction by October of 1984, otherwise the project is only eligible for 55 percent funding. The difference

could mean as much as \$5 million additional local dollars for STPUD.

The STPUD board is not scheduled to meet until Nov. 17.

# STPUD intends to take Alpine County to court

By SUE SCHLERF

Tribune Staff Writer

The South Tahoe Public Utility District will take Alpine County to court over a contract both entities agreed on, but citizens voted to amend in the Nov. 8 election.

Thursday STPUD directors voted unanimously to file action declaring the initiative invalid after a telephone conversation with STPUD Counsel John Weidman. Weidman is still in Los Gatos Good Samaritan

Hospital recuperating from an automobile accident last week.

STPUD Manager Jim Cofer said Weidman will be assisted by two Sacramento attorneys who expect to file the action sometime next week.

"We will ask the court to declare the initiative invalid because the contract was an administrative decision and not subject to a vote by the people," Cofer said.

"Our 1967 contract with Alpine

County says we would handle all matters related to wastewater disposal by contract," Cofer said. "It also says Alpine County will impose no greater water quality standards than required in the original contract."

Although supervisors approved the contract in June, they are legally responsible for the initiative, so STPUD will be taking action against the supervisors who wanted the contract in the first place.

Alpine County citizen Tim Pemberton, who headed the citizens group which sponsored the initiative, said he will ask the presiding judge to appoint him as counselor for the county since the "County Counsel would obviously have a conflict of interest," Pemberton said.

The Sewage Quality Initiative requires STPUD to continue three-step treatment of wastewater shipped to Alpine County, apply more stringent water quality re-

quirements and limit flows to 7 million gallons per day.

STPUD had negotiated a contract amendment (the original 1967 contract is valid in perpetuity) with Alpine County Supervisors in June which would allow wastewater to go through a two-step rather than three-step treatment, the district to build a new holding reservoir and increase flows to 7.5 million gallons per day.

Cofer said the district's lawyers

were unable to find a deadline for filing the action, but directors wanted to get the matter settled as soon as possible because of federal funding for the \$19 million plant improvement project.

"We certainly hope to get a speedy decision," Cofer said. "Our grant is on the line and we've been advised by the people in Sacramento to get going because there are other agencies lined up for this money."

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# Douglas Children's Librarian has lots of plans for future

by JOYCE HOLLISTER  
Staff Writer

Judy Learn, new children's librarian at the Douglas County Libraries, conducted her first public event, "A Pilgrim's Party" for preschoolers yesterday.

She plans many more such events for both preschoolers and school-age children in the coming months.

Learn is a former school librarian from Oregon and Alpine County, Calif. She has three children of her own and two grandchildren, so she comes to Douglas County with lots of experience with young people.

She taught handicapped children in California and has worked with Girl Scouts since 1947—she is still a Girl Scout and acts as a consultant for the organization.

The new librarian hopes to visit schools and get acquainted with students so that when they come to the public library, they'll know her.

Learn says she wants to get teens more involved with the public library, too. One of her goals is to help young people to "feel comfortable" in libraries, particularly those planning to further their education beyond high school. Some of the programs she hopes to institute for teens include workshops in how to build reference skills and how to use the library.

Storytime for preschoolers will be held Wednesdays in Minden and Thursdays at the Lake branch of the library at Zephyr Cove. For a complete schedule with times, call the library at 782-9841.

Learn also hopes to start Saturday book programs for school-age children.

In a small library, staff members do all kinds

of jobs as well as those they were hired for, and Learn is no exception. Library patrons will probably see her operating the check-out desk.

That's fine with her. "I'd like to meet everyone," Learn said. The new librarian said she would like to get to know adult library users and especially the parents of the children who will be attending special library programs or checking out books on their own.

Parents are also welcome to attend the children's programs, Learn added. Anyone with ideas for programs are asked to call her at the above number.

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JUDY LEARN, new Children's Librarian

(R-C photo)

Judy LEARN,

# Tranquil Beauty in Alpine County

By JAMES MCKIMMEY

**ALPINE COUNTY, Calif.**—If your gambling destination is the Reno-Lake Tahoe area, reserve at least a day for the High Sierra splendor of California's Alpine County. You'll need a car.

Renting a vehicle is well worth it to gain the enjoyment of being in this rugged but beautiful wild country for a respite from the gaming tables.

This is 750 square miles of tall timber country, much of it national forest tended by the U.S. Forest Service. You never need to drive more than an hour from Lake Tahoe to see any part of it. Add an hour from Reno.

From South Lake Tahoe, drive south on California 89 over Luther Pass with its elevation of 7,740 feet. From Reno, drive south on U.S. 395 through Carson City nearly to Minden, then follow Nevada 88 across the border into California and Alpine.

## Only Occasional Cars

It is another world away from the jostling crowd.

Although it is estimated that 2.2 million tourists travel through Alpine in a given year, it is mostly the winter throngs skiing at Kirkwood or Mt. Teah that supply such numbers.

In the summer and fall it is an entirely different story, with only occasional cars using the three highways in the county. Quite a few travelers with recreational vehicles know this territory. But so many stunning campgrounds are scattered beneath 10,000-foot peaks that rarely is any one of them full. Off-highway camping in a rig is permitted, if that is your preference.

The east and west forks of the Carson River flow in shimmering elegance from high elevations, as do the north forks of the Mokelumne and Stanislaus rivers.

Alpine lakes lie in crystal-clear proliferation, many accessible by automobile.

Peaks continue to be capped by snow through summer and fall, and valleys are long vistas of green where cattle graze.

## Deer and Mountain Cats

In between those levels, vast rock faces and giant boulders create primitive terrain where you might sight a deer or mountain cat.

Lush, multi-colored wildflowers color the sides of roads and streams. Stands of aspen among towering pines flare with yellows, reds and golds to create one of the most spectacular autumns anywhere.

It is enough just to look, in this section of the Sierra.

About 1,100 permanent residents live here, making Alpine the least populated county in California. The reasons for the sparsity are heavy winter snows and lack of employment opportunities.

Tourism is the No. 1 money-maker, and winter skiing dominates in that department.

## Like a Small Town

Ranching is the second prime enterprise, with two ranches using the ranges to graze their cattle. Both ranches are based at lower elevations, trucking their cattle up when the snow melts and carrying them away again when new snow falls.

The balance of the citizenry is employed in a scattering of small businesses and in a small county government seated in the only real town here, small as it is, Markleeville.

Says one of those long-time residents "Alpine is like a small town except that it's an entire county. When somebody moves here to stay, and even if they're good residents, it'll take a year and a half or two before he or



JAMES MCKIMMEY

Hikers leaving trail head in Alpine County.

she is accepted in the community."

A decade ago a gay movement began that startled residents. The idea was simple. If enough gays took up residence in Alpine County, they could control the vote. The plan failed, however.

In the warm-weather months the small numbers of the residents, the vastness of the land, and being off the well-used tracks of Reno and Tahoe all make plenty of room for the visiting vacationer.

And it just looking is not enough, there are other rewards here.

Fishermen find well-stocked streams and lakes from which to take trout—rainbows, browns and cutthroats. Temporary licenses, bait and varied fishing equipment can be bought at stores across the area (as well as snack food, soft drinks, beer and film).

## Abundant Hunting

During the seasons, hunters find Alpine among the top 10 deer-producing counties in California; game birds and rabbits are abundant.

Trails and back roads crisscross the topography, offering challenging rides for the Jeep driver and biker.

Trails are satisfying for adventurous hikers too, including backpackers.

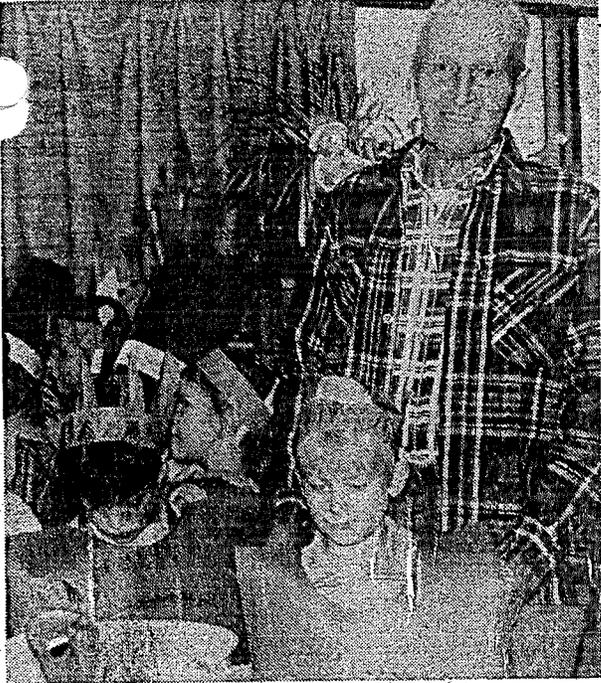
Photographers will find more opportunities than their supply of film can handle.

Restaurant dining is limited but possible, with three modestly priced establishments offering lunch and dinner, all in the tiny town of Markleeville: the Toll Station, the Faith Works restaurant, the Alpine Hotel Cutthroat Saloon & Restaurant.

Four miles west of Markleeville at Grover Hot Springs you can swim in two pools filled with mineral water that is piped in at about 102 degrees. The fee is nominal.

But it is the physical element of Alpine County that creates the striking, rewarding contrast from the Reno/Lake Tahoe gambling scene.

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### Feast

STUDENTS DRESSED as pilgrims and Indians in Bonnie Rippee's and Mar Ellen Zellmer's kindergarten classes at C.C. Meneley Elementary School held a Thanksgiving feast last week. Coming from Hood River, Ore., to attend this feast and the regular family gathering was Harold Comstock, Matt Saunders, great-grandfather. (R-C photo)

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#### CALL FOR BIDS

Alpine County is currently soliciting bids for the Maintenance, Repair, and Service of the County's Department of Public Works' Equipment and Vehicles.

Contract documents and proposal forms may be obtained at the office of the Director of Public Works, Alpine County Department of Public Works, Rt. 1, Box 37, Markleeville, California 96120.

Sealed bids will be received by the Alpine County Board of Supervisors, P.O. Box 158, Markleeville, CA 96120 or at the County Administrative Office Building, until 1:00 PM on December 20, 1983, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

(s) Karen Keebaugh  
Alpine County Clerk  
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### A BANDSTAND FOR OUR MINDEN PARK

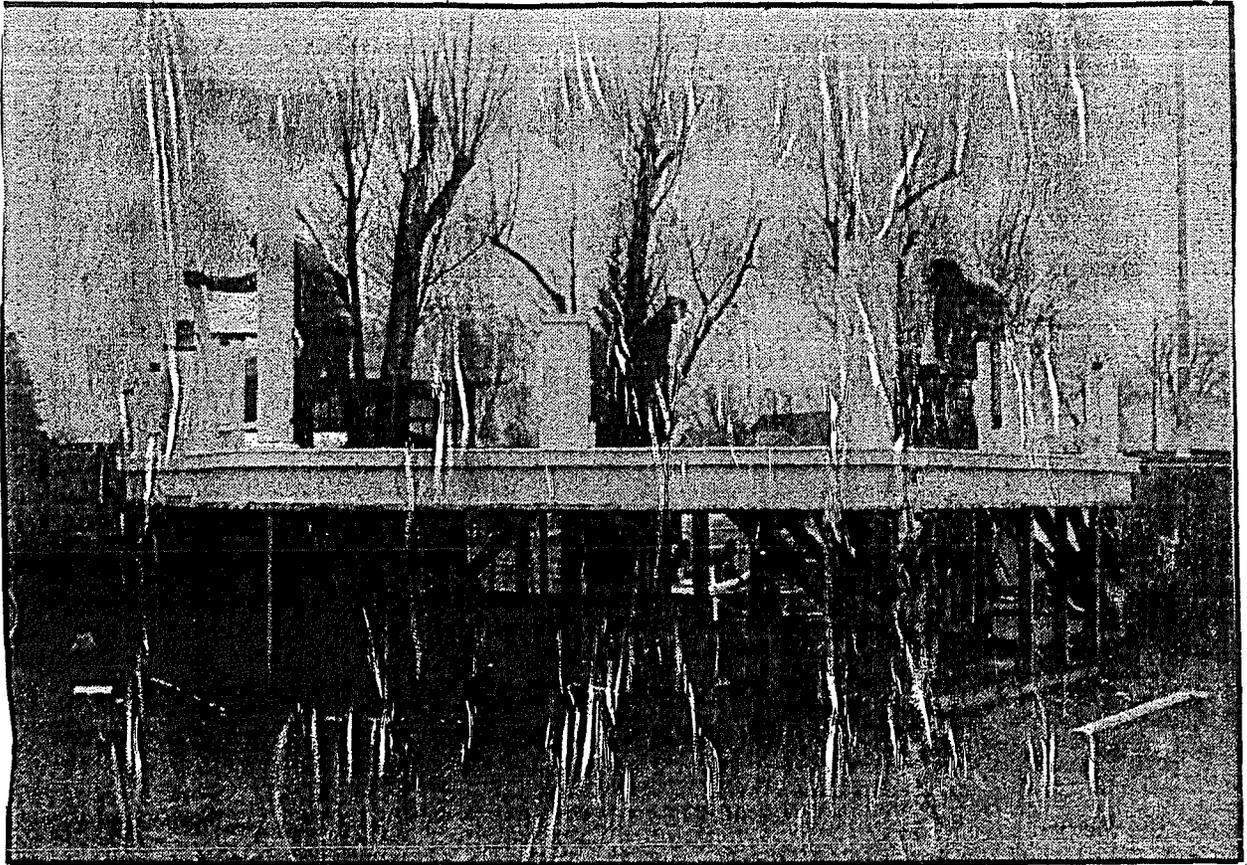
Our Rotary Club has begun a project that is hoping will have the support of the community and will give money, time, labor, material, etc. to help build it.

This is the new bandstand to replace the one in the park and is in memory of a member, Wilton Neddenriep, who lost his life in a tragic farm accident last year. It will be built in the same spot and be the same size but will have a roof so concerts may be held in the rain. The foundation will be the first to be constructed, with the restrooms in the basement. The bandstand will be surrounded with planters and a building office will be installed at the site and the parks department will fence off the construction site.

The Town of Minden will maintain the project and coordinate the scheduling of events.

Congratulations, Rotary Club, for this wonderful idea.

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## Going, going, gone...

THE MINDEN ROTARY CLUB began its project to replace the old Minden Park bandstand with a new facility by tearing out the old bandstand last

weekend. Club members and volunteers gathered at the park bright and early Saturday morning. In a few hours, the old structure was gone. The club is

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hoping that the community will help fund the project, the Wilton Neddenriep Memorial Bandstand, with money as well as volunteer labor. An account

has been set up at First Interstate Bank in Minden. (R-C photo by Dan Walters)

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# Douglas High honor roll told

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## FIRST NINE WEEKS SENIORS

Julie Aldax, Denise Allred, Julie Ament, Sherry Apodaca, Mike Barff, Debbie Beattie, Patrick Bell, Ase Bjurstam, Tracy Blackwell, Sheri Brewer, Thomas Brundige, Laura Burr, Beckie Cattani, Rick Chambers, Lisa Ann Chizek, Jenni Cordes, Sean Cornforth, Cherene Cox, John Craik, Carl Deitch, Annette English, Jon Erb, Stephanie Fricke, Kai Forest, Cathy Frontino, Tamera Gerold, Joe Gorton, Coco Graham, Katrina Hala, Heidi Hale, David Hanifan, Wendy Harting, Caroline Henningsen, Cristina Hill, Paula Henning, Julia Hone, Heather Hugans, Chris Kawcak, Colleen Kelly, Patrick Kichler, Sam Lacey, Robert LeGrand, Denise Liggett, Amy Lodato, Eric Ludel, Jacque Manke, Michelle McGrath, Judy Pimley, Lisa Podlas, Tami Potter-Ross, Kirsten Rachiell, George Ramm, Bob Richardson, Diana Rusler, Rick Reynolds, Susan Short, Dezi Cochran Slater, John St. Germain, John Sullivan, Erin Swezey, Tammy Taylor, Tom Unruh, Michelle Vander Linden.

## JUNIORS

Jocelyn Adams, Billy Ahern, Joanna Barr, Kelly Brewer, Carey Carroll, Edwina Chavez, Danny Clark, Kris Crawford, Lisa Curran, Karen Dorf, Denise Dougherty, Katie Etchegoyhen, Dawn Fowler, Tami Gansberg, Cindy Gardner, Shelley Gardner, Denise Graham, Jackie Hale, Catherine Jovicich, Twinky Kawcak, Anna Kellogg, Candi Konec-

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## SOPHOMORES

Todd Anderson, Stephen Ascuaga, Mark Attanasio, Ashly Barron, Shannon Berger, Theresa Bosmans, Alene Campbell, Kathy Dangberg, Vicki Danielson, Ardis DeVaney, Scott Edels-tein, Heidi Feil, Kim Forest, Greg Frazier, Kim Fry, Todd Gansberg, Julie Homer, Cathy Hopkins, Jeff Jones, Stefanie Kramer, Paul Larsen, Adrienne Laughlin, Gene LeSage, Troy Liput, John McAuliffe, Mark McKibben, Michael May, Rich Meadows,

ny, Heidi Lummer, Michele McCreary, Kimberli Macchiaver-na, Carla Morrison, Rhonda Mortimer, Kelli Noyes, Michele Owen, Sonja Paddock, Aaron Prupas, Matt Reno, Sheila Reuter, Brett Richter, Jim Richter, Dianne Robison, Kit Struthers, Paul Strybing, Daniel Theodore, Mark Towell, Amy Turner, Nadine Wallace, Marguerite Warner, Kim Wartgow, Rochelle Marie Webster, Miki Williams.

Chris Mistak, Cari Mortimer, Kanani Nahinu, Julie M. Olsen, Janell Palmatier, Joey Pecchilla, Greg Purdy, Luke Ramn, Jeff Ramsden, Allison Ramsey, Chris Reynolds, Michael Sheets, Don Simmons, Marlana Squadrito, Sam Terzich, Lauren Tingly, Todd Whear, Jaime Williams.

## FRESHMEN

Sean Adlao, Alisa Andrews, Shawwna Baker, Norman Bon-nickson, Erika Suzanne Bowling, Lestelle Bramwell, Tiffany Branscombe, Tony Cantwell, Samuel Chacon Jr., Steve Christl, Kim Cole, Janelle Conka, Shan-non Council, Phillip Emm, Gregg Fricke, Tom Gregory, Mike Guidotti, Michelle Hall, Diana Harr-ington, Jason Hawk, Gina Jenkins, Debbie Johnson, Leslie Kirby, Darren Craig Lan-caster, Stacey Lee, Gregg Leiss, Susan McKibben, Wendy Miles, Stacey Neth, Becky Nicholson, Christine Rathbun, Nancy Reynolds, Leah Rollins, Blair Roman, Daniel Scheuermann, Tania Spoonhunter, Audra Starbuck, Tim Straw, Becky Sturgeon, Sean Sullivan, Michelle VonRotz, Jennifer Lynn Ward, Aniss: Wilson, Lisa Wixon.

# Sandi Wright

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## The men of Carson Valley

**H**ave you noticed what a stir a certain calendar is causing among women this season? No, I'm not talking about a pooch-of-the-month calendar or a recipe-of-the-month calendar or even the playmate-of-the-month calendar. Those are strictly passe.

I'm referring to "The Men of USC" calendar featuring a collection of some of the University of Southern California's finest beefcake.

What sets this particular calendar apart from other exploitative-type calendars (aside from the fact that the men-of-the-month are beautiful) is that it is remarkably tasteful!

(Playboy thinks it is tasteful, and I suppose compared to Hustler, it could be considered downright modest, but I'm talking truly tasteful here.)

The calendar features only faces in most cases, and the two or three pictures that show more-than-a-face, show more-than-a-face-with-clothes-on.

Despite "Playgirl" magazine's claim to the contrary (and as surprising and disappointing as it may be to some men) women do not want to see the bodies of naked men.

It has always been my belief that "Playgirl" is published and moderately successful only because women want to give men a taste of their own medicine.

I can see where oooing and

ahhing over some male sex symbol (in full earshot of one's companion, of course) might have some redeeming value.

With the Men of USC calendar, the same objectives can be met without offending a woman's delicate senses with the shock of indelicate pictures.

To prove my point, the calendars are selling with almost as much fury as the Cabbage Patch Kids.

But should USC have a corner on the meat market? It certainly doesn't have a monopoly on hunks, does it? Carson Valley must surely have its fair share of beauty.

I would like to suggest that the Soroptimists abandon their annual birthday calendar and go for something really hot—a calendar featuring the Men of Carson Valley. Why, we might even make national news.

What? You say you don't know what kind of men the women of Carson Valley are looking for? Well, at the risk of embarrassing some of our local beefcake, we took an informal poll of half a dozen over-30 Valley girls (who wish to remain anonymous) and came up with some very worthy candidates.

But before we list them, let me explain how guys are classified (according to DHS reports). This will help us get an even distribution of male hunk prototypes for our calendar.

There are the jocks, who are athletically talented as well as good-looking. There are the preppies, who are intellectually talented and impeccably dressed as well as gorgeous. And then there are the studs (your Nick Nolte-type) who have that animal magnetism no one can explain.

There are other groups such as stoners, punkers and nerds (the male equivalents of junkies, sleeves and dogs), but our sample group declined to nominate anyone from those categories.

Nor is there a category for the guys who wear their shirts unbuttoned to their navels, gold chains dangling from their necks.

So, now that we've established the categories, here are three candidates from each—drum roll, please:

In the jock category, we came up with Dwight Briggs, Randy Green and Mike Rippee. Preppy candidates were George Keele, Alan Reed, and Ron Cauley. Candidates for stud were Robert Lekumberry, Greg Hayes and Tom Abdoo.

C'mon, Soroptimists, you could come up with at least one more from each category for us.

Beefcake calendars are hot! Birthday calendars are not!

**Wood**

Funeral services for Archie Parker Wood, Sr., 81, of Markleeville, Calif. will be held today at 2 p.m. at the Carson Valley Community Methodist Church in Gardnerville. The officers of Carson Valley Lodge No. 33 F&AM and the Rev. Pete Nelson will be officiating.

Mr. Wood died Monday at a Carson City hospital. He was born May 22, 1902, in Sufferen, N.Y., to David and Katherine Helen Bush Wood.

He was a retired forest ranger who worked for the U.S. Forest Service for 40 years. He was a resident of Markleeville for the past 73 years. He was a member and past master of the Carson Valley Lodge No. 33 F&AM; and a member of the Artemisia Chapter of the O.E.S. in Gardnerville.

He is survived by his wife Della of Markleeville; sons, Archie Wood, Jr. of Markleeville, and David Wood of Gardnerville; daughter, Helen Balliette of Gardnerville; and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Wood will be buried in the Fredricksburg Cemetery.

Walton's Chapel of the Valley is in charge of arrangements.

**Letters to the editor**

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**I appreciate vote of confidence**

**Editor:**  
I scanned The Record-Courier the other day including your provocative column but failed to spot my name. Several women in Markleeville were quick to point it out.

poll of women over 30 has provided -- partially being placed in the "stud" category. My, oh my! The last time something akin to this occurred I was in high school (but that's another story).

qualified since I do not live or work in Carson Valley (I live in Carson City and work in Markleeville). Nonetheless, I will be sure to show my girlfriend the article. It's sure to inspire one sort of interesting response or another!

Beefcakingly yours,  
Dr. Greg Hayes

I certainly appreciate the vote of confidence your informal

Of course, technically speaking, I should be dis-

# Remember when?

## 1888: a move to 'disorganize' Alpine

95 YEARS AGO  
Friday, Dec. 28, 1888  
Genoa Weekly Courier

**Counties Disorganized**—It is said that an effort will be made when the California Legislature meets to disorganize the county of Alpine and have that territory attached to Mono. The residents of Alpine will make a fight against the proposition, and will ask to be let alone.

### CARSON PASS AREA *R/C 12-8-83*

Kirkwood - Highway 88 near Carson Pass, 40 miles from Minden; 7,800-9,800; 1 triple, 7 double chairs; 1 surface lift; tickets \$20, half-day after 12:30 p.m., \$14; 3-day pass, \$54; 5-day pass, \$90; (209) 258-6000.

### Hellwinkel *R/C 12-8-83*

Funeral services are pending for Josephine R. Hellwinkel, 84, of Minden, who died Dec. 6 in a Carson City Hospital.

Mrs. Hellwinkel was born in Carson City Nov. 9, 1899. She was a pioneer of Carson Valley and was raised

in Genoa.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard Hellwinkel and Annie Raycraft, and in 1964 by her husband, Fred H. Hellwinkel.

She is survived by her sons, Donald and Daniel Hellwinkel of Minden.

Walton's Chapel of the Valley is in charge of arrangements.



## Debate winners

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ANNETTE FERNANDEZ, left, Heather Bonnickson, David Hanifan, Amy Lodato, Bob Richardson, and Tom Brundige competed in a speech and debate tournament at Hug High School

recently. Lodato brought home a first in oral interpretation, a third place in debate and Brundige, a third in extemporaneous speaking. All are students at Douglas High. (R-C photo)

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## • Club meetings

### Alpine Bingo Party

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## Rodeo club announces contest

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At its first meeting of the new year, the Douglas High School Rodeo Club announced the start of the 1984 rodeo queen contest. The contest will be open to all members in good standing of the rodeo club.

Contestants will be judged on their horsemanship ability, poise and personality, photogenics, and appearance. The girls will be receiving instruction in modeling and makeup techniques. They will also be speaking before various local service clubs.

The rodeo club meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Douglas County Public Library, and extends an invitation to Douglas High students who are interested in rodeo to join, including any girls who would like to enter

the queen contest. If interested, contact one of the club's officers, Shane Miller, president; Chris Kawcak, vice president; Miki Williams, secretary; Tammy Gansberg, treasurer; Aaron Prupas, sergeant at arms; or Julie Hone, reporter.

The first event on the agenda is a potluck dinner to be held on the first Monday in February, where members will hold a bake auction to raise money for the contest.

Asked to serve on the queen committee were Audrey Page, chairman, Marlena Hellwinkel, Londa Jensen and Nevalyn Miller. The committee met briefly with State Rodeo Directors Dennis Jensen and Butch Begovich. They said that entry blanks for the contest will be available by Jan. 12. For additional information, call 782-5861.

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## 4-H Livestock Club holds first meeting, plans year

by **JULIE ALDAX**  
Reporter

The first meeting of the Douglas County 4-H Livestock Club was held Dec. 14 at the Carson Valley Middle School cafeteria. Vice President Aaron Prupas called the meeting to order and Heather Robison led the American pledge,

and Gregg Fricke led the 4-H pledge.

Wally Peterson introduced the leaders for the 1983-84 year; they are beef, Chris Gansberg and Abbey Jensen; buyers committee, Mike Robison; swine, Ray Williams; sheep, Joanie Chacon, Walt Lund, and Laurie

Lingelbach; judging, Dennis Jensen and Jeff Blakeslee.

It was decided that meetings would be held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Demonstrations were assigned for the next meeting. They are beef, Tami Gansberg and Aaron Prupas;

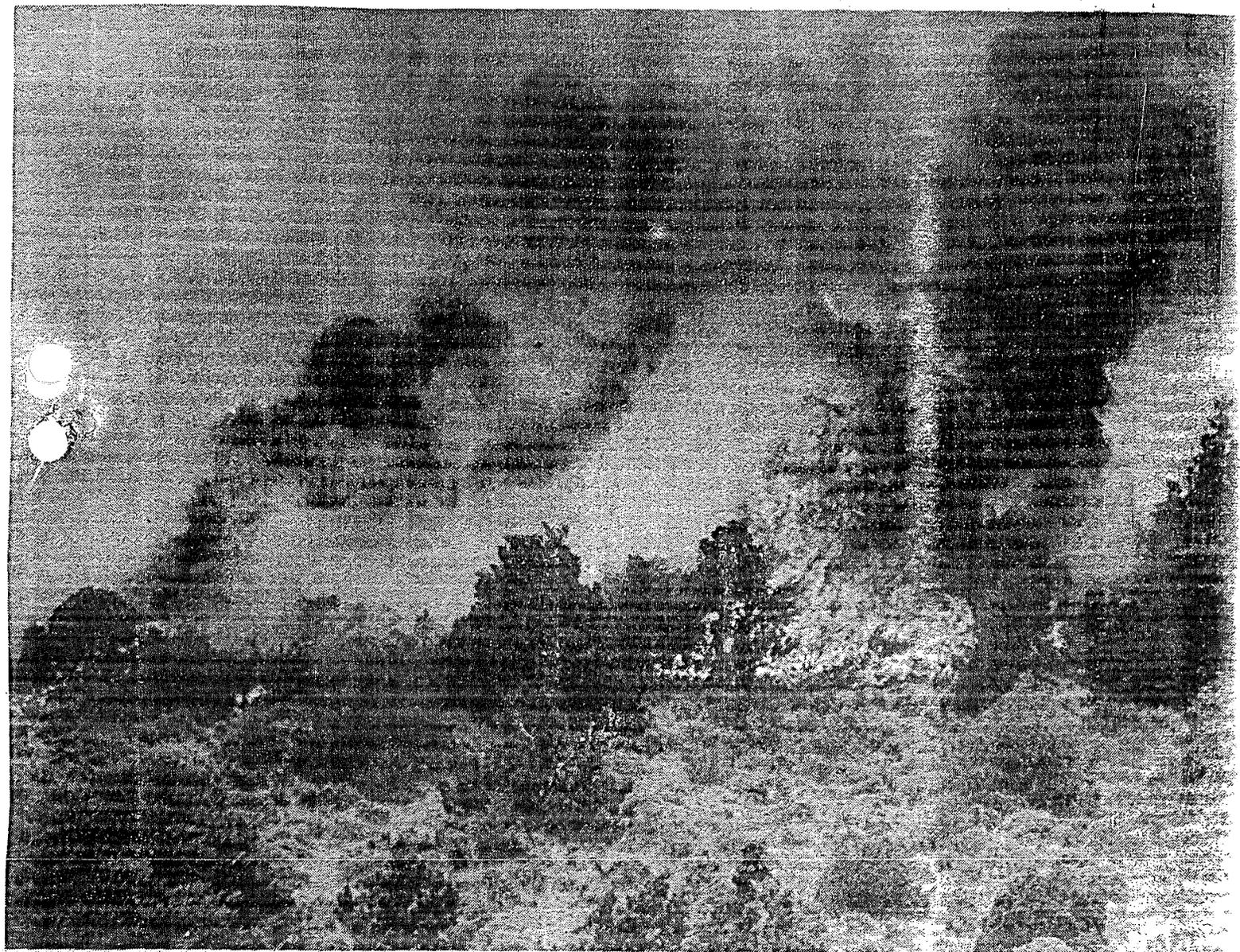
sheep, Heather Robison; National 4-H Congress, Julie Aldax; and San Francisco trip, Todd Gansberg and Jeff Beckerdite.

Refreshments for next meeting will be provided by Kelly Lingelbach, Jaimie Phillips, Lisa Chacon and Wendy Gansberg.

A tree near Alpine County's  
Indian Creek Reservoir was  
struck by lightning, then ap-  
parently rekindled and torched  
more than 800 acres in a two-day  
burn.

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**BRUSHFIRE.** A pinyon pine tree south of Indian Creek Reservoir in Alpine County, California, goes up in smoke and flames as a brushfire that started near the reservoir in Indian Creek Reservoir in Alpine County ravaged about 17,000 acres of Indian, Bureau of Land Management and private land from the reservoir to Ruhensroth area of Carson Valley. The fire was beaten back shortly before hitting Ruhensroth area, although homes evacuated and U.S. 395 was closed and off for several days. R-C photo

# Cross-country skiing in a transition period

By **Big Staats**  
Oakland **Tribune**

**KIRKWOOD** — After years of trying to convince people if they could walk, they could cross-country ski, some of California's nordic centers are saying it was a mistake.

That old cliché, they say, has created a legion of cross-country devotees who have taken the two-hour lesson and spend the rest of their days walking around on the skis, not using the kick-and-glide technique that would let them cover more ground with less effort.

"It was the worst thing we could have said — 'If you can walk, you can cross-country ski,'" says John Slobner, director of Royal Gorge Cross-Country Ski Resort near Soda Springs. "Walking doesn't have anything to do with skiing. . . . The deceptive thing about cross-country skiing is it has a relatively easy, entry-level first day. You think it's nothing until you try to go down a hill, or turn."

"You don't need a lesson every time you go out, but most people can benefit from one occasionally," adds Glenn Jobe, owner of Kirkwood Ski Touring Center and a member of the 1980 U.S. Olympic cross-country team.

So, California's best-known cross-country centers, including Kirkwood and Royal Gorge, are putting more emphasis on intermediate and advanced lessons for people who have recognized there is more to the sport than just walking.

At Royal Gorge, for instance, they use videotapes to show beginners how someone with a more efficient stride can move three times as fast using half the energy — and have more fun, too.

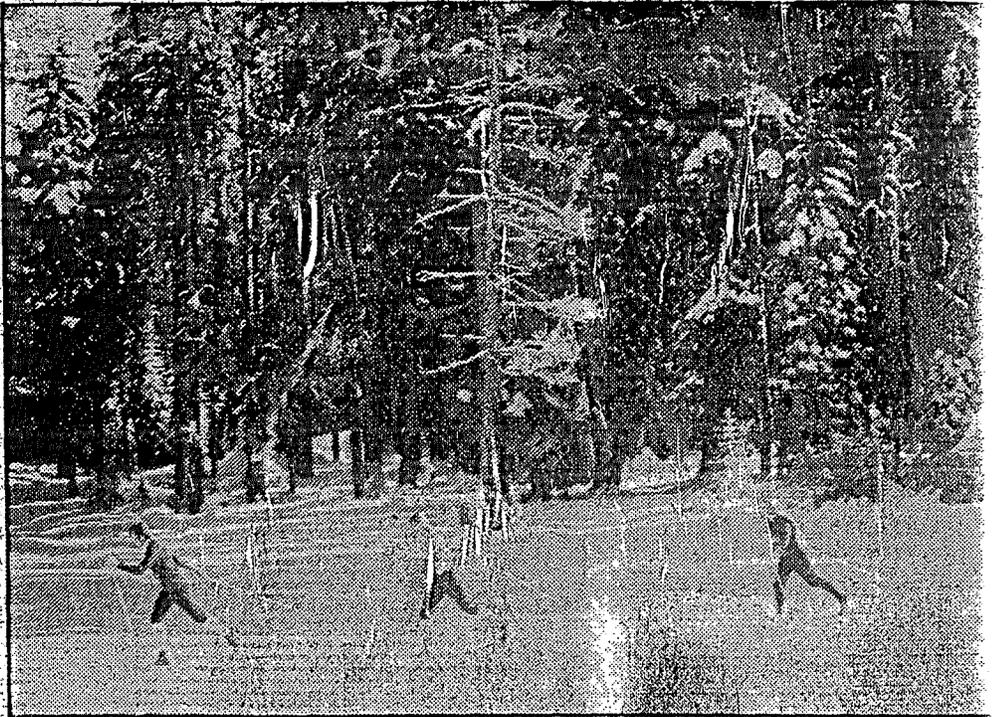
At Yosemite National Park, instructors with the Yosemite Mountaineering School teach an all-day class for \$25 that includes a movie, two hours of skiing in the morning, a lunch break and then more instruction in the afternoon.

The re-emphasis on lessons may be a natural part of cross-country skiing's development in the United States. Most ski centers are seeing 10 to 30 percent more skiers every year.

"The last 10 years was a development and education phase, letting people know what cross-country skiing was all about," Jobe said. "Now I think we're on the threshold of a growth period."

After the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y., cross-country centers did not notice any particular upsurge in interest, and Jobe does not expect one this year because of the Sarajevo Games, either.

"ARC doesn't do the sport justice," he said. "They call it lonely, say you have to be crazy to do it. They completely ignore the social aspects of it, the social aspects of it. It can be a family-oriented sport."



Cross-country skiers glide through trails at Yosemite.

Despite its gains in popularity, Slobner also sees cross-country as a developing sport. "Cross-country skiing as a major resort sport is just sort of entering the teenage years. We're a long way from maturity."

By resort sport, Slobner means civilized skiing, skiing with amenities. In the early days, before there were so many cross-country centers, skiers just drove to their favorite spot, strapped on their skis and took off through the back country, breaking their own trail.

Now, more often than not, weekend skiing means groomed tracks, warming huts with soup or tea and ski patrols to help anyone in trouble. "It takes away all the concern about survival," Slobner said.

So far, the winter of 1984 has been drier and milder than 1983, but the cross-country centers say they are not hurting.

"We had a bit of a tough December, but everything since then has been fine," said Slobner.

In fact, although the big winters of the past two years dropped a lot of snow, they discouraged people from going to the mountains.

In the past week, there has been new snow at most of the resorts, and conditions have improved markedly. "Finally, it's beginning to look like wintertime up here," said Geoff Gardner, head of the ski school at Squaw Valley Nordic Center.

For accomplished cross-country skiers,

there are several high-country races coming up next month:

■ **The Great Ski Race**, March 4. This 15-kilometer race starts at Tahoe Nordic, Tahoe City, and winds its way to Truckee over 7,800-foot Starratt Pass.

■ **The California Gold Rush 25** and 50, March 18. This race at Royal Gorge should draw 800 to 1,000 competitors, with the finishers completing it in less than three hours.

■ **The Echo to Kirkwood Race**, March 18. This 15-kilometer race, which starts at the Echo Summit Ski Area, follows part of the Pacific Crest Trail, with lots of climbing and descending.

For beginners, a first day on cross-country skis should cost about \$20, including 1½ to two hours of instruction, use of both skis and poles for the day and a trail pass you can practice after the lesson.

These are some of Northern California touring centers and telephone numbers. Contact them for more information:

**Kirkwood Ski Touring Center**, Highway 88, (209) 258-8864.

**Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort**, Interstate 80 near Donner Summit, (916) 426-3871.

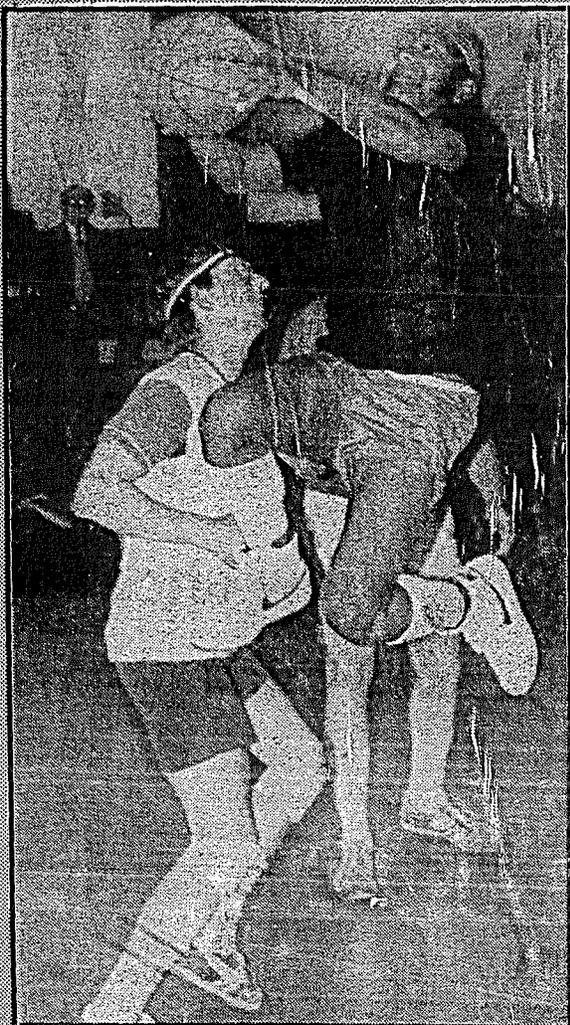
**Squaw Valley Nordic Center**, (916) 589-5121.

**Tahoe Nordic**, Tahoe City, (916) 583-9858.

**Yosemite National Park**, Yosemite Mountaineering School and Guide Service, (209) 372-1244.

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# oreboard



THERE REALLY was not a grudge match going on between Dresslerville's Kevin Jones and Bently Backorders' Larry Lester although these pictures may appear that way. At left, Jones goes airborne for a layup



around Lester while, at right, Jones mugs Lester from behind. Tuesday's game was for sole possession of the cellar in Douglas County recreation basketball's Slow Break league.

(R-C photos by Gary Lowe)

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# Douglas skiers sweep two straight meets

It was a clean sweep for the Douglas High School ski team Friday as both the boys and girls picked up a pair of wins against two different opponents.

McQueen was the victim Friday morning on Slide Mountain's Course No. 3 as the Tigers' boys won 87-70 while the girls took an 84-67 win over the Lancers.

In the afternoon, Sparks fell prey to the Tigers with the boys coping an 86-63 win. The girls won 81-71 over the Railroaders.

"I was real pleased," said Douglas coach Jeanne Turnbeaugh.

"We had to work very hard for these wins because we didn't have everyone there for the race or practice beforehand."

Skiing without captain Sam Lacey, the boys swept to the first four spots in the morning race against McQueen.

Jeff Thran took first place with a time of 21.4 to nip teammate Jeremy Purdy by .2 seconds. Todd Whear was nearly a second off the pace at 22.3 while Rick Chambers earned fourth place at 23.4

Fifth through ninth places went to McQueen skiers. Aaron Prupas mopped up the scoring in 11th place for Douglas at 26.5.

Girls captain Sheila Reuter continued to live up to her reputation of

beating both the boys and girls or crashing trying to. Reuter did not complete the course but finishes by others in second, fifth, seventh, 10th and 14th places nailed down the win for Douglas.

Shelley Gardner finished 1.8 seconds out of first for Douglas at 26.1 but was a full second ahead of third place.

Lisa Brown clocked in a 27.5 for fifth, Tanya Anthes was seventh at 29.3, Gabi Haas placed 10th in 30 seconds even and Nani Thornburg grabbed 14th

Friday afternoon's race was more successful for Reuter as she beat both the boys and the girls with a time of 22.88.

Reuter's time was .27 seconds ahead of Thran's winning time in the boys division and 2.64 seconds up on Gardner in second place.

Candee Gardner, Haas and Anthes placed sixth, seventh and eighth to complete Douglas' scoring.

Whear and Purdy again followed Thran across the line in a tight battle. Thran registered a time of 23.15 with Whear nipping Purdy by .01 seconds at 23.52.

Rick Chambers and Terry Martin nabbed sixth and seventh to complete the scoring for Douglas with Prupas grabbing eighth for good measure.

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## York

Virginia and John York of Markleeville are the parents of a baby boy, Benjamin James, born Jan. 23 at Carson-Tahoe Hospital. Benjamin weighed 7 pounds, 12½ ounces at birth.

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DOUGLAS, NEVADA

# Douglas skiers split Boys and girls both now 1-1

Both the boys and girls ski teams from Douglas High School evened their season records to 1-1 Jan. 18 as the boys fell to Carson 77-73 while the girls took a 77-70 win over Carson.

Facing the win by the girls, Douglas' Stella Reuter was the fastest skier of the day in either race with a run of 20.03.

Boys captain Sam

Lacey was not far behind with a time of 20.80 as both the Douglas leaders dominated the competition. Second place in the boys race went to Carson's Hank List with a time of 21.60 while Carson's top girls finisher was Barbara Smith in second at 23.99.

Katy Jones nabbed fourth overall with a 24.34, followed by

teammates Karen Dorf and Shelley Gardner in fifth and sixth at 24.56 and 24.75.

The next Tigers skier crossed just in time in 12th place with Lisa Brown claiming that spot at 27.28.

The boys team had a similar situation with Todd Whear and Jeremy Purdy notching third and fourth with the next finishers placing 13th and 14th.

Whear clocked in at 22.80 and Jeremy Purdy at 22.93 while Greg Purdy claimed 12th at 24.55 and Dan Walters closed out the scoring at 24.95.

The team will race twice tomorrow with both meets scheduled for Slide Mountain. The Tigers will race Monday at 8:30 a.m. on course No. 3, then race Tuesday at 1 p.m. on course No. 1.

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# Sierra Riders 4-H Club elects officers

oy MACHELE  
MUNOZ  
Reporter

The second Sierra Riders Horsemanship Club meeting was held on Feb. 28. We had a large turnout and started business with the election of officers.

The new officers

for the year are president Tami Gansberg, vice president Amy Turner, secretary Kim Liebherr, treasurer Chrissy Erven, sentinel Todd Gansberg, first reporter Machele Munoz, second reporter Marka Munoz, third reporter Leah Wiessman. Chris Gansberg has accepted being our leader. He has given 24

years to horsemanship, and we thank him.

Discussed was the possible addition of roping, stock horse, and or cutting events both the county and state shows. Chris introduced the idea at the last leaders' meeting. A final decision has not been made. Also discussed was the organizing of

our annual open horse show at the county fairgrounds. The date will be announced later. This is our main fundraiser and we would like to make this the best ever.

Kim Liebherr presented us with an excellent demonstration of the different types of bridles and their uses.

Our next meeting

is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 7:15 p.m., Carson Valley Middle School. We will also have a workout on Saturday, March 24, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Douglas County Fairgrounds.

Any interested horsemen are welcome to our next meeting. It's a great way to learn more about horses and it's fun, too.

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## DuLac completes basic

Airman Deborah S. DuLac, daughter of Camilla G. Ellis of Markleeville, and E. Scott DuLac of Oakland, Maine, has been assigned to Chanute Air Force Base, Ill., after completing Air Force basic training.

During the six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in

human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

The airman will now receive specialized instruction in the aircraft maintenance field.

She is a 1982 graduate of South Tahoe High School, South Lake Tahoe, Calif.



DEBORAH DULAC

### *Letters to Editor* Thanks

Editor:

Many thanks to all of those who came to my surprise birthday party Feb. 25.

Many wonderful friends, cards, monetary gifts and gifts and a lot of love and kisses. My thanks a thousand times over.

Mary Schallert  
*Rec Courier 3/8/84*

# Casteel named rodeo queen

by AUDREY PAGE  
Special to the R-C

Alayne Casteel, the new Miss Douglas High School Rodeo of 1984 was crowned Saturday, March 10, during ceremonies held at Sharkey's Nugget. Also competing for the title were Kari Begovich, Kim Liebherr and Jaime Williams. Outgoing queen Tami Gansberg passed the crown and banner to Alayne.

Awards were also presented to Kim Liebherr, first runner-up, and Jaime Williams, named Miss Photogenic and Miss Congeniality. Alayne was additionally honored with the top horsemanship award and top test score.

Horsemanship competition was conducted in the morning at the Douglas County Fairgrounds by Jody Laxague. The girls were judged on their grand entries and on a riding pattern. Tami, Miss DHS Rodeo of 1983, gave her final grand entry.

The balance of the judging began at noon at Sharkey's on photogenics and personal interviews. During the luncheon, the girls were also judged on their modeling, speeches and appearance. Master of ceremonies for the pageant was DHS Rodeo Club vice president Chris Kawcak, assisted by pageant committee members Lois Brooks, Marlena Hellwinkel, Londa Jensen, Jody Laxague, Nevalyn Miller, and Audrey Page, coordinator.

Judges of the competition were; horsemanship, Les Hibbel, Suzi Quillen and Doqna Stix; photogenics, Nancy Dudley, Bob Hurley, and James Lawrence; personality and appearance, Barbara Barber, Tone Dugan, Irene Frey, and Myldred Hoover.

On display at Sharkey's were all of the special gifts that were presented to the queen, in addition to her traditional bouquet of roses.



ALAYNE CASTEEL, the new Miss Douglas High School Rodeo is congratulated by last year's queen Tami Gansberg.



KIM LEIBHERR, also shown with Tami Gansberg, was named first runnerup in the competition.

# On the road again

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Rodeo queen chosen



by JULIE HONE

Two members of the Douglas High School rodeo team traveled to Pahrump, which is located about 150 miles out of Las Vegas, to compete.

Pahrump is one of the smallest rodeos of the season. One reason is because its club has only two members, and the other, the most prominent, is because it is so far away.

For Shane Miller and Todd Gansberg, it turned out to be well worth the trip. In the team-roping event, Shane won first place with his partner Ben Tomason from Las Vegas. Shane also placed third in the calf-roping event.

Todd Gansberg also did very well last weekend, placing second overall in the cutting event.

Also occurring last weekend was the annual Douglas High School Rodeo Queen Contest.

The club would like to extend its congratulations to Miss Alayne Casteel, the new DHS Rodeo Queen. Alayne, along with the other contestants, did a very good job by making it an extremely

close contest all the way to the finish.

The first runner-up was Kim Leibherr. Jaime Williams won Photogenics and Miss Congeniality, and Alayne Casteel won the Horsemanship, the Personality, and the Appearance awards.

Another well-deserved award went to Tami Gansberg, last year's DHS Rodeo Queen. Tami received a plaque for doing such an excellent job in representing the club.

Saturday and Sunday, the DHS Rodeo Club will travel to Las Vegas where, although it is one of the largest rodeos of the season, the club should do very well.



DOUGLAS HIGH School Rodeo Club queen candidate Kim Liebherr performs in the riding portion of the competition Saturday morning at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Gardnerville. Liebherr was named first runnerup behind Alayne Casteel at the club's dinner Saturday afternoon at Sharkey's casino. (Photo courtesy of Lake Photography and Bob Hurley)



**Gansberg, Kim Liebherr and Alayne Casteel, who was selected queen during the rigorous competition which also included a rodeo test, photogenics, speech, and appearance. The 1984 Miss Douglas High School Rodeo is pictured at right. For more pictures and a story of the event, see page 10-A. (Bob Hurley photos)**

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## Rodeo queen selected

CONTESTANTS IN the Douglas High School Rodeo club's annual queen contestants lined up for a photograph with last year's queen, Tami Gansberg, at the Douglas County Fairgrounds

Saturday. The horsemanship portion of the competition was held at the fairgrounds and Miss Gansberg made her final grand entry. They are, from left, Kari Begovich, Jaime Williams, Miss

3/20/81 Tahoe Daily Trib.

# STPUD strips gear

A "major equipment failure" is forcing the trouble-plagued South Tahoe Public Utility District to "limp along" with 22-year-old machinery, General Manager Jim Cofer said today.

One of the district's two primary clarifiers, used to remove about 70 percent of the solids from wastewater, broke down Tuesday. Cofer expects replacement parts costing \$15,000, to arrive by air-freight from New Jersey Monday, allowing repairs to be finished by Wednesday, "if no unforeseen problems come up."

"As long as flows continue at the present level of about 4½ million gallons a day, we'll continue to meet discharge standards," Cofer said. "But if we were to get a larger flow this weekend, because of an influx of skiers

or a storm, we could start overloading the system.

"When the plant can no longer handle the flow and the biological treatment process begins to break down, we run the risk of violating treatment standards," he said. "We could have serious problems here."

If flows increase significantly before the repairs are made or if the remaining clarifier breaks down, "we would have to divert sewage to the emergency holding ponds," Cofer said.

"We don't like to do that because we need that 56 million gallons of storage in case there is a break in the export line," he said.

There have been more than 30 such breaks since the export line to Alpine County was constructed in 1968.

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## Founder's Day Ball

Alpine County will celebrate its 120th birthday at this year's Founder's Day Ball, March 17, with dancing, hors d'oeuvres, and a no-host bar at Turtle Rock Park beginning at 7 p.m.

The annual celebration is sponsored by the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce and the Alpine County Historical Society. The Founder's Day program will begin at 8 p.m.; however, this year there will not be a Miss Alpine County contest because of the lack of interested contestants. Tracy Kuhl, last year's Miss Alpine County, will reign over the celebration.

The Alpine Trio will provide music for dancing following the program. The public is invited.

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# Kirkwood expects 300 racers

Race officials expect Saturday's Eighth Annual Echo Summit to Kirkwood cross country ski race to number more than 300 participants, breaking the record established last year in what amounts to the biggest Nordic ski race on the South Shore.

The 14-mile race begins at 10 a.m. on Highway 50, south of Echo Summit on Snowed in Summer Home Road. Parking will be at the Echo Summit Maintenance Station and racers may pick up their bibs at 8 a.m. Race registration will also take place at the maintenance station.

Peter Hoag of Truckee and Rusty Scott of Jackson, Wyo., both

members of the United States Biathlon team, are scheduled to compete. As of early Thursday afternoon, 230 skiers had registered for the race and those registering on the day of the race (\$12.50 per skier) are expected to swell the number above 300.

The race is run under a relay format, with two people comprising each team (either man-man, woman-woman or man-woman). A team's time is determined simply by taking the clocking of the team's slowest racer.



**DATED MACHINERY**, like this 22-year-old drive unit greased by Gary Plasterer, STPUD wastewater operations manager, must be replaced with newer equipment, says Jim Cofer,

district general manager. It is "very likely" major breakdowns will occur in the next five years that could endanger the water quality of Lake Tahoe, Cofer said.

## STPUD funding still uncertain

Whether the South Tahoe Public Utility District will receive \$1 million from the state to design needed sewage treatment plant modifications remains unclear, General Manager Jim Cofer said today.

Cofer and all five district directors met with Carla Bard, chairwoman of the State Water Resources Control

Board in Sacramento Tuesday. They came away with no promises.

Faced with a reduction in the flow of federal money for sewage treatment plant projects because of President Reagan's austerity budget, the state water board is about to reassess its priority list for funding allocations.

The STPUD delegation explained the

need for modernization of the South Tahoe plant, emphasizing the likelihood of major breakdowns if a modification of the plant does not occur, Cofer said.

"They made an excellent presentation," said Mrs. Bard. "They made a very good case that their plant is vital to the protection of Lake Tahoe."

"But many areas of the state have similar serious problems with waste treatment facilities," she said. "We just don't know yet how much money will be available for projects."

The state water board "will have a better indication by June" whether STPUD's request for a \$1 million design grant will be approved, Mrs. Bard said.

"Reagan Budget Director David Stockman has recommended zero funding in 1982 for sewage plant improvements," she said. "And, more seriously, he has rescinded \$1.7 billion nationwide from 1979 and 1980. That represents a big healthy chunk for California."

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# Hearing set for Monday on Alpine sewage initiative

R.C. Thursday,  
April 19, 1984

A Placer County judge has set for Monday a hearing on whether an association of Alpine County voters may intervene on behalf of the Sewage Quality Initiative Ordinance, currently jeopardized by a lawsuit brought by the South Tahoe Public Utility District.

Attorneys for STPUD have filed for a change of venue to Nevada County, a move they say pre-empts the court from deciding the intervention issue in Markleeville.

At an April 2 hearing in Markleeville Judge Wayne Wylie said that such a change of venue, "perturbs all my feelings of justice. This smacks of a third party (intervenors) knocking on the door and the other two par-

ties going into a back bedroom to get him in a crossfire."

STPUD attorney John Weidman and Jerrilyn Paik, attorney for STPUD, maintain that a change of venue is required by the contract between STPUD and Alpine County. Alpine's District Attorney Henry Murdock agrees, saying, "the board (of supervisors) wants it and the contract calls for it."

Attorney for the intervenors, Timothy Pemberton, maintains that the motion to intervene should be heard first, because it was filed two weeks before the change of venue and that the intervenors would then be able to argue against a change of venue. Intervenors, who include Citizens for Sewage

Quality, the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, the Woodfor's Community Council and the Sierra Club, maintain that a change of venue is not necessary because there will be no jury selection and that a neutral judge will hear the case. Moving the case to Nevada County, Pemberton claims, would impose undue hardship on the intervenors. Murdock said that the intervenors are trying to delay the trial and make a "simple lawsuit complicated."

The Washoe Tribe is concerned because a historical site, which qualifies for the National Registry of Historical Places, would be inundated by the proposed Harvey Place Sewage Reservoir.

R.C. April 12, 1984  
**NSGW Beef Dinner.** The Native Sons of the Golden West will hold a Roast Beef Dinner with Bingo, no-host cocktails, and dancing on Saturday, April 14 at Turtle Rock Park in Markleeville. Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. and will cost \$6 per person. Music will be provided by the Alpine Trio. Bingo begins after dinner with dancing to follow. The public is invited.

R.C. April 19, 1984  
**Mother's Day Brunch.** Door prizes and champagne will be served at the 4th annual Mother's Day Brunch in Markleeville, May 13, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The cost is \$4.50 for people 13 and older, lower for senior citizens and children. Proceeds benefit the Alpine Children's Center, a non-profit preschool.

R.C. April 26, 1984  
**Square Dance News**  
 by Pat Wallace  
 Come out and have a ball at the Douglas Dudes and Dolls New Dancers Hoedown on April 28 at the Gardnerville Elementary School in Gardnerville. This dance will be called by Ron Claridge from 8 to 11 p.m.  
 Make plans to get away for the weekend and attend the Markleeville Camp-Out Weekend on May 11 and 12 at the Turtle Rock Park. There will be a Trail End Dance on Friday from 8 to 10 p.m. and on Saturday there will be workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. with a potluck at 6 p.m. with a dance to follow from 8 to 11 p.m. and an afterparty at 11:15. Come out and join the fun.

R.C. April 19, 1984  
**Annual Fireman's Ball.** The second Fireman's Ball will be held by the Woodfords and Markleeville firemen April 28, 7:30 p.m. Turtle Rock Park in Markleeville. Door prizes and hors d'oeuvres will be given away. Music is by the Alpine Trio. The grand prize is a cord of wood, delivered locally. A no-host bar will be available. Donation is \$3.

# Area students graduate from <sup>R.C. April 26, 1984</sup> Computer Sciences school

The Sierra Nevada Institute of Computer Sciences (SNICS), a non-profit computer vocational school graduated Ludwig Degenhart of Minden, who passed SNICS' computer training courses which included 750 hours of classroom instruction and over 300 hours of hands-on computer time. Graduation and awards ceremonies for 32 students were held recently at the Church of the Nazarene in Carson City.  
 David Leegard of Gardnerville

received a certificate of completion for the first course, "Data and Word Processing Concepts," which provides the student with a basic understanding of the concepts of data processing technology.  
 The second course, "Programming Languages," teaches students to formulate a problem solution on the computer and review the results of COBOL, CBASIC, RPG II OR dBASE II. Each student is required to write a minimum of three programs in

each language. Sharon Maloney of Markleeville, Calif and Michael Lane of Glenbrook received a certificate of completion for "Programming Languages."  
 The school currently is registering persons interested in a career in the computer field or basic electronics. Summer semester classes begin May 7. For further information regarding graduation ceremonies or registration, contact SNICS at 885-1700.

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# Alpine County, STPUD argue wastewater case

By SUE SCHLERF  
Tribune Staff Writer

Sierra Club, Inc., the Washoe Tribal Council of Nevada and California, and a group of citizens will join Alpine County in court arguing the validity of a contract with the South Tahoe Public Utility District.

Placer County Superior Court Judge Wayne Wylie granted the intervention of the groups Friday, and Monday morning listened to three attorneys arguing whether a change of venue from Alpine County was necessary, and if so, to which county the litigation should be moved.

The case is to decide whether a

contract amendment between Alpine County Supervisors and STPUD should be upheld as approved in June of 1983, or if an initiative, filed by a citizens group before the contract was signed but not approved by voters until the following November, should take precedence.

Basically, the contract allows STPUD to build a new reservoir in Harvey Place and switch to a two-step wastewater treatment process. The initiative also allows the construction of the new reservoir, but calls for a three-step treatment process and more stringent monitoring of water quality.

In a court document, both the

Sierra Club and Washoe Indian tribe said they chose to become involved in the case because the contract would endanger the health and safety of their members by allowing secondary effluent to be stored at Harvey Place Reservoir. A campground is operated by the Bureau of Land Management at the current Indian Creek Reservoir. The Washoe tribe further stated that "tribal historical, cultural and archaeological sites shall be inundated by the dam."

A STPUD official responded by saying several digs had been made in the Harvey Place area and no Washoe archaeological sites had been found.

Attorney Tim Pemberton, who represents the citizens group of Alpine County, argued the litigation should remain in Alpine County "because I feel we have an impartial forum" if a disinterested judge were appointed to the case.

Irving Perluss, representing STPUD, said Alpine County would not be an impartial forum if a jury had to be impanelled, and therefore a change of venue was proper.

Wylie recessed for 20 minutes to allow the attorneys to decide on their own which county would be best for the case.

After the recess, Pemberton said the attorneys were unable to reach agreement. He maintained the case should be litigated in either Alpine or Amador county, saying that as an individual without support from the county or district, a trial in (See Alpine, Page 2)

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Nevada or Placer County would be too expensive for him to continue as an attorney.

Perluss asked that the case be moved to a county with at least two judges, suggesting Calaveras County, because the citizens group has already had two judges dis-

qualified from the proceedings and "we are anxious to dispose of this matter."

Alpine County District Attorney asked the case to be moved to Nevada County, but Wylie said Nevada County might not be totally disinterested because if the wastewater cannot be shipped to

Alpine County, chances of spills in the lake to which Nevada County is contiguous might influence the judge.

Wylie will decide in which county the case is to be heard. Twenty days after his decision, the case can move to the new county.

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**Square Dance News**  
by Pat Wallace

This is the weekend for the Markleeville Camp-Out hosted by the Douglas Dudes and Dolls. On May 11, there will be a Trail Ends Dance from 8 to 10 p.m. On Saturday, May 12, there will be workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. then a potluck to follow at 6 p.m. with a dance from 8 to 11 p.m. There will be an after party at 11:15 with amateur callers. This weekend will be called by Ron Claridge and will be held at Turtle Rock Park on Highway 89 which is located about halfway between Woodfords and Markleeville. There will be a kingsize quilt drawing and door prizes.

On May 19, the Country Cousins will have a New Dancers' Dance at the Comstock Mobile Village in Carson City. Jim Maston will be doing the calling from 8 to 11 p.m.

On May 26 and 27, the Sunset Squares will have the first Jim Butler Days Hoedown in Tonopah. This dance will be called by Earl Rich with Bill Ponton (both from Reno) doing the rounds. This will be held at the T.H.S. Gymnasium from 2 to 4 p.m. and 8 to 11 p.m. on Saturday and on Sunday with callers from the floor from 8 to 11 p.m. If you plan to go to this one, you should make your reservations.

On June 1, 2, 3 there will be the Square Dance Festival in Bishop, Calif. Friday, Steve Moore will call from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Lee Schmidt will call from 2 to 4 p.m. and 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday, Jeff Nelson will call from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This will be held at the Tri County Fairgrounds.

Also on June 1, 2, 3, there will be the 37th Silver State Square Dance Festival in Reno. Friday, Paul Marcum will call from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Wade Driver will call in the afternoon and from 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday, Elmer Sheffield, Jr. will call from 1 to 4 p.m. This will be held at the Centennial Coliseum.

# Local skiers lead Kirkwood in final ski team standing

Several Douglas and Alpine County skiers were tabbed for outstanding seasons this week as the Kirkwood Junior Race Team announced final standings for the 1983-84 ski racing season.

Douglas High School's Jeremy Purdy was the top finisher among the locals as he grabbed first place overall in the boys 11-14-year-old category of the Performance Skiing Skills Inc. series, a circuit composed of ski teams from around the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Skiers from the team also competed on the Far West Ski Association circuit during the season.

Two other Douglas High School skiers also had top-three finishes in the PSSI. Tim Kawcak, 17, placed second overall in the boys 15-18 division with 16-year-old Greg Purdy placing third right behind.

Sheila Reuter, the top girls skier for Douglas during the high school season and often the fastest skier on either the boys

or girls squad, placed first in the girls 15-18 division while sister Carolyn Reuter was the top skier in the 19-and-over category.

The top three skiers in each category were awarded partial scholarships to the PSSI's two-week summer ski camp which is held at Mt. Hood, Oregon.

Other local skiers involved with the team were John Fanelli of Hope Valley, Jeff Bowers of Gardnerville and Joseph Day of Alpine County.



**CONTEST WINNERS.** Members of the winning Senior Livestock Judging Team from Douglas County during the recent Nevada State 4-H Livestock Judging Contests held at University of Nevada-Reno, College of Agriculture

facilities were (left to right): Don Rolston, state 4-H leader; Wally Peterson, Douglas County agent-in-charge; Todd Gansberg, Tami Gansberg, Sam Chacon, and Jeff Beckerdite.

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## Alpine group can intervene in sewage treatment quality suit

A Placer County, Calif., judge Friday ruled that an association of Alpine County voters may join in defending a ballot measure the group helped pass in November.

The move to allow the Citizens for Sewage Quality and others to intervene was opposed by the plaintiff in the suit, the South Tahoe Public Utility District. STPUD filed suit in

February, claiming the initiative ordinance, which requires continued three-stage treatment of sewage effluent piped from Tahoe to irrigate Alpine County pastures, is in conflict with state water law and with a contract signed by the county and the district in June.

Joining the citizens group in defending the suit are the Sierra Club and the Washoe Tribe of

Nevada and California.

Judge Waymon Wylie of Auburn is scheduled to next hear a motion to move the suit to Nevada County requested by STPUD and supported by the county, both of which argue that a change of venue was stipulated to in a prior agreement.

The intervenors are opposing the venue change.

**Veatch**

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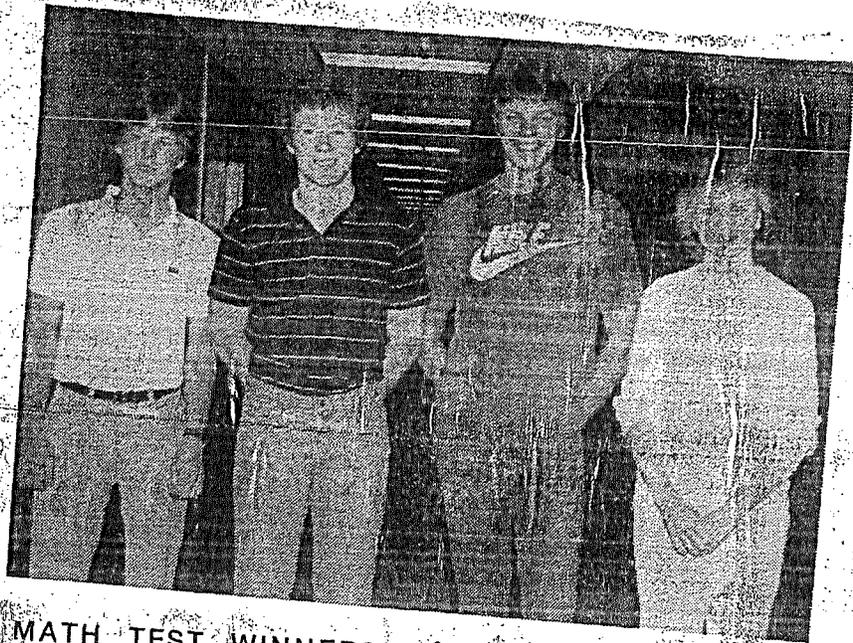
Eddie and Skip Veatch are the parents of a baby girl born April 25 at Saint Mary's Hospital in Reno.

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**Space films.** The NASA Space Shuttle Program and "Solar Array Experiment" will be shown at Diamond Valley School Friday, May 13, 7:30 p.m. The school is located in Woodfords, Calif. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. The films will be presented by William Palmer.

**90th birthday.** The family of William F. Neddenriep extends an invitation to all friends and relatives to help him celebrate his 90th birthday, 2-5 p.m. May 27, Turtle Rock Park, Alpine County, Calif.; please, no gifts. *Record-Courier 5/10/84*

# Students take top places

Douglas High School students finished in the top 10 percent in the annual Nevada Prize Examination in High School Mathematics, given to students in 35 schools.



**MATH TEST WINNERS.** Douglas High students to place in the annual Nevada Prize Examination in High School Mathematics are,

from left, Erin Swezey, best paper in school, David Hanifan, John Craik and Cherene Cox, certificates of merit. R-C photo

Erin Swezey earned a scroll for the best paper in school, and Cherene Cox, John Craik, and David Hanifan won certificates of merit. Swezey also was one of 25 students to win \$10 for earning honors in the examination.

Douglas High School belongs to District III, Western Nevada, for the annual contest which is sponsored by the Department of Mathematics, University of Nevada-Reno. Prizes are made possible through a grant from the UNR foundation, a corporate giving program.

The test was administered Feb. 8 and 1,100 students took part.

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# Lisa Chacon is no novice

Local tennis player Lisa Chacon found out she can't go back anymore.

At least not to any novice-rated tennis tournaments as the 11-year-old netter won the Northern California Tennis Association-sanctioned McKinley Park tournament over the weekend in the girls 12-and-under category.

Chacon must now move up to the satellite or open category

of competition. From there, the next step would be the championship level of competition.

Nicole Sarragento, of Sunnyside, was Chacon's first victim as she won the first set 6-3, then had to scramble to pull out a 7-5 victory in the second set.

In the championship match, Carmichael's Terry Cheu proved less imposing as Chacon won sets of 6-3, 6-1 for the title.

Meanwhile, brother Sam

Chacon, a sophomore at Douglas High School and one of only two zone qualifiers for the team this year, suffered a loss over the weekend in a tournament in Rio Del Oro.

The pair's mother Joan, the girls tennis coach at DHS, said only the score was a losing proposition for her son.

"Sam lost but he played real well and was very pleased with his game," the elder Chacon said.

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# Gary Price keeps life interesting

Harley-riding oceanographer gets his  
own five-man team

when he graduates from Annapolis Wednesday

by GARY LOWE  
R-C Sports Editor

**G**ary Price is five years gone from Douglas High School and now heading into another five-year stretch in the Navy when he graduates from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis next Wednesday.

But the mention of his name still brings an instant smile to Douglas basketball coach Randy Green's face.

Gary Price. What memories he brings back.

And maybe not the kind you would expect a coach to have for a Naval Academy graduate and a player who was all-everything his senior year. The Tigers won the state AA basketball crown that year with a 29-3 record.

"He was the guy who, if you had the team over to your house for dinner, would unscrew the lid from the salt shaker so it spilled for the next guy," Green said Monday.

Green agrees independent is a reasonable description. But not "me-first" independent. Just the kind of guy you could depend on to think for himself.

"His senior year, all the guys were into wearing these hats," Green said. "And not just any hats. I mean these guys went out and bought nice, expensive hats."

But not Price. His choice was a camouflage-type hunting hat. It was a constant source of embarrassment to his teammates. Even before Price adorned it in his own inimitable manner.

"We were playing in a tournament at Manogue and we went out to The Sizzler for dinner," Green reminisces. "Gary took all the little 'medium', 'rare' and 'well-done' plastic arrows they put in the steaks and stuck them in his hat."

"Everyone else was running around going 'Come on coach, you gotta make him take that hat off.'"

With that in mind, it becomes a little easier to understand the academy graduate who rides a Harley Davidson chopper on the weekends. He has been riding it since way before Zack Mayo-Richard Gere made the practice popular in "An Officer and a Gentleman."

Suddenly, it isn't so hard to imagine a fifth-grader from land-locked Gardnerville wan-

ting to become an oceanographer. And having the moxie to stick with the dream and land one of only five openings at the Academy in that field.

Or understand his being willing to call his Mom and Dad as well as a sportswriter at 12:30 a.m. from a girls dormitory somewhere on the East Coast while on leave.

While one of the residents waits her turn for his attention.

He was even nervy enough to make the statement that college basketball was a source of recreation for him, even though he was on a full-ride scholarship.

Quite a concept in light of the fact that college basketball is generally considered big business.

But Coach Green also knew a side of his 6-5 middleman which brought the independent thinker and the talented athlete together.

"His attitude did not hurt his play at all," Green said. "He was a competitor. When it came time to win, he would win."

**I**t would be great to be able to say that Price went from the halls of Douglas High School to the Naval Academy and set the collegiate basketball world on fire.

But such was not the case. His independent spirit, combined with a coaching change at the Academy, short-circuited that story some although not before he tied a record at Annapolis for most games played while a student there.

Price and Rob Romaine closed out their concurrent careers with 108 games for the Academy this spring. That included four straight wins over rival West Point, also a record.

Price is not exactly sure what happened to him in the interim, taking him from a solid starting spot for the Midshipmen his freshman and sophomore year to the bench his final two seasons.

"I just saw less and less playing time," Price said. "I play because I enjoy it. I'm not out there to kill someone and I think that may have had something to do with it."

"I looked at basketball as recreation and I think he (coach Paul Evans) noticed it."

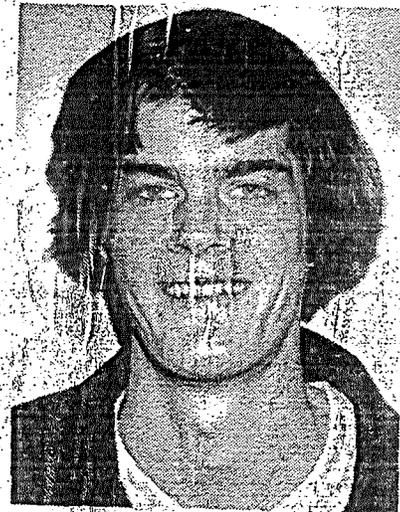
With some players, a coach uses a whip. With others, sugar. Green realized that early and

opted for the latter approach. But he still caught himself reaching for the quart at times.

"Gary and I had our moments with each other," Green admitted. "But it didn't take long to realize the talent that was there and try to let him play his game."

"I think you tend to be a little harder on a kid with potential and I don't know whether Gary understood that at the time."

One must not blame Price for maybe placing the silly contest of put-the-ball-in-the-peach-basket into a little better



**LESS HAIR NOW.** This is how Gary Price appeared as a student five years ago at Douglas High School. Price will graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy Wednesday with a degree in oceanography. He also set a record at Annapolis for most games played in a career as a Midshipman. R-C photo.

perspective than others do.

"I don't think he ever set out at the start of the year with a goal like player-of-the-year in his mind," Green said. "And I think that helped him."

A Bill Walton-type player who could score but was even more impressive on defense, Price and his best friend Eric Reuter were named co-MVPs for the Nevada AA in 1979.

The Tigers won the state title that year. Price had developed a desire to attend the Air Force Academy as a youth but it was West Point and the USNA which sent recruiters to Nevada in an attempt to land him.

Price admits he did not even know where Annapolis was at first.

"I thought that was where they raced cars," he quips.

But then-coach Bob Hamilton persuaded him to

become a Middie and Price packed off to the Naval Academy Prep School in Newport, R.I. for a year of preparatory education.

He earned MVP honors at NAPS while playing against JV squads from Ivy League institutions like Brown and Princeton. But he never got to play for Coach Hamilton who was fired that year and replaced by Evans at the Academy.

"That may have made a difference," Price said. "Sometimes a coach had ideas about building his own program with his own recruits."

After two years with scoring averages of 8.7 points and 7.9 points as well as 7.3 rebounds and 6.2 rebounds per game, Price saw his playing time tail off.

Yet the last thing he will do is badmouth Evans as a person. Question his coaching strategies as far as personnel goes, maybe, but not Evans the man.

"Evans was great off the court and he helped us a lot," Price said. "he would do anything he could for you."

"But he did not motivate me in the way I would have liked to have been. I never really talked to the guy about it. But one time he told me I was the only guy on the team he couldn't figure out."

Price said he was disappointed with never playing to his potential. But rather than sulk about and quit the team, Price displayed a trait Green found predominant way back in high school.

"His second-most impressive trait (behind his physical ability) is his unselfishness," Green said.

So Price spent the majority of the last two years coming off the bench and lending himself to the team in whatever capacity

he could.

He was used enough to have played 103 straight games for the Midshipmen before finally sitting out the whole 40 minutes of No. 104.

"He told me on the phone one time that he was going to do whatever he could to help the team," said his mother Janine.

Price said the change in roles brought something new out in him.

"The first two years I was kind of a loner," he said. "After practice was over, I would take off by myself and not do much socializing."

"But the last two years I tried to get more involved in the team and do whatever I could."

Janine Price said other members of the team expressed the same puzzlement over Gary's lack of playing time to her.

But despite the basketball situation, Price kept his life and role in the Academy in perspective. Basketball was fun while oceanography was both important and fun.

He made the commander's list on a couple occasions and worked hard for an education he became enthralled with in fifth grade.

"We were told to research a subject to do a paper on," he said. "I had seen all the Jacques Cousteau films and really liked it so I picked oceanography."

Later on, the class took a trip to Point Reyes on the Northern California coast and the hook was set. While majoring in geophysics at Annapolis, Price's height gained him more than just a spot on the basketball team.

"The only thing I could go into was oceanography," he said. "At 6-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ , (he grew after high school) I couldn't go on a

regular ship because the hatches are pretty low.

"So they put me on a civilian ship."

Following graduation, Price plans to ride cross country by motorcycle with his brother Greg and his roommate from the Academy. If Price sounds like fun, his roommate could cause that image to pale.

"He goes from Joe Middie to Joe Harley," Price says. "He likes to hang around with the bikers."

Then the motorcycle goes in storage for awhile. There will be a month of school before Price reports to the civilian ship Harkness in the Mediterranean Sea.

From there, the ship is slated to head for North Africa. With a five-year commitment to the Navy, he anticipates a tour of duty in Monterey after leaving the Harkness. Whether he will stay in the Navy is unknown right now.

But, surprisingly, the new ensign said he has no problems with the military's regimentation despite his independent nature.

"This is business and if they tell me to do something, I do it."

One aspect he likes about being aboard the Harkness is the fact that he will be in charge of a small crew involved in non-military pursuits.

"There are certain advantages," Price said. "We don't have to stand watches or fire guns. I will be working with people a lot."

"I'll have a five-man crew under me."

Then he adds.

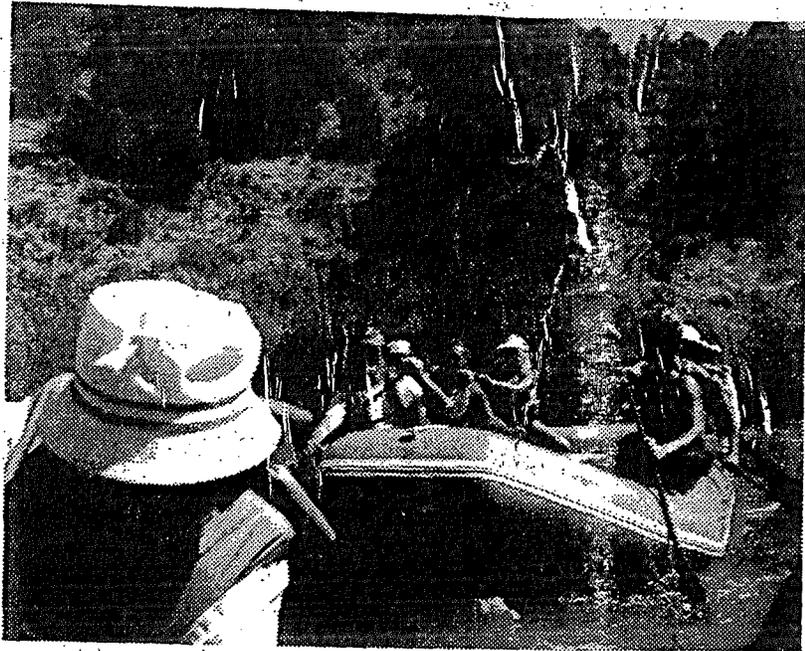
"Just like a basketball team."

Good luck, Coach Price. And be kind to anyone who takes the lid off the salt shaker.

# Rafting the Carson

There's a wilderness experience  
right in your backyard

**FUN.** You can be safe, yet have an exhilarating time rafting on the lovely East Fork of the Carson River. Ann Funk photo



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by ANN FUNK  
Special to the R-C

Right in our own back yard, Douglas County residents can tune in to a wilderness experience that city folks travel hundreds of miles to find.

The East Fork of the Carson River is the setting for a variety of white water rafting trips which are both safe and exhilarating and can be enjoyed for a day or a weekend, with family or friends or by joining a pre-arranged river outing.

The raftable portion of the East Fork originates in the alpine meadows of the Eastern Sierra, east of Highway 4 (Ebbetts Pass Road), and gradually weaves its way down through rugged canyons to the high desert floor of Carson Valley, 2,000 feet below.

It was, until recently, a recreational resource used primarily by fishermen and a few adventurous souls who navigated the river in rafts, canoes, and kayaks of their own.

In the last six years, use of the river has more than quadrupled, according to Mort Testerman, owner of M.O.R.T., an acronym for his whimsically named company, Mort's Outrageous River Trips, based in Kirkwood. In addition to private parties, the river is now also used by 20-25 professional rafting companies, most of them located on the west side of the Sierra in Placerville or Sonora.

The rafting season on the Carson varies from year to year depending on the size of the snowpack during the previous winter. This year, the season, which opened May 1, will end early in July. Last year, following an unusually heavy winter,

the season lasted all the way through the end of July.

Professional rafters consider the Carson a scenic river with a short rafting season because it is not controlled by a dam and therefore has a fast run-off in late spring and early summer when the Sierra snowpack is melting.

On a challenge scale of 1-6 (6 being unraftable), it's rated a 2-4 class river, depending on which part you're talking about. Class 3 is an area of bubbling rapids where the chances of getting doused are good and the paddle action is fast. It's exciting, but not frightening, and all part of the fun.

M.O.R.T. is one of several local professionally run river companies which organizes trips on the Carson. All-day trips (class 2-3) with a deli-style picnic lunch start 4 miles east of Markleeville near the East Fork resort, make a 21-mile journey, and cost \$45 per person.

Overnight trips (class 2-4) start higher up the river at Monitor Creek Bridge, travel a 27-mile course, and cost \$125 per person. The third type of trip (mostly class 4) starts at Wolf Creek even higher up the river, covers the most white water, travels a 7-mile course, and costs \$40 per person. Group rates for each type of trip are somewhat less. Prices include shuttle bus service to the point of departure and from the point of return, one-half mile above Ruhenstroth Dam, south of Gardnerville.

Before starting out on a river trip, Mort gives his rafting parties an in-depth demonstration of white water safety techniques and instructions on paddle commands. The rafts, made to

withstand heavy abuse and equipped with six independent air chambers, usually carry six people and a paddle captain, who has had at least a year's training in river rafting and safety procedures.

Once on the river, lifejacket cinched tight and paddle in hand, you work as a team following the command of your captain, as he shouts "left turn...right turn...back paddle...paddle." During the calm stretches, you can cast out your fishing line for an unsuspecting trout, watch a family of Canadian geese scooting along the bank, or be mesmerized by the alpine scenery and sparkling water.

Rafters should wear hats and take plenty of suntan lotion. If you have rubber booties, wear them, as your feet can get cold, especially during the white water portions of the trip when water splashes into the raft. A nylon windbreaker worn over a wool sweater will keep your upper body warm. If the weather is hot, a long-sleeved shirt is all you'll need. Jeans or Bermuda shorts are fine for waist-down protection, again, depending upon the weather. Be sure to take your camera along. The rafts have water-tight boxes for camera storage which are within easy reach during the trip.

In a time when river rafting has caught on as a unique and challenging way to enjoy our magnificent outdoors, the East Fork of The Carson remains uncrowded compared to other Western rivers. Quietly wending its way, removed from large population centers, it affords a close-by opportunity for adventure and fun for all of us lucky enough to be living here.

# Logging taking cut out of valley

Hope Valley Tribune June 7, 84

## Hope site of two plans for operations

By MORGAN CARTWRIGHT  
Tribune Staff Writer

Hope Valley, where the rushing of the Carson River echoes off the majestic slopes of Pickett and Hawkins peaks, will produce a new sound soon: the buzz of chain saws and the rumble of earthmovers.

About 2,400 acres of Alpine County hillside and meadow will be logged beginning later this month if the California Department of Forestry OKs a plan to harvest Jeffrey, lodgepole and Western white pine.

Logging operations on adjacent U.S. Forest Service land also will be starting up soon.

Despite protests by the Sierra Club and local environmentalists, roughly 6 million board feet of timber will be hauled out of the quiet valley, lying just south of Luther Pass.

The latest timber harvest is proposed by the American Forest Products Co. of Martell, on 1,300 acres of land owned by Anderson Farms of Davis.

Anderson Farms is owned by agribusinessman and Las Vegas casino owner John B. Anderson who bought the Hope Valley property from the H.F. Dangberg Land and Cattle Co. in 1978.

The land deal included thousands of acres in Alpine County and in Nevada.

The land to be logged takes in property along Willow Creek to the northeast of the intersection of highways 89 and 88. The steeper slopes are predominantly conifer stands while down below in the meadow are thick stands of aspen interspersed with pine, fir and juniper.

Numerous small creeks run through the property and a man-made irrigation ditch flows through the meadow lush.

American Forest Product's Tim Wilson said he expects to get three million board feet from the operation.

An equal amount of timber will be taken from Forest Service property by the Sierra Forest Products Co. of Nevada City.



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# Logging

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Dee Sessions, timber officer with the Toiyabe National Forest, said logging on the government lands will differ from the private operation because it is done to ensure a healthy forest, not just to profit from timber sales.

John Moore, a representative of the Sierra Club, said it is unfortunate the Anderson property wasn't purchased by the Forest Service because of its recreational value.

Moore said the timber harvest plan is not detailed enough to know what the impact will be.

"We can't tell how much or what they're going to take," he said. "We wish to goodness the land had gotten into public hands."

Paula Pennington of Markleeville said she is afraid extensive logging in the valley will hurt Alpine County's tourist industry.

"There's been a lot of talk but nobody's organizing" to oppose the logging, Ms. Pennington said.

So far, there is no opposition from any of the government agencies.

Officials from the Department of Forestry, the Lahontan Regional Water

Quality Control Board, the Department of Fish and Game and the Department of Conservation hiked across much of the property recently and found no major obstacles to block the logging plan.

Despite the fragile soil conditions on the steeper slopes, the water quality experts found little evidence of erosion from the recent snowmelt.

Eric Hong, an inspector with the Lahontan water quality board, said there would be little danger of sediment running off the slopes if the logging skid trails are properly graded with water bars after use.

The bars prevent water from flowing directly down a road cut.

The instability of the soil, mostly decomposed granite, is not a big problem, said Hong, since the snowpack tends to melt slowly, sinking into the soil instead of washing it away.

However, Hong agreed with other officials that erosion would be a problem if there are any significant rainstorms this summer.

Although a number of small creeks and

drainages run through the property into the Willow and the Carson rivers, fish and game officials found no "higher aquatic life" would be threatened. Along with fish, higher aquatic life includes frogs, salamanders and other vertebrates.

The loggers would, however, have to watch out for nesting goshawks and deer in the area, said fish and game official Ed Armstrong.

Forestry officer Steve Harcourt said he believes the main problem from the logging will be the restocking of trees.

On the sandy slopes, especially those facing the south, the sun and wind dry the soil quickly and make both spring and fall planting difficult. Harcourt said some areas at the high elevations are already pretty bare" from the logging in 1977.

# News briefs

## Accident kills truck driver

A 26-year-old Sylmar man was killed Thursday afternoon when his semi tractor and trailer loaded with beer ran off State Route 89 two miles east of State Route 1, pinning him underneath.

The California Highway Patrol said Edward F. Foster was pronounced dead at the scene of the 1:45 p.m. mishap by Alpine County coroner's deputies.

Officers said the man's beer truck was coming down from Monitor Pass en route to South Lake Tahoe. The brakes possibly failed, investigators said. The truck apparently went out of control because of excessive speed, crossed over the road and went down an embankment, a CHP spokesman said.

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# Sunny Carson Valley Days

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## Chris Gansberg named 20-30's Man of Year

The weatherman must have planned to spend Saturday in Carson Valley because he provided a beautiful sunny day for the crowds who enjoyed the 74th annual Carson Valley Days celebration.

Topping off the festivities was the naming of a surprised Chris Gansberg "Man of the Year" by the 20-30 Club.

Gansberg is well-known as one of the top ranchers in the Valley, a native who turned to the family ranch after attending Douglas County High School and the University of Nevada. He's

been president of the 20-30 Club twice, and has been active in the Minden Rotary Club, Trinity Lutheran Church, Nevada Livestock Production Credit Association and Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation District.

He even served as constable in Alpine County 32 years and fire chief for 28 years.

Gansberg's long list of community involvement and service was read by last year's Man of the Year and this year's parade marshal Sharkey Begovich.

The center of the festivities was the brand new bandstand in Minden Park, a project of the Minden Rotary Club. Members spent Friday putting the finishing touches on the project, painting and planting shrubs around its perimeter.

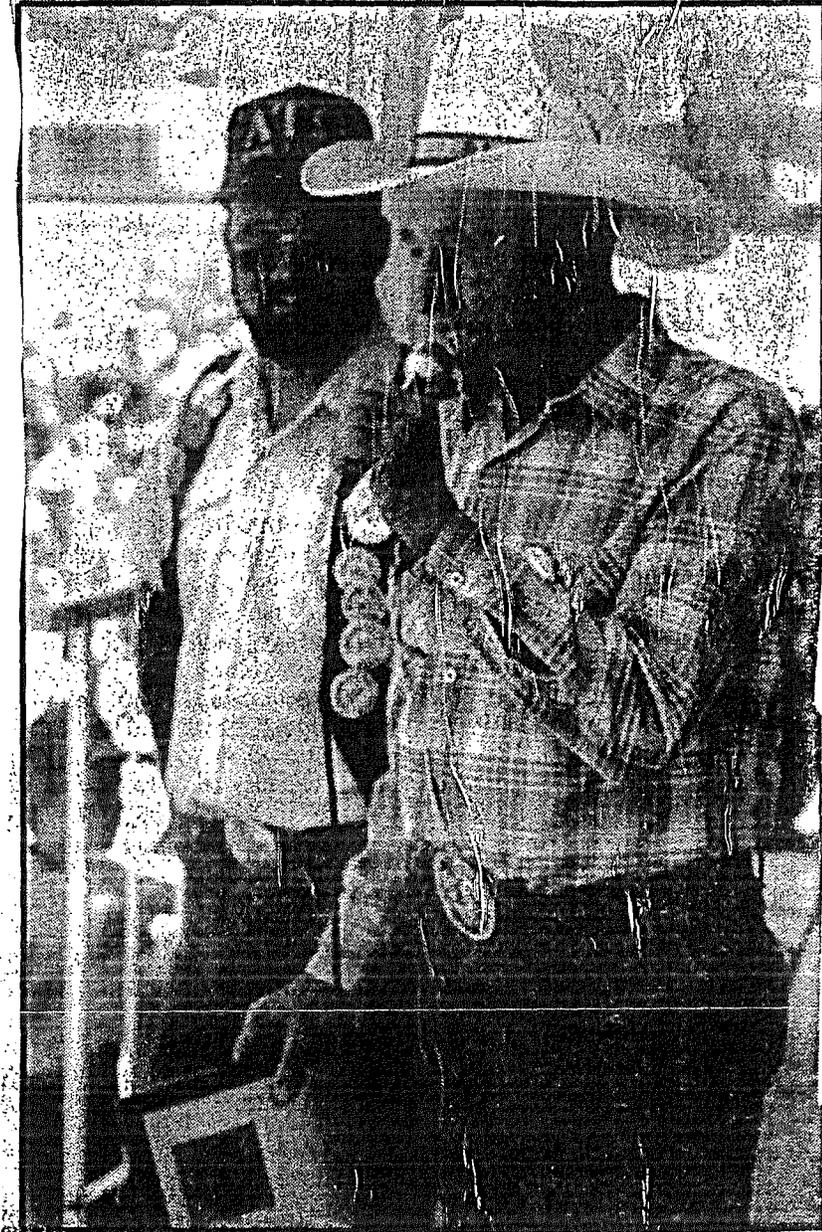
Park events followed a morning parade that featured 120 entries with one entry coming from as far as Jackson, Calif.

Winners of the parade contests, sponsored by the Lions, were:

Non-commercial, town of Minden featuring German visitors; commercial, Wheaton Tractors; service club, Minden Fortnightly; youth group, Carson City Smurfettes; float, Judge Roy Bean Club; miscellaneous, Mendiko Basque Club; comical, Ronald McDonald; clown, Mike Nelson; band, Douglas High School and

Carson Valley Middle School combined; marching drill team, Sierra Sunset Baton Corps.; car club, Carson Valley El Caminos; Antique car, Model A Ford Club; musical, Chorus of the Comstock; native American entry, Paiute and Washoe Cultural group; parade horse, Jodi Souther; single-horse-drawn vehicle, Patsy Knapp; two or more-horse-drawn vehicle, Matt Benson; family three or more, Laxague family; mounted group-senior, Nevada White Hats; mounted group-junior, Sierra Riders 4-H Club; best dressed cowboy-junior, Paul Johnson; best dressed cowgirl-senior, Diana C. Kessar; best dressed cowgirl-junior, Jenni Burr; working cowboy-junior, Phillip Johnson; working cowgirl-junior, Laura Morris; silver mounted, Mashelle Begovich.

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# Former students graduate

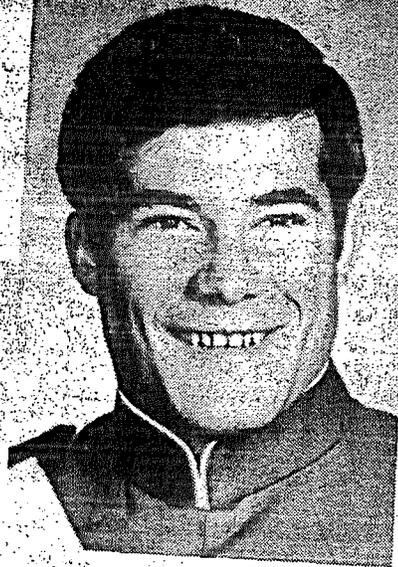
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Former Douglas High School graduates Mike Graham and Gary Price graduated from US service academies in elaborate ceremonies this spring.

Graham was commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation May 30 from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

He was awarded a bachelor's degree in basic academics.

Price was commissioned in geophysics in the U.S. Navy following graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.



MIKE GRAHAM



GARY PRICE

Ensign Price is attending three weeks of briefing at Norfolk, Va., before leaving for one year active duty on the Harkness research vessel in the Mediterranean. He is one of the first 84

Naval graduates to join the fleet so soon after graduation.

Graham is the son of George and Josie Graham of Minden, and Price is the son of Jerry and Janine Price of Alpine County.

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## NEW OWNERS TAKE OVER HOPE VALLEY LANDMARK

### HOPE VALLEY LANDMARK

Sorensen's Resort in Hope Valley, founded in 1926, has new owners.

John and Patty Brissenden recently bought the resort and have moved from San Jose to the Alpine County location on Highway 88, about 20 miles from Minden.

Among the changes are three new cabins, built by Sierra Log homes, nestled in the pines. The four-person cabins feature warm attractive interiors with woodburning stove, kitchenettes and sleeping lofts.

Jacques and Kathleen Leglise have come in as chef and songstress at Sorensen's Cafe. They feature dinners and entertainment. Reservations are required for the gourmet dinners. Breakfast is served from 7 to 10 a.m. An open air cafe and

barbecue will be opened later this summer.

On Wednesdays and Saturdays, the resort offers rafting trips down the Carson River, ending in Gardnerville.

The resort will hold an anniversary party July 14, celebrating its years in business. Western chicken and ribs will be served, and there will be dancing. The Alpine County Children's Center will benefit.

The resort is rich in history and has long attracted big names. John Steinbeck reportedly wrote a book while staying at the property. Celebrities such as Walter Matthau and Robin Williams have also stayed there.

The Brissendens say their goal is to make Sorensen's a unique destination resort, known for fine dining and hospitality.

## Obituaries

### Doug Sorensen

Doug Sorensen, a Carson Valley native whose family founded Sorensen's Resort in nearby Alpine County, died Monday after a bout with cancer. He was 63.

Mr. Sorensen elected to be cremated; there will be a memorial service today at 10 a.m. at Walton's Funeral Home in Carson City, conducted by the Masonic Lodge.

He was born in Gardnerville March 27, 1921, the son of Martin and Irene Sorensen. His father came to this country from Denmark as a young man. His mother was a native of Virginia City. Both are deceased.

In 1926, his family homesteaded Sorensen's Resort, which remained in the family's hands until 1970 when it was sold. The Hope Valley resort featured several unique Scandinavian cottages, a store and a restaurant. It has recently been renovated by new owners.

Mr. Sorensen was also involved in cattle and sheep ranching in both Mason and Carson valleys. He worked as a salesman, selling everything from automobiles to farm machinery.

His hobbies included restoring furniture, old cars and woodworking.

"If anybody needed help doing anything, Doug would do it," said a family member.

She said Mr. Sorensen had surgery for lip cancer last October, and seemed to be recovering. But a month ago he was hospitalized and diagnosed as having lung cancer.

Mr. Sorensen returned home from the hospital in early June.

"He'd been in the hospital for two weeks," the family



DOUG SORENSEN

member said. "He'd been feeling fairly well until the past few days. He was still being as active as possible. He didn't want to burden anybody. He never complained."

Mr. Sorensen was a charter member of the Carson Valley Lions Club and a past president of that organization. He was a past Grandmaster, Douglas Masonic Lodge No. 12, F&AM, and was a member of Masons on the Phillipine Islands. Mr. Sorensen was stationed on the Philippines during World War II, when he was a sergeant with the U.S. Army.

As a member of the Lions Club, Mr. Sorensen was active in the annual Christmas program, in which Lion Club members dressed up as Santa Claus and visited area youngsters on Dec. 25. He played Santa Claus every year since the program started, nearly 20 years ago.

The family is requesting no flowers be sent. Instead, dona-

tions are suggested to Douglas County Engine Co. Paramedics Training Fund, Box 62, Minden 89423.

Mr. Sorensen leaves his wife Lois. They would have celebrated 40 years of marriage on July 22.

Also surviving are two brothers, Marvin Sorensen of Roseville and Milton Sorensen of Fallon; a son, Chris Sorensen of Gardnerville; a daughter, Connie Andrews of Modesto; and one grandchild, Alice Martinez of Modesto.

# Casteel is state rodeo queen

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Alayne Casteel "brought the trophy back home" from the Nevada State High School Rodeo finals this weekend. She is the fourth Douglas High School Rodeo Club member to hold the State Rodeo Queen title in the past five years.

Eight Douglas Rodeo Club members will compete in the National High School Rodeo finals in Rapid City, S.D. July 22-29.

They are Kari Begovich, Todd and Tami Gansberg, Julie

Hone, Chris Kawcak, Kim Liebherr, Michael May, Shane Miller, Ty Nebe, Shawn and Deanee Siminoe, Ray Van Winkle, Miki and Jaime Williams, and Vicki Williams as well as Alayne Casteel.

Casteel also was elected state public relations officer. First runnerup for state queen was Tami Gansberg, and Miki Williams was elected state secretary-treasurer. Michael May gave the top acceptance speech at the state finals.

For complete results on the

rodeo, see On the Road Again in the Sports section.

According to rodeo club spokesman Claudia Van Winkle, this is the first time Douglas has had so many competitors eligible to attend the national finals.

As a result, the club doesn't have enough money to give to each for their expenses. Rodeo club members and parents are mounting a fundraising campaign to help the members with traveling costs.

For information, call Van Winkle at 265-3775.



WINNERS. Douglas and Alpine County students to receive awards at the Indian Student Awards dinner recently pose for a photo in the multipurpose room of C.C. Meneley Elementary School.

## Potluck dinner held

# Indian student awards made

Indian students in area schools were honored for their outstanding work at a potluck dinner and awards ceremony recently at C.C. Meneley Elementary School.

More than 100 people attended the event which featured traditional Indian songs and guest speakers on Indian education today as well as the presentation of awards.

The Title IVA Indian Parent Advisory Committee sponsored the dinner held June 5 to support excellence in Indian education.

Awards were made to:

**C.C. Meneley Elementary**

\*Lance Medicine Crow, Clifford Simpson, Sadie Jo Smokey, Marlin Frank, Preston Patter-

son, Gene Wilkinson, Stephanie McDonald, Candace Smokey, Beau Medicine Crow, Cloud Medicine Crow, Dena Pitts, Robert Box, Tony Kizer, Alia Crawford.

**Carson Valley Middle School**

\*Daphne Emm, Corky Snooks, Andrea Spoonhunter, Shannon Rambeau, Clint Wyatt, Bill Simpson, Rosey Pitts, Charisse Kizer, Justin Box, Jason Walker, Cheryl McDonald, Gina Harrison, Vanessa Frank.

**Douglas County High School**

\*Jerod Frank, Sherry Apodaca, Denise King, Jeanette Wade, Michelle James, Sheila Smokey, Donna Winebarger, Mike McDonald,

Patty Garrison, Ken Cruz, Myrton Runningwolf, Leah Jim, Irvin Jim, Matt King, Shawn Buckhart, DeeDee Dressler.

**Diamond Valley School**

\*Shawn Christensen, Curt John, Mimi Walker, Hope Rakow, Cassandra Fred, Danielle James, Lawanda Fred, Marvin James, Jessie Silva, Robby James, Glorianna Fred, Tara Skenandore, Cheryl James, Lisa Christensen, Lodema Christensen, Lindsay Jones, Chris Fred, Kristina Cruz, Amber Bennett, Macklon Machado, Marsha Fred, Gayle Lowery, Tammy King, Leila Skenandore, Ralph Shoshone, Marie Thompson.

\* Indicates outstanding Indian student from each school.



**HONORED.** Shawn Christensen of Alpine County and Sherry Apodaca of Douglas County were named Outstanding Indian Students for 1984 at the recent Indian Students Awards dinner.

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**Coming up**

**Annual barbecue.** The Native Sons of the Golden West will hold its 13th annual barbecue June 30 at the Turtle Rock Park between Woodfords and Markleeville on Highway 89. The barbecue begins at 4:30 p.m. Alpine County residents may enter the \$50 trout derby which lasts from 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. There will be horseshoes, door prizes, bingo, and a dance with music by the Alpine Trio. No-host cocktails will be available. Dinner is \$5 and the public is invited.

# Washoe films on tap, artwork displayed

## Museum offers Valley images

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The Genoa Courthouse Museum is the place to be this summer as a special art show and film festival offer to residents some of the finest images in Carson Valley.

On Saturday, June 23, two acclaimed films, "Sierra Pastorale" and "Washo" will be shown to the public at 2 p.m. in the museum annex.

"Sierra Pastorale" depicts ranch life, its cycle from spring through winter, methods of ranching and some of the old Valley families in the 1940s.

In lovely color, the film shows a part of life we won't see much more of, according to Carson Valley Historical Society spokesman Eva Scarselli.

The Society operates the museum and will sponsor the film festival that also will feature "Washo" by Veronica Pataky.

"Washo," to be shown in two parts, follows the daily life of the Washo tribe and includes scenes of handgames, pinenut harvesting, and other ancient customs. The second part concerns the Washo girls' puberty rites.

Now at the museum is a show of area artists coordinated by curator Walter Long. It is hanging in the restored courtroom upstairs.

Dorothy Paulsen, a well known Carson City artist, judged the show, commented on the fine quality of

the work, Scarselli said.

The art show remains on display through July 15.

Paulsen said she judged on the merit of composition, originality, perspective, freshness of execution and framing. Best of show went to Dan Delany for a pen and ink drawing entitled "Sping Morning Rooster."

First place went to Patti Morris for a watercolor called "Noon Break;" second, Walter Long, four-color intaglio called "Windswept Leisure;" third, Barbara Moore, an oil painting called "The Pony Express Crosses Carson Valley;" and honorable mention, James A. Lawrence, for his watercolor, "Mallards in the Pin Oaks."

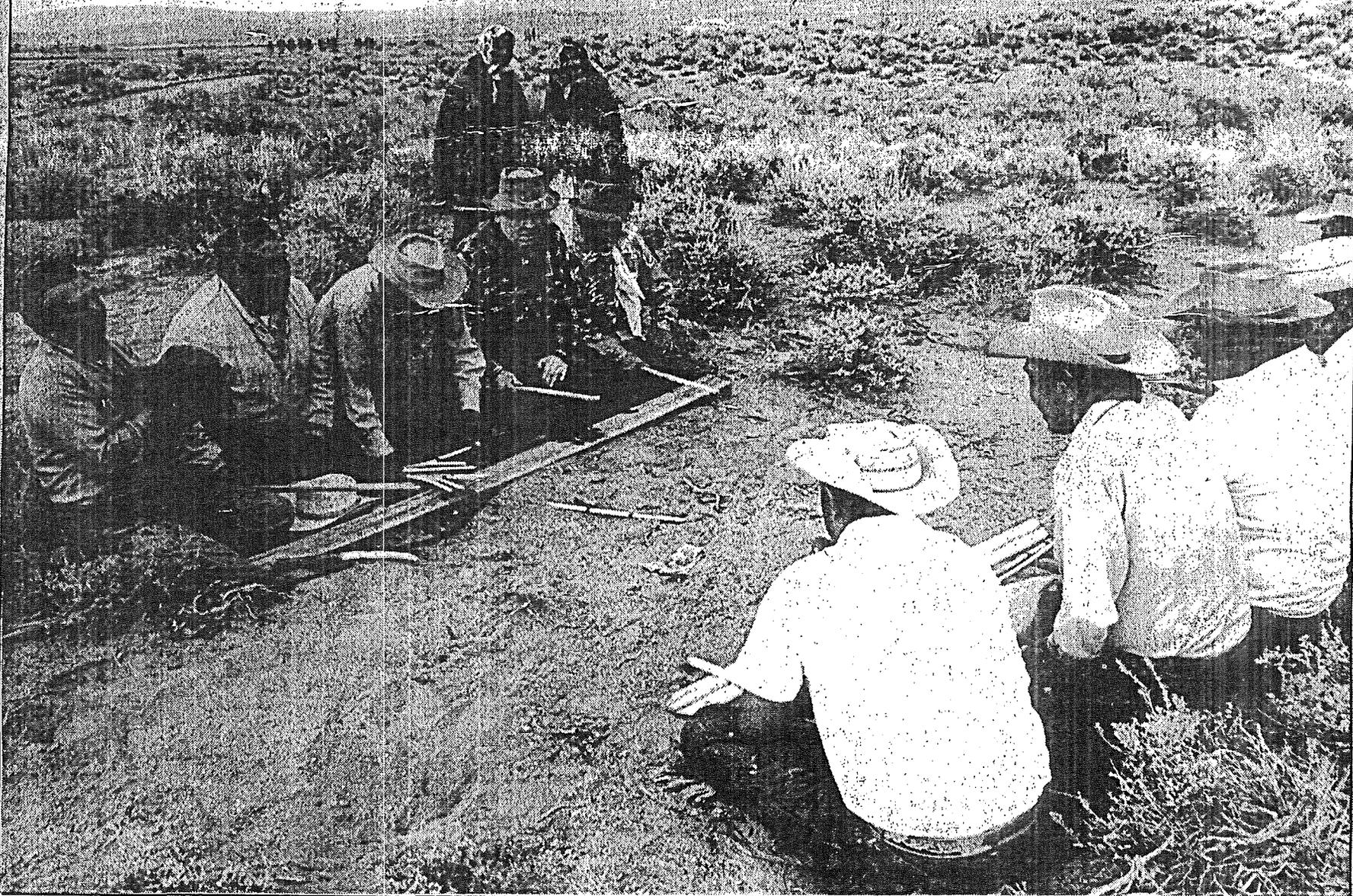
Coming up in August is the Historical Society's annual potluck picnic which is also open to the public. At that time, tickets on the painting "The Pony Express Crosses Carson Valley" will be drawn. The society purchased the painting from artist Moore, who earned third place in the show. Moore is a Lake Tahoe artist.

Tickets for the drawing may be purchased at the museum and from board members. Chairman of the ticket committee is Linda Draper who is being helped on the project by Ed Collom.

The potluck picnic is scheduled for Aug. 19 at the Mormon Station State Park, more commonly known as the Genoa Fort.

FILM FESTIVAL. This photograph of the annual Washo pine nut harvest is one of many scenes from the film "Washo" to be shown in Genoa on Saturday.

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**HANDGAMES:** This scene from the film "Washo" by Virginia Pataky demonstrates men's handgames. Black and white stills

from the film are on permanent display at the Genoa Courthouse Museum. The film was

made in the 1940s. Photo courtesy Carson Valley Historical Society

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# Gary Price still in ICU

Surgery on former Douglas High School and U.S. Naval Academy basketball player Gary Price went off smoothly last Thursday according to Mabel Love, a friend of the Price family.

The victim of a hit-and-run accident in Virginia Beach, Va. still remains in the intensive care unit of Virginia Beach General Hospital, however, after developing lung congestion following the operation.

"The doctors said the

operation was 100 percent easier than they expected because the vertebrae was not as badly damaged as they expected," Love said.

Price remains paralyzed from the middle of his stomach down, though, and Love said doctors still have not diagnosed the source of the paralysis.

Price, who came out of Douglas to set a record for most games played as a midshipman, was reportedly

walking along a toll road around 4:30 a.m. June 30 when he was struck from behind and thrown over an embankment.

Searchers did not find him until about 7:30 a.m.

His spine was damaged near the base of the neck and doctors performed last Thursday's operation in an attempt to stabilize the neck so Price could be moved to a regular hospital room and use a wheelchair.

# Indian Creek fire rekindles, burns 800 acres in Alpine

by GARY LOWE  
Staff writer

A tree near Alpine County's Indian Creek Reservoir was struck by lightning Saturday, then apparently rekindled Sunday afternoon and torched over 800 acres in a two-day burn.

Smoke from Sunday's fire was visible from most of the Carson Valley as wind and mid-day heat apparently caused the original fire in a 75-foot Jeffrey Pine to ignite the brush around it.

Firefighters from the Bureau of Land Management, Nevada Division of Forestry, a U.S. Forest Service crew from Yellowstone Park and volunteers from the Carson Valley's East Fork Fire District fought the blaze Sunday and Monday.

Steve Weiss, a spokesman for the combined forces fighting the blaze, said an estimated 250 firefighters were still working on the site Tuesday morning.

The original blaze in the 3½-foot diameter pine tree began Saturday afternoon and a BLM crew was called to the scene to take preventive action to keep the fire from spreading.

Weiss said that crew left around 10 a.m. Sunday morning to help other crews battle fires across much of Northern

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THE DROP. The U.S. Forest Service borate bomber saw a lot of action Sunday as it dropped fire suppressing material on the Indian Creek fire. RC photo by Gary Lowe

## Fire: 800 acres burned

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Nevada. Instructions were left for the Bureau's dispatch system to send a patrol back to the tree in the early afternoon to make sure it had not caught fire again.

Apparently that was not done or they did not get there in time," Weiss said.

Weiss said the crew did not remain because they had been on the scene all night and were

needed elsewhere. Another crew was not available and the original contingent felt the tree was not a hazard in the condition they left it Sunday morning.

The fire restarted around 3:30 p.m. Sunday and burned heavily until about 7 p.m. when the wind and heat died down. It continued to burn all day Monday, however, as crews and three aerial tankers worked to extinguish it.

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## Sierra camp pushes students to their peak

By Aleta Watson  
Education Writer

**BEAR VALLEY** — From as far away as Canada, Hawaii and the East Coast, the students come to the High Sierra in quest of academic gold.

Prodded by their parents or overwhelmed by their studies, they're drawn by promises of better grades and higher test scores to this upscale summer camp, where caterers pre-

pare their meals and maids clean their condos, where no petty distraction is allowed to get in the way of learning.

This is SuperCamp, a blend of pop psychology and high-powered academics that breaks all camp conventions. It's a mecca of accelerated learning where the children of privilege are all but guaranteed to become better students in 12 days. Tuition: \$1,275.

"I think the lure for parents is they've heard about kids from past camps," says

SuperCamp founder Eric Jensen of Del Mar. "We've actually had kids ace the (Scholastic Aptitude) test. They've actually made perfect scores."

Campers regularly repeat the story with wide-eyed wonder.

Aimee Von Watts, a 13-year-old from Los Angeles, is one of them. During a 15-minute break in the full schedule of memory, read-

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# SuperCamp helps students to the top

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ing, computer, math, test-taking and personal-skills classes, she says the camp experience is certainly worth the high tuition.

"It gives you a lot of things you need to know. Not only the SAT, but things you need to know to be a better person," she says.

## Push for achievement

That pleases her mother, Valerie Watts, who points out that she sent Aimee to camp with hopes that the straight-A student and competitive swimmer would become even more dedicated to achievement.

"She'd been so productive to this point, and she still is," she says, "but we saw it tapering off, reaching a plateau, so to speak."

At the same time, Watts is sending her 12-year-old son, Hamilton, to the camp to develop study skills he could use in seventh grade.

Camp is expensive, she concedes. "I think we have been over-invested in the education area . . . but this seemed to be such a good idea and appropriate for two different reasons."

Achievement-oriented parents like Watts who send their children to SuperCamp get a heavily laden schedule in return for their tuition checks.

Even the camp's magnificent pine setting 7,000 feet high in the Sierra, site of the popular Bear Valley winter ski resort, takes a back seat to the classes. Hiking and horseback riding along the wilderness trails or swimming in the chilly alpine lake are only brief diversions here.

that anyone can learn his tricks and make better grades.

"Your ease in learning vocabulary will help you in any subject, all new subjects," he says. "Ultimately, all I want to do is assuage your fear of learning. . . . All big words are is the little words that hold them up."

Bornstein has been with SuperCamp since it began two years ago.

## Learning to study

"My rule is to teach students what they don't learn in school, which is how to study and how to lock in information without blind or rote memory," he says after the class.

He theorizes that increased workloads and stiffer competition in schools have prompted parents who can afford it to seek outside help for their children.

"The pressure is so great, the kids are overwhelmed," he says. "They're looking for a way to short-cut the work so they can get the information better, I believe."

Julie Leach, a thin, intense high school freshman from Escondido, agrees.

"I get A's, but I make myself a nervous wreck doing it," she says. "It would be great if I could get A's with no effort."

Many of the campers, though, are more like Tim Atwell, a 15-year-old from Cheyenne, Wyo., who confesses he's been making "C's and D's" in school. His parents spotted a SuperCamp poster while they were skiing at Alta, Utah, last year and decided to send their reluctant student.

Although he had reservations in the beginning, Atwell says, he's enjoying himself now.

"I think it's a lot more fun than school," he says. "I don't pay that much attention in school."

That's the way Jensen has planned his camp.

An author and lecturer who offers classes through the University of California at San Diego Extension in the relatively new field of accelerated learning, Jensen says SuperCamp is his showcase.

"Part of our theory about learning is it's our job to meet the students," he says. "In most schools, it's the student's job to meet the teacher's or the school's game."

So the classes are upbeat, the instructors high-spirited and the environment full of encouragement. Posters plastered on the walls proclaim, "Miracles are usual," or "What would you do if you knew you couldn't fail?"

SuperCamp's bag of tricks also includes pop psychology theories such as suggestology and neurolinguistic programming, both of which focus on increasing campers' receptivity to the material being taught. Using programmed music to pattern body rhythms, conscious and subconscious verbal suggestion and some hypnosis, the systems encourage people to believe they can do anything.

The camper's personal life is not ignored, either. There are sessions on communication, relationships with peers and parents, creativity and personal power.

"There's as much personal skills as there is academic skills," says Jensen, recognizing that adoles-

## ensive training

The real focus is on the experts in everything from computers to speed taking, who share their secrets with the campers from 8:30 in the morning to as late as 11:30 at night most days.

Scott Bournstein of Los Angeles' Bournstein School of Memory Training is at the blackboard this afternoon memorizing 87 youngsters, ages 11 to 18, with his visual-association tricks for learning vocabulary.

"The idea of this is not to work any harder than you have to," he says as he wields his chalk, scrawling words on every available inch of the board.

"Retund means round. What do you see in rotund?" he asks, underlining the letter T with chalk.

"Round," the students respond in unison.

"The word innocuous means harmless," Bournstein continues. "The word innocuous sounds like what?"

"Inoculate!" they shout.

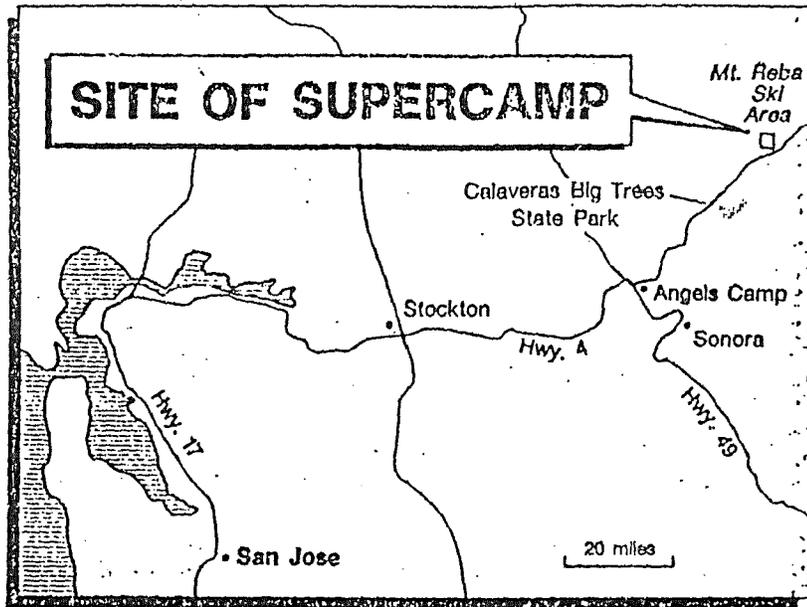
## Preppies and New Wave

In the background, a baroque violin concerto plays softly. Students in preppy attire — Bermuda shorts, polo shirts and loafers — swirl at tables alongside their conventional classmates in New Wave haircuts and Ocean Pacific T-shirts. All are enthralled by Bournstein's technique.

Without warning, a student monitor yells out "Stretch break," and the whole class is up and moving to the beat of rock music for 30 seconds.

Just as quickly, the music dies down and the class resumes with Bournstein reassuring the students

## SITE OF SUPERCAMP



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As proof of the success of his program, Jensen offers Matt Rose, a 17-year-old staff member who attended the camp last summer when it was held in Utah. Matt credits SuperCamp with helping him raise his college entrance examination scores from 390 in verbal and 600 in math on the Preliminary SAT to a 600 in verbal and 780 in math on the final test.

## Chance at Ivy League

"Now, I have a chance to get into an Ivy League college, and that's one of my goals," he says proudly.

Parents such as Betty Shaffer, of Rancho Santa Fe have heard similar stories.

"We had a friend who sent their children and they were pleased with it," she says.

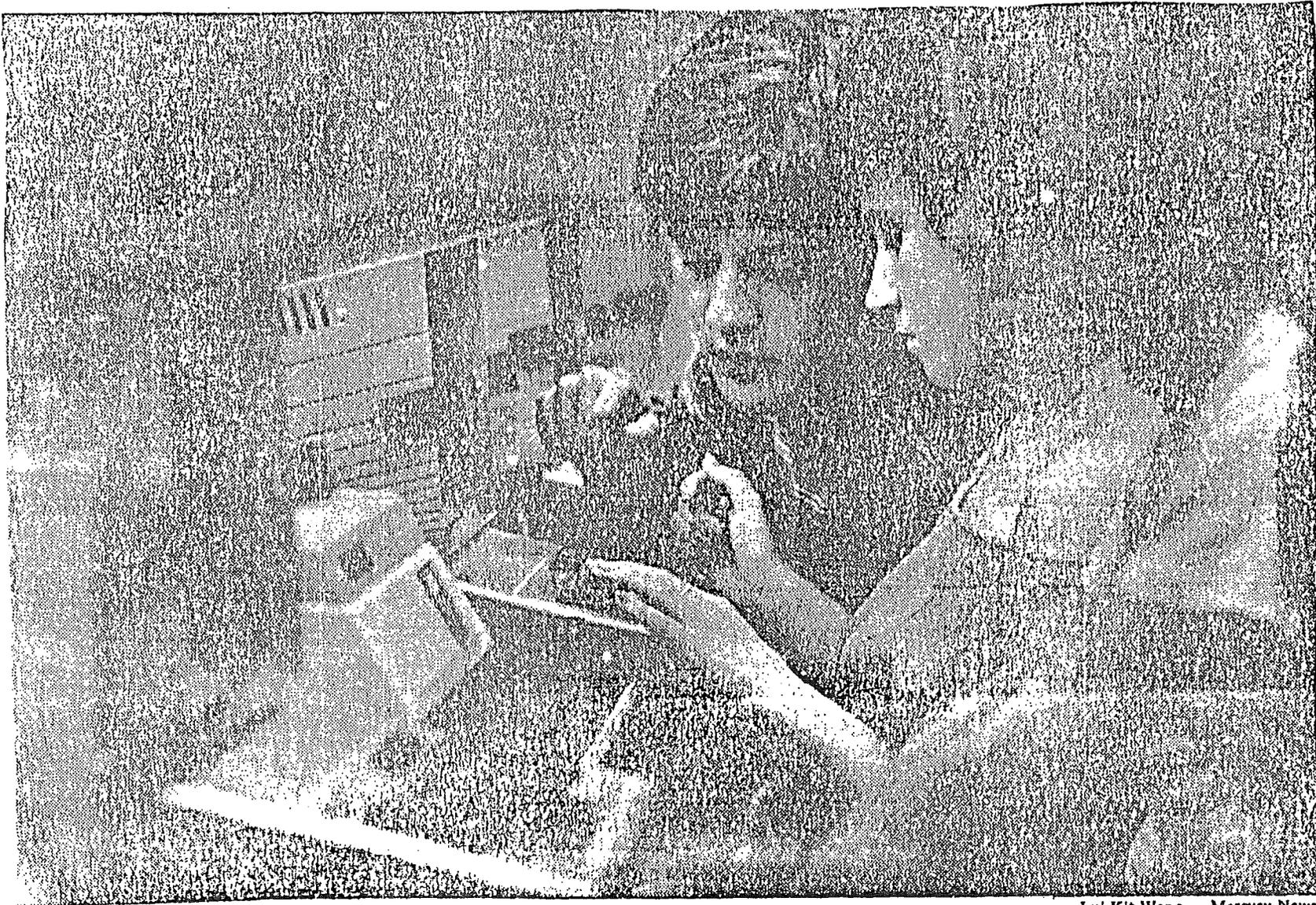
Based on that report, she sent both her sons — Steve, the straight-A student, and Mark, the B and C student — to the camp.

"The terrific student really has to work at it and puts himself under a lot of pressure to get good grades," she says. "I thought this could help him in the college years to understand things without putting himself under so much pressure. The younger son, we hope he'll improve his grades."

Scholars, however, remain skeptical of the value of SuperCamp's teaching techniques.

Elizabeth Bates, a professor of psychology at UCSD, notes that the popular version of neurolinguistic programming bears no resemblance to current academic research in neurolinguistics.

"It's probably harmless from what little I know about. It's probably innocuous," she said of the SuperCamp program.



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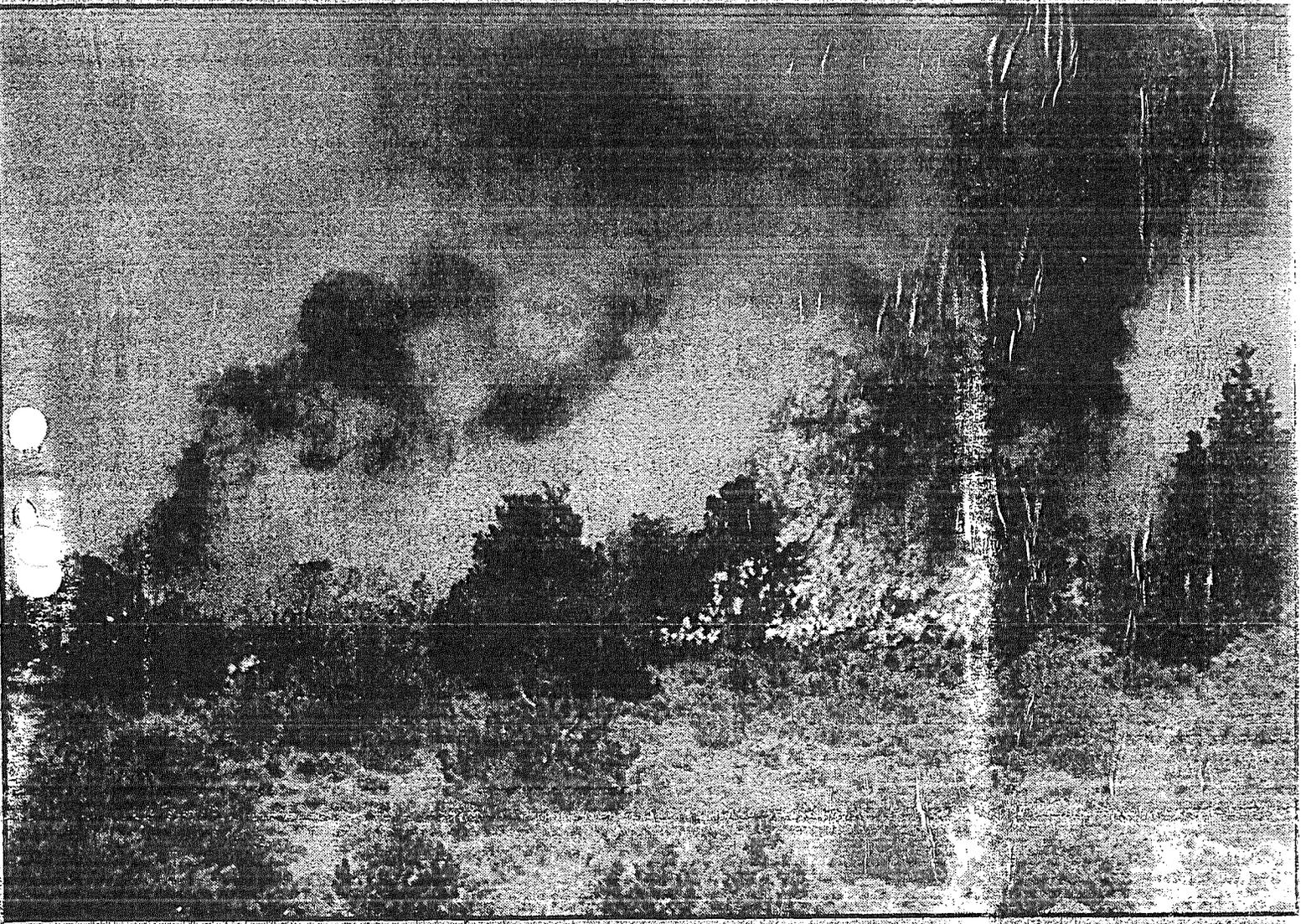
Steve Shaffer and Michelle Alkin, both of San Diego, work on portable computer at SuperCamp

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# FIRE

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**ONE LESS TREE.** A pinyon pine south of Cedar Flat goes up in smoke and flames Friday afternoon as fire crews were busy elsewhere dealing with areas of higher priority. The Indian

Creek Fire was estimated to have traveled as fast as six miles in six hours Thursday after high wind fanned the original flame that was believed to

have been set by a person. Officials said a moisture content of only 5-10 percent in the area's vegetation augmented its rapid spread. R-C photo

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# Local volunteers praised for effort

by GARY LOWE  
Staff writer

The occupation forces were in place Monday and it was time for the staff of generals who headed the D-Day army of 1,200 firefighters to say good-by.

But before incident commander Bob Webber turned the headquarters at Gardnerville Elementary School over to a new set of generals, he took time out to praise the local resistance movement for its role in beating back the Indian Creek Fire.

The fire scorched 17,000 acres of Alpine and Douglas Counties in an intense four-day battle. It came within striking distance of several homes and a youth camp but not a single building was lost.

"A good bit of credit for saving these structures goes to the local volunteers," Webber said in a meeting for the public Monday night.

"I am convinced we would have lost 15 to 20 homes if it had not been for them."

Approximately 25-30 local citizens joined various firefighters sitting in on the meeting at GES. Webber had members of the Class I overhead team explain what transpired in their area of responsibility during the battle against the blaze.

Included on that team were East Fork Fire Protection District Chief Bill Driscoll as well as Webber, Barry Satchwell from the National Weather Service in Reno, Joe Duft of the Bureau of Land Management in

Boise, Idaho, Ken Butler who served as operations chief and even one person, Henry Gause of Boulder City, who served as finance officer for the team.

The army of 1,200 men and women was coordinated by the Boise Interagency Fire Center, which brings together the BLM, Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Parks Service, U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as well as local and state agencies in fighting such fires.

Congress eventually picks up the hefty tab for such battles. Gause estimated the Indian Creek blaze would cost more than \$1 million before it was out.

The bill now stands at around \$800,000. Crews from 11 Western states helped man the lines.

The fire started around 3 p.m. Thursday and quickly began spreading to the northeast from its original spot near the Indian Creek Reservoir in Alpine County.

Webber stressed, however, that this was not a rekindling of the fire that started in the same area the weekend of June 23-24.

Satchwell said the weather factors that caused the fire to spread so quickly were, first, the prevailing winds of 20 mph with gusts as high as 40 mph, and second, dried out vegetation in the fire's path.

"The precipitation in this area cut off around mid-January," Satchwell said. "That

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# Fire: Local volunteers credited

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## with saving structures

### In praise of fire fighters

**W**e would like to join the chorus singing its appreciation for those who rushed to defend us from this week's devastating brushfire (see "Letters to the editor").

One resident of the Gardnerville Ranchos described the weekend as a scene out of the Vietnam War as the helicopters passed overhead constantly to and from the hills alive



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got the vegetation to grow some, then die."

The fire ran nine miles between its onset Thursday afternoon and 11 p.m. when it jumped U.S. 395 near Jake's Hill just south of Ruhensroth.

"Some records say it covered six miles in six hours during one stretch," Duft said.

Members of the overhead team were notified to head for

Gardnerville Thursday afternoon and most arrived at GES about the time the fire jumped the highway.

"I flew in around 10 p.m. and saw where the lights from the houses were and where the fire was," said Butler, who was in charge of directing all line activities and tactics.

"We couldn't get to the head of the fire so our priority was to protect life and property."

The fire burned along the ridge south of Ruhensroth and back down to within 20 feet of some houses in the area.

Residents were ordered to evacuate by Douglas County sheriff's deputies.

"One crew that was on its way to report stopped and helped avert it (at Ruhensroth)," Butler said.

With crews in place around much of the perimeter, the fire's

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## What next? 'It'll be a long, hot summer'

The declaration by fire officials that the Indian Creek Fire was under control at 6 p.m. Monday brought a new question to mind.

What now?

Outgoing fire boss Bob Webber of the Boise Interagency Fire Center said he hopes it is his last trip to Gardnerville this summer but issued a warning in parting.

"The conditions, if anything, are worse now than before," Webber said. "This is only early July, and you have a long, hot summer ahead."

Even the question of another fire is secondary, however, as crews continue to work on mopping up the remains of the Indian Creek blaze.

A class II overhead crew took over from Webber Monday evening and will supervise the

280 firefighters still left in Gardnerville to clean up.

Webber said an infrared flight over the area Sunday night indicated there are still many hot spots in the area that could flare up. There are also islands of vegetation inside the fire lines.

"We will make an effort to save those islands when it is safe," Webber said, "but not now."

The major concern in the aftermath of a fire that runs along a river is erosion and siltation. No vegetation remains to hold the soil, whether that vegetation was removed by fire or equipment cutting firelines.

The first action planned by mop-up crews is to water-bar the lines around the fire. Personnel or equipment will cut grooves in

those paths across the slope to prevent water from forming small rivers and gouging the paths.

The lines will then be reseeded to grow some vegetation, which will hold the soil.

Much of the remaining rehabilitation of the area will rest in the hands of Mother Nature. The Bureau of Land Management, which controls most of the burned area, plans to help, though.

"A BLM team is already getting together with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Forest Service in setting up a plan," one member of the overhead team told a public meeting Monday at Gardnerville Elementary School.

What that plan would entail was not disclosed.

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**MARKLEEVILLE DEATH RIDE.** The name actually appears to be a misnomer for the youngster at far left who is just along for the ride. At right, a cyclist heads past the Markleeville General Store on his way back to the starting point at Diamond Valley Elementary School near Woodfords. Over 800 riders took part in the one-day event that has riders climbing as many as five passes within 150 miles on one day. Cyclists ascended Monitor, Ebbetts, Carson and Luther passes this year but had to forego Kingsbury Grade because of road work. Several entries rode tandem bicycles, including one couple on their honeymoon. The Markleeville Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the race, gave the couple a free entry as a gift. Dick Gustafson of Central Point, Ore. was the top men's finisher in the timed ride of 6:58 for the five-pass option. Lea Brooks bested the women in 8:03. Other riders climbed just three passes or one pass in other rides. R-C photos by Gary Lowe



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WAYNE MARTIN and Pat Banks ride their new tandems in a challenge even the most experienced cyclists. The July event will start at 5 p.m. in Diamond Valley School.

# Woodfords man struck down

## Douglas grad Gary Price severely injured in Virginia Beach accident

Former Douglas High School student Gary Price was listed in serious, but stable, condition at Virginia Beach (Va.) General Hospital Tuesday after being struck by a passing vehicle June 30 along a Virginia expressway.

Price, who recently graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy after playing on the Annapolis basketball team for four years, was finishing up his training in Virginia prior to joining an oceanographic research vessel in the Mediterranean later this month.

The accident reportedly happened early the morning of June 30 as Price was walking along the Norfolk-Virginia Beach Expressway.

First Sgt. Donald Brown, area sergeant for the Virginia State Police, said the report filed on the accident stated that Anthony Lee Arnold of Virginia Beach had been arrested for felony hit-and-run in the incident.

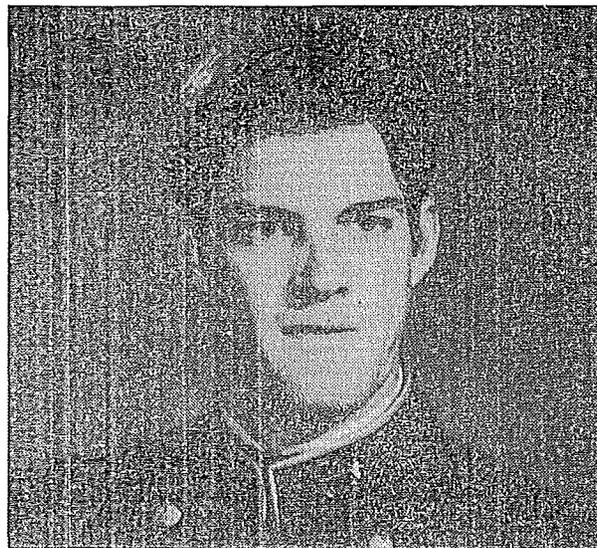
Arnold told investigators he thought he may have hit a person along the toll road around 4:30 a.m. He called the VSP at 6:30 a.m. and searchers located Price around 7:30 a.m.

The report said Arnold stopped his vehicle after the accident along the right side of the roadway. He then fled the scene.

The report also noted that both parties had

been drinking prior to the accident.

Trooper M.E. Brooks of the VSP said the lapse between the time of the accident and the time it was reported precluded measuring Arnold accurately for his blood-alcohol level at the time of the accident.



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# Price family hopes despite poor odds

The worst games in local casinos give better odds than 1 or 2 percent.

But Jeannine Price, mother of former Douglas High School and U.S. Naval Academy basketball player Gary Price, thinks her son may still recover use of his legs despite just those odds, after being struck by a car June 30.

"We are still waiting for a miracle," Mrs. Price said Tuesday from Virginia Beach, Virginia. She went there last week to be beside her son, who is paralyzed from the middle of his stomach down.

"There is a slim, slim chance for recovery but we are hoping. The orthopedic surgeon said there was a one-percent chance he would regain the use of his legs.

"The neurosurgeon said a two-percent chance. We are going with the neurosurgeon."

Meanwhile, Gary Price continues to go through physical therapy to maintain the use of his upper body. Mrs. Price said there is a tingling and burning sensation in his arms and a numbness in his fingers because of some nerve damage.

She was asked how her son was handling the situation emotionally.

"Like Gary would," she said. "People who know him know what I am talking about."

That remark, in itself, could be looked upon as a sign of optimism.

The 6-6 cager, who set a USNA record for games played at Annapolis before graduating in May this year, was noted for his tenacity by Douglas basketball coach Randy Green when interviewed for the May 17 feature on his former charge in the Record-Courier.

Green said he was independent and tough.

"His attitude did not hurt his play at all," Green commented. "He was a competitor. When it came time to win, he would win."

Price was Nevada AA player of the year during the 1978-79 season when he led the Tigers to the state AA championship.

He set a school record of 641 points in one season, averaging 19.4 points per game. He also led the team in steals and rebounds and finished up as the third-leading scorer in the school's history.

He then went on to the Naval Academy after one year at a prep school and played in 108 games, a school record.

"I am sure there is a lot of agony going on inside him," Jeannine Price admitted. "But the guys from the Academy keep coming down to see him and they tell him they can't wait for him to get back in the gym and dunk one."

Mrs. Price said her son did not appear to be mentally impaired. His memory is returning slowly but he does not recall the night of the accident.

The Navy has reassigned him to a land-based oceanographic unit since the accident and is taking care of the medical bills.

Price's father, Gerry Price of Woodfords, will be joining Mrs. Price later this week back in Virginia. Both said the local community has been tremendous with its moral, emotional and financial support.

"We are just overwhelmed by the love, affection and consideration the people back there have shown us," Jeannine Price said.

Anyone wishing to help out in any way should contact Coach Green at 265-2877. Those wishing to write Gary Price can send letters and cards to:

Virginia Beach General Hospital  
c/o Intensive Care Unit  
1060 First Colonial Road  
Virginia Beach, Va. 23454

# Alpine County Drew Early Explorers

Because its topography resembles in many respects the alpine country of Europe, this county was given the same name. It was during the latter time of the Civil War that residents in the area were given the opportunity to govern themselves by the California legislature when it established Alpine County as a separate entity on March 18, 1864. Parts of the adjacent counties of El Dorado, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mono and Amador counties were combined to do this.

Both Kit Carson and John C. Fremont were famous early explorers who traversed the area before the Mexican War and perhaps the difficulties the party had in entering California through the rugged terrain of what later became Alpine County shows the courage and determination of the early American trailblazers.

This 1844 venture through the mountains and snow storms of the Sierra was probably among Fremont's most difficult adventure. So great was the need of wild grass to feed the horses that even the sudden gusts of icy winds were welcomed because they would expose small patches of green covered soil. The snows became so deep that the party had to make camp whenever they had traveled only a few miles. In one 24 hour period they camped twice in sites only five miles apart.

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Harry Gray

**Kit Carson  
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California Vignettes

legend in the state's history. This was "Snow-Shoe Thompson" who for 20 years between 1856 and 1876 regularly braved winter snowstorms to deliver mail to early pioneer settlements.

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years, often in sub-freezing storms.

It began in 1856 when "Snow-Shoe" Thompson read in a newspaper about the difficulties in getting the mails across the Sierra in winter. He remembered his "show skates" as a boy in Norway and made himself a pair to begin the heroic work he did for 20 years.

He started it all on January 1856 with a 90-mile trip from Placerville to Carson Valley.

Thompson became known as "the father of all the race of snowshoers in the Sierra Nevada" and was the pioneer for stagecoaches and locomotives later to cross the mountains.

He died in 1876 and lies buried in Genoa, Nevada. On his tombstone a pair of skis are carved in marble to commemorate his achievements.

A colorful early settler was "Lord" Chalmers, an Englishman who came to Alpine County in 1867. At Silver Creek there still stands the remnants of his house, called Chalmers Mansion, which still contains some of the elegant furnishings of those early days.

In 1847, the ever enterprising Sam Brannan established an outpost which was the first white settlement in the entire area. It became known as Brannan Springs and in 1949 Daniel Woodford built the first prominent building, a hotel. An early route of the pony express included a remote station nearby until the Pony Express was discontinued with the coming of the transcontinental telegraph system.

Alpine County is not only one of the smallest counties in the country, but its county seat for many years had but 100 permanent residents. Markleeville is named after an early pioneer, Jacob J. Marklee, who settled there during the first year of the Civil War, 1861. He died as he had lived . . . in an outburst of sudden anger he had entered into a quarrel with a local prospector who shot him to death two years later.

It was rich silver mining which had given early impetus to the growth of the area but with the decline of the mineral deposits, the county fell upon less affluent times from which it has not fully recovered even after more than a century . . . even with its declining fortunes, the region is still an important part of California lore.

By message!

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This rugged Sierra terrain is typical of Alpine County. It was over these

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## Price due to undergo neck surgery today

*Record Courier July 12, 84*

Former Douglas High School and U.S. Naval Academy basketball player Gary Price is scheduled for surgery on a neck injury today despite an infection which remains in his elbow.

The former Tiger was injured when reportedly struck from behind by a passing motorist along a Virginia tollroad June 30.

The accident damaged the spine near the base of Price's neck and left him paralyzed from mid-stomach down.

The operation planned for today is an attempt to stabilize

his neck so he can transfer into a wheelchair.

His mother, Jeannine Price of Woodfords, said if the operation is a success, her son should be out of the intensive care unit by Monday.

Gary Price is presently undergoing physical therapy on both his upper and lower body. He has a full range of motion in his arms but his fingers and hands are still affected by some nerve damage.

Jeannine Price said doctors expect today's operation to restore full use of his hands.



# Death Ride set for *Record Coaches* *July 19, 82* Woodfords Sunday

OUR LEGS ARE BETTER. A  
 on a tandem bicycle  
 pedal through a portion of the  
 Markleeville Death Ride  
 is scheduled to run  
 Sunday from the star-

ting point at Diamond Valley  
 school. Riders will climb one,  
 three or five passes depend-  
 ing upon which tour they  
 choose. The event begins at 6  
 a.m. near Woodfords.

About the only thing that  
 will get tired on a bicyclist  
 riding down Kingsbury Grade is  
 his or her hands on the brakes.

Getting up to the top without  
 mechanical aid so one can ride  
 down is another feat, however.

That is only a small part of  
 what some hearty individuals  
 will be attempting Sunday in the  
 Markleeville Death Ride.

The climb to Daggett Pass  
 at the top of Kingsbury is what  
 the one-pass-option riders will  
 attempt. The three- and five-  
 pass-option riders will toss in  
 Luther, Ebbetts, Carson and  
 Monitor passes for good  
 measure.

The endurance ride, now in  
 its ninth year, will begin at 6  
 a.m. Sunday at Diamond Valley  
 School near Markleeville.  
 Course organizers knew what  
 they were doing when they  
 organized this two-wheeled  
 craziness, however.

Each summit on the course  
 is an out-and-back proposition. If  
 you can't make it, turn around  
 and coast back to Diamond  
 Valley.

The lowest point on the map  
 is at 4,700 feet along Foothill  
 Road in Carson Valley.  
 Markleeville sits at 5,500 feet  
 elevation and Diamond Valley  
 School is about 300 feet higher.

The passes are a lot higher.

The lowest is Douglas Coun-  
 ty's entry, Daggett Pass, at 7,334  
 feet. Luther tops out at 7,740 feet.  
 Monitor is at 8,314 feet, Carson  
 boasts an altitude of 8,573 feet  
 and Ebbetts causes nose bleed-  
 at 8,730 feet.

The course boasts an  
 average gradient of 6 percent, a  
 high of 15 percent and several  
 long stretches at 8-10 percent. As  
 of last weekend, 900 people had  
 paid \$10-\$15 for the pleasure of  
 riding up those grades.

That is 4½ times the popula-  
 tion of the host town of  
 Markleeville.

Should anyone not know  
 about these rides and find such  
 Sunday drive enthralling, they  
 can still sign up. Registration fee  
 is now \$15 for the one-pass option  
 and \$20 for the three- or five-pas-  
 option.

Registration can be taken  
 care of at Diamond Valley  
 School 3-10 p.m. Saturday or 4-  
 a.m. Sunday. There will also be  
 a high-caloric, low-cost spaghetti  
 feed at the school Saturday  
 night as well as breakfast from  
 6 a.m. Sunday.

For further information on  
 the ride, contact the Alpine  
 County Chamber of Commerce  
 at (916) 694-2475.

# Day in life of lab technician

Tahoe Daily Tribune Friday July 20, 1984

## It's not just test tubes...

By SUE SCHLERF  
Tribune Staff Writer

A day in the life of a South Tahoe Public Utility District lab technician isn't always filled with test tubes, calculators, Bunsen burners and chemicals...

On occasion there are trips over hot, dusty, BUMPY roads, run-ins with inquisitive cattle, digging holes in soggy pastures (and filling them up again) and gathering samples from the swift moving Carson River.

STPUD laboratory technicians make regular jaunts to Alpine County to gather surface water, soil and ground water samples for background information on the environmental impact of the proposed new irrigation program.

Some Alpine County ranchers already irrigate their fields with the highly treated wastewater pumped from the South Shore to Indian Creek Reservoir. The proposed project, currently suspended in court battles, would reduce the level of treatment for wastewater from a three- to two-step process.

"We're doing the testing now to have some background information," said Phyllis Kunibe, who has been with STPUD for eight years after receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in biological science from University of California at Davis.

"We've been testing for the past two years so that when the new project begins, we'll know if there are any changes in surface water soils or ground water."

Tests are done on sites up to (See Day, Page 4)



Tribune photo

Phyllis Kunibe and Delores Luza take Alpine County samples

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# Day

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miles away from Indian Creek Reservoir, where treated wastewater is currently stored. Tests are also done on ranches that irrigate with STPUD wastewater, as well as some that have never used wastewater for irrigation.

"That way we have some control tests to measure against," said Delores Luza, who has worked as a STPUD lab technician for five years.

"If there is a change in soils in one of the control areas, but no change in the effluent, it shows we're not responsible for the change," Mrs. Kunibe said.

The tests were chosen with the help of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service and Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board.

In a recent trip to gather samples, Mrs. Kunibe and Ms. Luza had to vacate one test site when the rancher started moving bulls through the area.

"When that happens, we just

come back later. There's not much point in arguing with them," Ms. Luza said, pointing at the group of hefty bulls.

The second test site was located about 1 1/2 miles down a very bumpy dirt lane. Gates across the road were carefully opened and shut immediately behind the vehicle to prevent cattle from escaping.

Close to the Nevada-California state line, surface water from the Carson River is tested for bacteria, algae, ammonia, phosphorus and trace metals.

Each sample is given an identification number and written in a log to show from where the sample was taken and who took it.

"We have to be really careful, but it saves on confusion in the long run," Mrs. Kunibe said.

The soil sample was taken from the middle of a soggy pasture. Technicians try to take the sample from approximately the same place each time to ensure as constant a sample as possible.

"It's really easy to find the

spot," Mrs. Kunibe said. "You line up the telephone pole on the highway with the sign on the side street and you're there."

Soils are tested for nitrates,

nitrogen, pH levels and conductivity. Once the sample is taken and placed in plastic bag the holes are filled with dirt from outside the pasture.

July 22, 1984

## Couple challenges bicyclists to try Alpine death ride

By WILLA OLDHAM

As many as 1,000 bicycles may be on the road from the Diamond Valley School July 22, starting at 8 a.m. because Markleeville residents Wayne Martin and Pat Banks (she prefers her maiden name) had an idea.

Actually Martin established the ride so that he could attract more cyclists of his caliber to the area. "We originally called it the Markleeville Alpine Challenge," related Martin. "Then we called it the Markleeville Death Ride and you should have seen the inquiries and the applications come in. The name attracts people to come here and get themselves out, which goes back to the point that if you let people punish themselves hard enough they will like it."

Unquestionably the race is one of the toughest in the western area. This year there will be three options. The first, a moderately difficult 50-mile ride with a 4,000-foot elevation gain, goes through Diamond Valley, along the edge of Carson Valley, up the long, hard climb of Kingsbury Grade to a turn-around just below the summit of Daggell Pass and returns to Woodfords.

Those with more ambition will go for the 100-mile option with a 10,000-foot elevation gain going through Woodford Canyon to the summit of Lather Pass, back through Markleeville to the summit of Ebbetts Pass via Highway No. 4, which Martin describes as "a no frills road built in the days of the Model T Ford."

"A climber's delight and a wheel sucker's nightmare" is the way Martin talks about the 150-mile option. "For most of the ride which has a 15,000-foot elevation gain you are either climbing or descending as this one adds climbing to the summit of Carson Pass and Montezuma Pass. All five passes are substantial enough to ensure your complete exhaustion by the end of the day," grinned Martin who obviously relishes taking such a ride.

The rewards? "The satisfaction of knowing that you can handle what you set out to do," said Martin. Banks added, "We give patches for participation, not for completion of the ride as is done in many places."

Last year Dick Gustafson, age 46, and Chip Cordey, age 23, both of Ashland, Ore., completed the 150 miles in eight hours and one minute," recalled Martin. "Riders in the event were from 16 years of age to 70. Because of the risk of cycling mountain passes we do not allow anyone out after dark."

To Martin's and Banks' knowledge there is no other western ride that gains more altitude on a one-day ride. "The Terrible Two out of

Santa Rosa comes close," Banks said. "The difference is that they have 200 miles in which to do 15,000 feet of climbing whereas we do it in 100 miles."

Both Martin and Banks see the ride as something else beside a cycling event. They said it's a wonderful way to get to know and enjoy Alpine County which they described as "is one of the most beautiful in eastern California."

The attendance has climbed so it's become more than a community event. "Everybody pitches in. The Chamber of Commerce sponsors the event and does all the mailing and registration, people in the community help out with cookies and other foods and this year there will not only be the traditional breakfast put on in the Diamond Valley school by the Search and Rescue Team but one of the school groups will be hosting a spaghetti supper on Saturday night," Banks said. "We get help from as far away as Gardnerville and Reno. The fun of it is that even if you aren't a cyclist and want to help there are plenty of ways to do so from handling applications to sitting on a summit providing the cyclists with orange and water."

Banks will not try the 150 stint. "I find that 120 miles a day, at the present time is my limit," she said and Martin chimed in to say "few women did the 150-mile ride last year, but I have to say that those that did go for the 150-mile option were better prepared than the men and the percentage of completion was higher for the women."

Neither Banks or Martin put all their efforts into this ride. When interviewed they had just returned from a six-day ride from the Avenue of the Giants near Eureka back to San Francisco. "On that ride there was a man who was 72 years old," said Banks. "He plans his year around various tours or group rides. He rides because such events are totally consuming for him. It doesn't bother him that he isn't the best rider in the group."

Banks was also on the 100-mile ride called the Sweetwater Century which starts at Topaz Lake, goes out toward Verington, up to Bridgeport and back through Walker Canyon to Topaz.

"It's a very easy 100 miles," observed Banks, "and you have 30 miles of downhill coming through Walker Canyon."

Both admitted that their dream is to at least see the Tour de France which is recognized as the supreme cycling contest in the world.

"It is far more prestigious for cyclists than the World Championships," said Martin. "It covers about 3,000 miles and is always held in France, Austria and Switzerland."

It would not be surprising if Martin and Banks realized that dream — they have already put one into reality.

Prior to coming to Markleeville Banks was a human relations consultant with the city of Los Angeles dealing with gang kids. Martin was running a bike shop. Tired of the "big city" they quit their jobs and hiked the Pacific Crest Trail which starts at the California border with Mexico at Tecate and ends at Manning Park about eight miles north of the Canada-U.S. border. This took five months and was the second time for Martin.

"With my retirement money we bought a movie camera and made a film of taking the trail," recalled Banks. "Towards the end of the trail we began thinking of what we could do to make a living and still enjoy the freedom we had had on the trail away from the 9 to 5 routine."

"Wayne was aware of the difficult time he had had in the bike shop trying to get the proper tools to do certain work. Sometimes he had to contact three or four jobbers before he could find what he wanted," she said.

"When we got back from the trail hike we still had a little money left so we bought a few tools and took

out an ad in "Bicycling" magazine, went to an instant print shop and had some material printed up and we were in business.

And what a business! Now Martin and Banks are busy with two businesses — one supplying shops through a wholesale catalog that they produce and write themselves, the second a catalog geared to cyclists themselves. Orders come in from all over North America and as far away as Australia and Europe.

Looking at the supply on hand non-cyclists are surprised to learn that tool kits can cost as much as \$1,990 for one from Italy and are also surprised to learn that the 600 items stocked by the Martin-Banks operation may come from Japan, France, England, Germany, Italy, Taiwan and the U.S.

"When you look at a bicycle perhaps the frame is made by a Japanese company and all the various components for that bicycle are purchased from other manufacturers. One reason for the fact that Japan and France lead the industry is that both countries have had a history of cycling much longer than the U.S.," Martin explained.

"Bicycling in the U.S. back in the 1930s, until recently, enjoyed it's greatest popularity," said Banks.

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"You may remember the ex-cel-sior races held at the Madison Square Gardens that attracted teams from Europe and the U.S. People would come to the Gardens to watch these stars perform.

"Now bicycling is beginning to enjoy a place in competitive sports once more. Two of the world renowned cyclists live in this area — Greg La Mont of Washoe Valley, who is currently the world champion, and Heidi Hopkins of Markleeville who several years ago placed fifth in the world championships.

"Serious cycling has grown so in the past several years," said Banks, "that any weekend, especially on the West Coast you can look at "Bicycling" magazine or the "American Wheelman" and find a 100-mile or Century ride that is being put on by a club or a group of people. Ten years ago the thought of riding 100 miles in a day didn't occur to most of us, only to what we consider the hard core riders. This year I went on one ride with 1,300 riders and the week before that in Sacramento a ride had 1,200 participants, she said.

"Now what is starting to grow," said Banks, "with the advent of the bi-athlon and the tri-athlon are the Double-Century rides — 200

miles in one day. Wayne thinks nothing of a 200-mile/day and has ridden as much as 700 on occasion.

"Bicycles have gone up in price in terms of how well crafted they are and how long they will hold up," Martin pointed out. "You can spend anywhere from \$200 for a decent bike all the way to \$5,000 for an exotic bike which would be completely handcrafted and made out of aluminum. The normal racing bike starts at around \$600. Inexpensive bikes are not very sound. From a safety point of view they are OK, because of OSHA, but from a long term point of view, they do not hold up as well."

Explaining the increase in interest Martin said, the most common reason is for good exercise and beyond that, enjoyment. Banks added, "I've never excelled in anything in sports or otherwise, cycling is the one sport I can do and feel good about because I am not pitting myself against anybody — it's just me and my bike. I can pick a flat course or like this morning, I rode from Woodfords to Hope Valley. I could enjoy the surroundings which were beautiful. It's a solitary sport that you can enjoy, by yourself or you can join a group for the camaraderie."



**STARK REALITY.** Bare, black limbs are all that remain of the trees near Alrport road and Diamond Valley Road in Alpine County following last month's fire which began near the spot and burned all the way into

Douglas County. Local officials are coordinating efforts among several different government agencies to rehabilitate the 17,000 acres that were burned. R-C photo

## Sorensen's Resort offers unique hiking adventure

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Sorensen's Resort has created a leisurely hiking adventure which will lead participants across parts of the Mormon-Emigrant Trail and the early Pony Express Route used over Kit Carson Pass. This event is scheduled for the 1984 fall season, a time of year when views of the mountains are crisp and golden.

Tours can be scheduled any time between Sept. 1 and Nov. 15. This historic walking tour begins the night of arrival with an orientation and slide presentation at Sorensen's Cafe. After breakfast the next morning, the walking tour begins with an experienced guide who will provide leadership and historic

notes to enrich the understanding and challenges faced by the early settlers to California. A picnic lunch will be provided along the way and an evening meal will be served in Sorensen's Cafe overlooking the high mountain meadows.

The total package including two nights lodging, four meals and tour guide is \$98 per person.

Seventy-four-year-old Jess Machado of Stockton will be the lead tour guide for Sorensen's Resort. In 1929 Machado rediscovered the trail and was the first person to make lasting markers of the Emigrant Trails. He has chronicled the road ever since and continues to lead groups through the area pinpoint-

ing historic sights and artifacts. He has donated several hundred historic finds to museums throughout the northern Sierra region.

Mort Testerman, Debbie Waldear and Joe and Susan Chambers, all experienced Sierra hikers and guides of Kirkwood, will assist in the touring.

Sorensen's Resort is located just east of the Highway 88-89 junction. This all-season vacation settlement features 20 housekeeping cabins, plus cafe.

For more information and to make tour reservations, call Sorensen's Resort at (916) 694-2293.

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# 1885: Fire destroys 24 buildings

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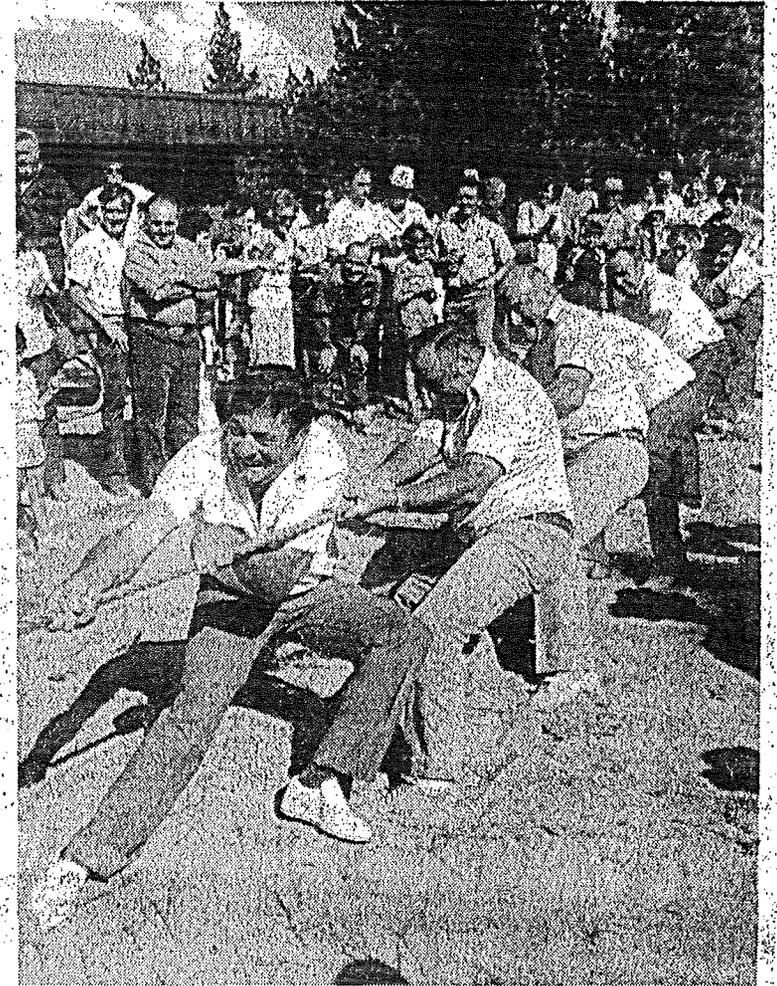
**MARKLEEVILLE FIRE.** On last Sunday morning a fire broke out in T.N. Hanson's hotel in Markleeville, which destroyed all the buildings on Main Street, with the exception of Court House, printing office and Judge Arnot's residence. Some twenty-four buildings were burned, and as near as we can ascertain, there was but little if any insurance on the property destroyed. The loss will fall heavily upon many, especially Mr. Weis, who lost his entire stock of goods as well as his building. This is a heavy blow to Alpine County, as it is not likely that the town will be rebuilt.

**STAGE COLLISION.** On last Monday as Gelatt's stage was descending the long grade going into Markleeville, a trace came loose and striking one of the horses on the leg, frightened them and caused both horses to become unmanageable. In front of the Court House they collided with another team that was in the street, upsetting the stage and spilling out the passengers. The stage was wrecked, but fortunately no one was injured. There were four in the stage at the time, including a lady passenger.



**BASQUE PICNIC.** It was the annual summer picnic for Gardnerville's Mendiko Euskaldun Cluba (Basque Club) at Turtle Rock Park in Markleeville. Tug of war was a popular event, and Genoa freelance photographer Jay Aldrich snapped the visiting Reno team during competition. Valley children performed,

and shown are boys and girls who wore traditional costumes and sang "Ikusi Mendi Zelayak" and "Haurrak Ikasazue." Singers are, front row from left, Amanda, Stephanie and Becky Sarratea and Teresa Fernandez; back row, Roger Izoco and Michael and Joey Leonis.



# Price to transfer to West Coast

## Out of intensive care, still weak and in pain

Former Douglas High School and U.S. Naval Academy basketball player Gary Price is planning to travel to the West Coast next week after more than two months in a Virginia Beach, Va., hospital.

Price is being transferred by the Navy to the Veteran's Administration hospital in Palo Alto, Calif., where he will undergo further therapy and rehabilitation.

Price, 23, was paralyzed from the middle of his torso down June 30 when he was struck by a passing motorist while walking along a tollroad in Virginia Beach around 4:30 a.m.

The former Tiger cager had just concluded his four-year stint at the Naval Academy in May and was finishing up some schooling in Virginia before joining an oceanographic research ship in the Mediterranean.

Price's mother, Jeannine Price of Woodfords, has been in Virginia with her son since just after the accident occurred. She said her son's doctor

had made plans for a medivac flight Friday but that the transfer would probably take place early next week now.

Meanwhile, Gary Price has been transferred from the hospital's intensive care unit to a private room. He is no longer hooked up to any monitors but is still in a great deal of pain, Jeannine Price said.

He was able to speak on the telephone Tuesday and said a shooting pain would run from his neck, down his spine and then down his arms whenever he was moved.

The hospital is also attempting to get him accustomed to a wheelchair. He was attempting the feat three times a day at first but had to be cut back to twice a day because of the pain.

"It is a boost (for him) to be in a private room now," his mother said, "but when you are weak and in pain, it is hard to realize it sometimes."

The 6-foot-6 Price is in a special bed called a Clinatron Bed, according to Jeannine Price. It is

filled with sand and glass beads which conform to his body and can be activated to stimulate the body while preventing bedsores.

He still does not have full use of his hands but is encouraged to attempt to feed himself as part of his therapy and rehabilitation.

The problem of housing for Jeannine Price while attending her son was partially solved. A former teammate of her son arranged for her to serve as caretaker of his parents' home near Virginia Beach while they are on vacation.

Gerry Price, Gary's father, returned to his job at a resort in the Sierra last week after spending two weeks in Virginia.

The family has relatives in the Palo Alto area which should alleviate some of the problems with lodging once he is transferred.

"Other than air fare back and forth, this has not been a real financial hardship yet," Jeannine Price said. "All we are asking for from our friends is for them to keep praying, hoping and shooting for Gary's recovery."

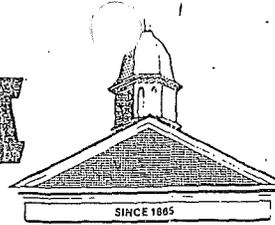
## Ford finishes training

Army National Guard Pvt. Tamsen D. Ford, daughter of Donna L. Ford of Markleeville, Calif., completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

During the training,

students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

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## Home owners near Indian Creek look at possible water disposal problem

By WILLA OLDHAM  
Appeal Correspondent

Owners of land adjacent to the Carson River, downstream from Diamond Valley, may have more reason for concern than they realize.

It could be to their advantage to keep a weather-eye open as to what is going on over in neighboring Alpine County in California relating to water quality and disposal of Lake Tahoe effluent.

Wendell D. McCurry, Water Quality officer of the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, division of Environmental Protection, indicated his concern in a reply by letter to Tim Pemberton, attorney for citizens in the Woodford, Diamond Valley area and nearby Alpine County residents.

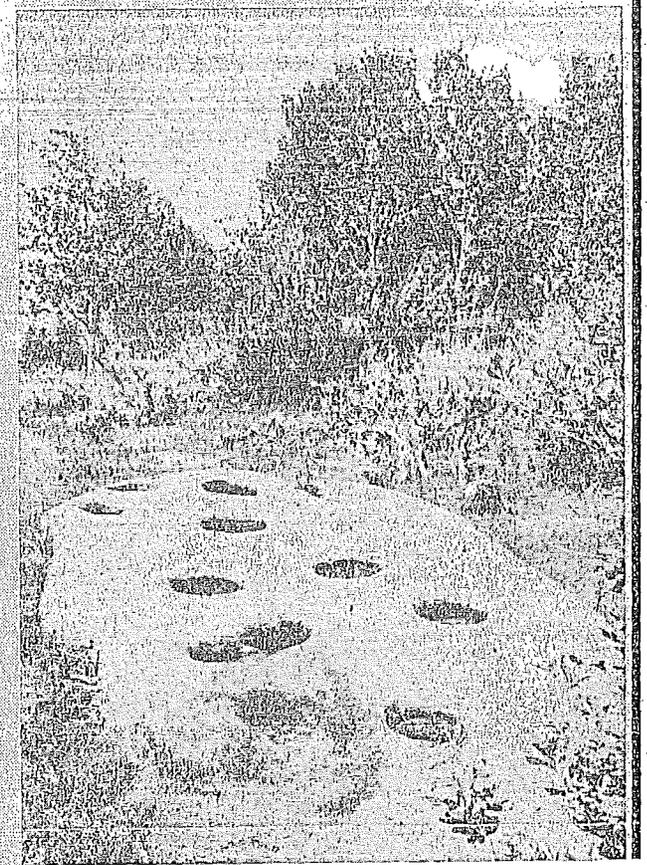
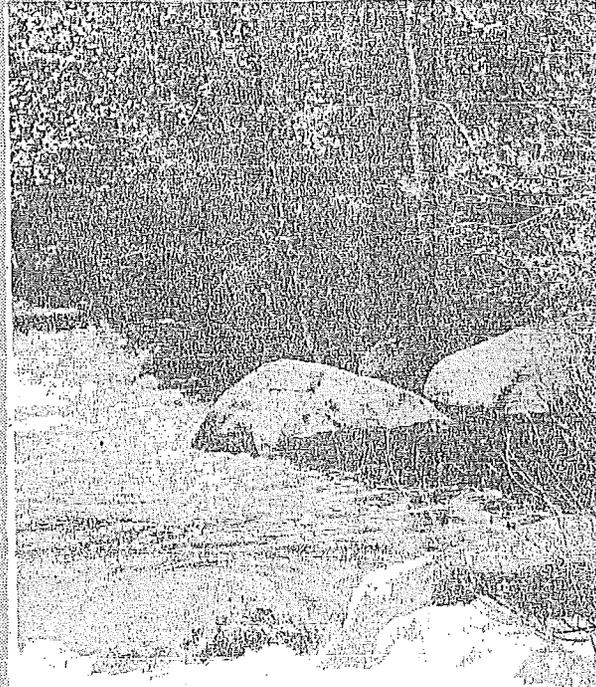
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ondary effluent instead of advanced wastewater treatment with discharge to the Carson River."

McCurry concluded his letter saying, "A review of the STPUD (South Tahoe Public Utility District) effluent handling system and testimony presented at the LWQCB meeting indicates that legal action against STPUD for apparent illegal discharges and violation of interstate water quality standards and LWQCB for failure to enforce the laws and permit requirements is warranted. (Letter dated Oct. 24, 1983)

In 1967 when the California Legislature mandated a law allowing STPUD to begin pumping all of its sewage effluent out of the Tahoe Basin, 35 miles south, via pipeline, to Alpine County there was no problem. The quality of effluent, established by California state law and local contracts and ordinances was to be "tertiary" or "three-stage treated" and stored in Indian Creek reservoir.

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"For your information the dischargers in Nevada who discharge in the Carson River Basin above Lake Lahontan have chosen land application using sec-

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High overhead, plant maintenance problems and pipeline leakages through the STPUD operation, as well as the district's proposal to reduce treatment to a secondary level and build a new, fenced reservoir next to Indian Creek campground with the effluent to be used for irrigation and surrounding pasture lands, is what is causing the flack some 17 years after the plan was adopted and put into action.

The current agitation is not over having the effluent transported out of the Tahoe Basin as much as how it is being handled. Strong words and heated meetings are the story of the past year over the problem. Alpine citizens are well aware that the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, the California Attorney General's office and the League to Save Lake Tahoe have been meeting to consider exemption of certain projects in the Tahoe Basin building moratorium now in effect.

Douglas County Community Development Director John Renz has stated Douglas County has already asked the court for specific exemptions.

The TRPA's regional plan covering the next 20 years allows for the construction of an estimated 12,000 single-family homes, 2,700 units of multi-family housing, 1.1 million square feet of commercial space at 1,110 hotel and motel rooms and similar units. It is the latter that concerns Pat Banks of the loosely organized, but tenacious, Citizens for Water Quality group representing many



**THE QUALITY** of water coming downstream in the West Fork of the Carson River is seriously polluted when affluent leaks and spills occur in transit from the head plant operated by the South Tahoe Public Utility District, affecting water as far distant as Lahontan Dam and Fallon

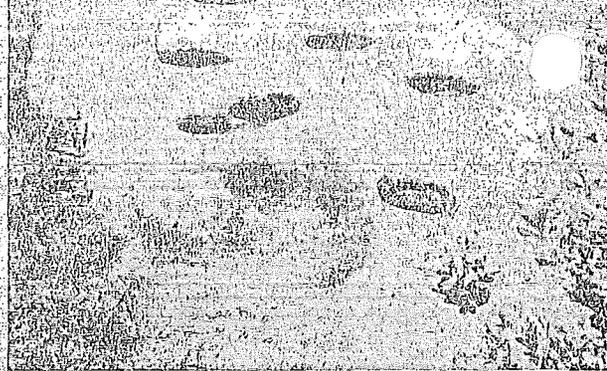
citizens on the eastern slope of the Sierra in Alpine County.

"We have spent many, many hours in research and money out of pocket," said Banks. "One of the most recent university studies shows that there is one thing that cannot be filtered out as water percolates through the ground to the water table and that is virus — no kind of virus filters out. The effluent from the Tahoe Basin is not just from local residents, citizens come from all over the world with no health checks as to what diseases they may be transmitting. This effluent is now being dumped right at our door steps and it's eventually going to find its way into our water."

Members of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada who have aligned themselves with CWQ have a more personal concern. If STPUD succeeds in obtaining permission to build their effluent reservoir at the Diamond Valley site adjacent to Indian Creek campground several tribal cul-

tural sites which qualify for the National Register of Historical Places will be inundated.

The Sierra Club has joined forces with CWQ on a request from their Toiyabe Chapter. Laurens Silver, attorney for the group, has noted that the case has state-wide implications for grass-roots initiative efforts. Prior to the Alpine initiative a flyer was sent to all residents in the area pointing out that a "Yes" vote would: Prevent groundwater pollution, protect household drinking water supplies, prevent health risks to Diamond Valley school children, prevent secondary-treated sewage, maintain recreational-quality reservoir fishery make STPUD do what they promised in 1987, assure proper independent monitoring of sewage and ensure financial ability of STPUD to compensate for property and personal injury losses. Petitions carrying signatures of 40 percent of the population were delivered



Photos by Willa Oldham

**WASHOE INDIAN** grinding rocks with a former village site qualifies for the National Register for Historic Places. These would be inundated by proposed diversion of Indian Creek through Diamond Valley.

to the county supervisors two weeks before they executed the conflicting secondary-effluent contract.

In November 1983 the voters of Alpine County passed an initiative which requires STPUD to maintain the terms of their original contract and send only tertiary treated sewage to Alpine County for agricultural and recreational use. STPUD countered with a lawsuit against Alpine County declaring the initiative passed by the voters is not legal.

In an effort to defend the right of the voters of Alpine County to determine the quality of sewage received, CQW joined with the Sierra Club, Inc., Woodford's Community Council and the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California and sought the right to intervene in the lawsuit. Their request was granted by Judge Wayne Wylie April 23, 1984. Immediately, attorneys for STPUD declared Judge Wylie was in error in granting the right to intervene; stating the intervenors have no interest in the matter and declaring that public lands and private lands will not be adversely affected by the new

reservoir. They deny the ordinance is valid.

Henry G. Murdock, Alpine County district attorney, and STPUD next succeeded in having a subsequent hearing moved out of the county to Jackson, Amador County, where on July 20, 1984, state Supreme Court Judge Don S. Howard, to the encouragement of the members of CQW, ruled that the four united groups did have the right to intervene, that "no way" could be ruled otherwise. Further encouragement for the group comes from testimony at that hearing wherein it was pointed out that in a similar case involving Trinity County, Calif., the ruling was in favor of concerned citizens.

Until the time comes when final action is taken, CQW members intend to fight for the area, which to them as stated by Wayne Martin, is "one of the most beautiful, cleanest areas in the United States."

Now they know that when you line up for a cause you need to commit yourself to run the dis-

(See WATER, Page 3)



**JERRY SPROUT**, foreground, and Tim Pemberton, attorneys for Citizens for Water Quality, work out a motion on their recently acquired word processor. The motion is part of the defense in the water battle.

# Water

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tance, to research the facts before presenting the findings, to be aware that fear of job loss can keep others from working with you, and that the only way to keep things moving toward the goal is to reach into your own pocket for the necessary dollars or come up with events such as their recent rummage sale.

And to be ready with the answers to your opponent's questions as Jerry Sprout is when they point out that all residents

concerned also are dependent on septic tanks.

"STPUD is sending a ratio of effluent that is at the rate of 25 homes to 1 acre — our septic tanks have an equivalent of one home to five acres," explained Jerry Sprout of the Citizens for Water Quality Committee. "STPUD sends out anywhere from four to 10 million gallons of effluent a day. We've got these dollars polluting the river upstream and then further downstream we have millions of fed-

eral dollars being spent to take the pollutants out of the river. It would make more sense to get the pollutants at the start. If you look at social structure in biological terms your consumption is limited by your waste. South Lake Tahoe has not been able to build because they saturated, unless they can find something to do with their sewage that is acceptable to other areas they are not going to be able to build any more," said Sprout.

Sacramento Bee correspondent

Jim Sloan, in a recent article, stated that opponents of the STPUD plan to reduce its treatment "admit they are tired of being 'Tahoe's toilet' and watching millions being spent at the lake for development and sewage treatment when little or nothing is being done to promote water conservation."

"We just don't feel that we should take any chances with our ground water," said Wayne Martin, a Markleeville landowner who purchased the video tape

documentary on water being circulated around Alpine County. "We don't feel it's our responsibility to take Tahoe's waste."

East slope Alpine County residents feel that they are having a tough time lately protecting their small communities.

"Now Sierra Pacific wants to make a deal with SMUD — the Sacramento Municipal Utility District because they want to sell coal generation. Instead of unscrewing every other light bulb in Sacramento they want to bring

twice as much power over by a high tension line through the mountains," said Sprout.

"With pipes on the ground and wires in the air neither do anything to add to the natural beauty of these mountains, forests and waterways," said Banks.

"One of our reasons for coming here was that we did not want to be involved, we wanted to enjoy the outdoors and the environment. Now we are finding out that in order to do all of that you have to be involved."

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proximately 150 feet with the 10-kilometer run gaining about 500 feet in altitude.

Entry fee for either run is \$5 and includes refreshments after the race. Proceeds will benefit the Alpine County Visual Arts Guild.

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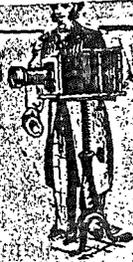
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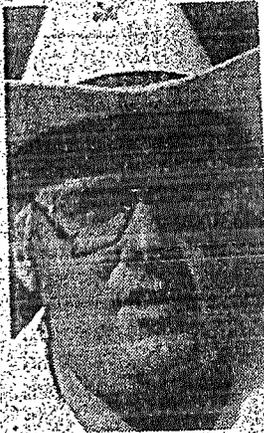
### **Coming up**

**Bazaar.** The Alpine Mothers' Club Bazaar will be held Nov. 3 at Diamond Valley School in Markleeville. A fashion show, auction, baked goods, entertainment, Gary's chili, plants, Thanksgiving items, and lots of handmade goods will be available. *Record Council 10-11-84*

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**DAN HICKEY**  
Rancher  
"Oh, I think so. I think there's a little more security, and interest rates aren't as high as years ago, and I think the dollar stretches a little bit further today than it did four years ago."

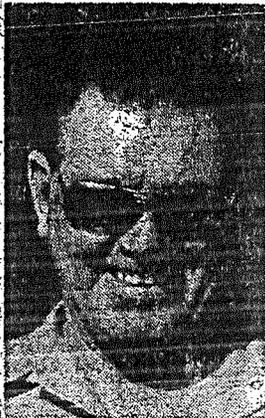


**RAYMOND C. SHUGREN**  
Retired  
"No. I get less money because I'm on a retirement, and I've never gotten any cost of living since I've been on it, and things keep coming up."

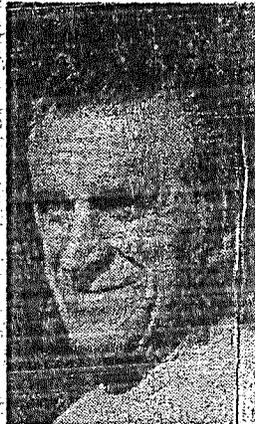


**JOHN HAMPTON HARLEY**  
PCB Designer  
"Under Ronald Reagan, yes. I'm a Democrat, but I voted for him, and I'll re-vote him."

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**LARRY LAMB**  
Owner,  
CV Furniture  
"No. Business isn't as good as it used to be."



**ANTHONY OSWALD**  
Retired  
"Yeah, I think we're better off. I think this is the best country there is."



**SHEILA A. JARDINE**  
Administrative Aide  
"Oh, sure. Well, for myself, I moved up from the Bay Area, and am living in Markleeville, and being up in the mountains. And to me, anything could be better than living down in all that freeway traffic."

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# Gary Price's transfer delayed

## Infection in leg prolongs stay in Virginia Beach Hospital

Former Douglas High School cager Gary Price remains in a Virginia Beach, Va. hospital after an infection in his left leg forced his transfer to the West Coast, planned for last week, to be cancelled.

Price was severely injured when struck by a car while walking along a tollroad in Virginia Beach June 30. The accident paralyzed the former Naval Academy basketball player from mid-torso down.

The Woodsford resident had just completed four years at the Academy and was finishing up some schooling prior to leaving for an

oceanographic research ship when the incident happened.

He was scheduled to be flown to Palo Alto, Calif. where he would be placed in the Veteran's Administration hospital. The hospital has a rehabilitation unit for victims of spinal cord injuries.

"His left leg, which seemed relatively unaffected, started getting hard around the shin area," said Price's mother, Jeannine Price, who flew back to Virginia after the accident.

"The muscle was possibly torn from the bone on impact. The doctor said blood clots and torn muscles are perfect areas for staph infections."

Mrs. Price said the critical problem at the present time is in the blood's circulation through the leg. Doctors earlier removed some dead tissue from the limb.

Because of the infection, Price is running a fever and is being kept under an ice blanket.

His spirits were boosted some, according to Mrs. Price, after visits last week by both the basketball coach from the Naval Academy's prep school and an assistant coach from Annapolis.

Anyone interested in writing to Gary Price can reach him care of Virginia Beach General Hospital, 1060 First Colonial Road, Virginia Beach, Va. 23454.

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## Tennis



**JOAN CHACON**

**Position:** Girls coach

**Coaching experience:** Two years, DHS.

**Playing experience:** 16 years.

**Teaching:** Substitute at DHS.

## McKibben, Chacon set for play

Douglas High School's Mark McKibben and Sam Chacon have not idly wasted their summers.

When high school tennis competition starts next week, both will have plenty of playing time under their belts after making it to the finals of the Lake Ridge Tennis Club Junior Tournament last Sunday.

Chacon beat Steve Conron 6-3, 6-3 to win the 16s title while McKibben made it through the bracketing before losing to arch-nemesis Gilbert Suarez in the finals of the 18s.

In girls 14s play, Chacon's sister Lisa finished in the runnerup spot with a 6-3, 6-3 loss to Kasey Segerstrom.

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Lisa Chacon and McKibben will be playing this weekend in the finals of the Governor's Cup after winning in regional competition Aug. 12 against netters from Carson City. The younger Chacon defeated Carrie Steyn 6-1, 6-1 in the regional finals while McKibben was a 6-7, 6-4, 6-3 victor over Sean Rivers.

Gardnerville's Natalie Tucker will also be in the finals after beating Lisa Cox 6-2, 6-2 in the regional finals of the girls 16s.

Battles for third and fourth place had Sam Chacon downing Jeff Loflin 6-0, 6-0, Aaron Tucker beating Dax Godkin 6-7, 6-4, 6-4 in the boys 14s and Susan McKibben beating Amy Lynn 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 in the girls 16s.

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Near airport

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# Crews fix pipeline leak

Another leak in the pipeline that carries treated sewage to Alpine County was repaired Monday after utility crews replaced a section of the 24-inch steel pipe near the Lake Tahoe Airport.

Working until after dark, crews from the South Tahoe Public Utility District used power saws and a special compression-sleeve coupling to repair the 48th leak in the pipeline since it was completed in 1968.

During that time, the utility district has spent more than \$2 million on repairs to the mortar-lined steel pipeline, also known as a force main.

Water quality officials were also on the scene Monday to see if the leak had seeped into the nearby Upper Truckee River, which flows into Lake Tahoe, said William Ryan of the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board. Ryan said it could not be

determined if the leak was going into the river.

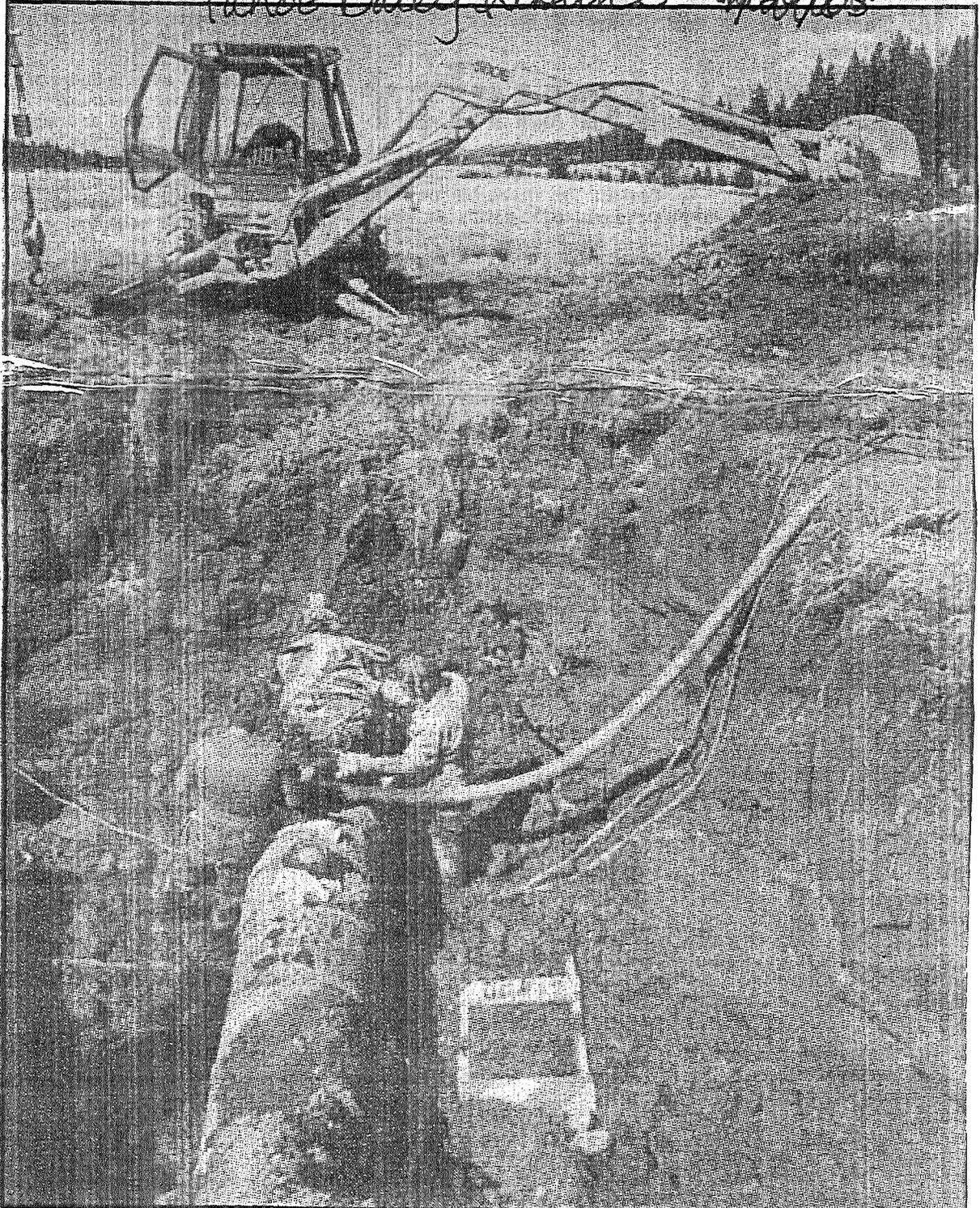
Although the leak was in direct contact with ground water, Ryan said he was not sure if it was moving toward the river or away from it.

"We're definitely concerned about these things because they (STPUD) have had problems with this pipe in the past," Ryan said. "We like to see these things cleaned up and cleaned up quickly."

Ryan said the pipe may have been leaking for months but was only recently detected because the grass in the meadow has been green until recently. Once the surrounding grass turned brown, the green spot over the leak was easy to spot.

In 1982, the district successfully sued the pipeline contractor for \$4.3 million, claiming damage to the pipe's mortar lining during installation has led to corrosion in numerous places.

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STPUD crews work to repair pipeline leak between airport runway and river

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## Price remains in Virginia

It now appears former Douglas High School basketball player Gary Price will remain in Virginia at least another month after complications last week hampered a possible transfer to the West Coast.

Price was injured June 30 when he was struck by a passing motorist's vehicle while he was walking along a Virginia Beach, Va., tollroad.

The accident damaged Price's spine, and he is paralyzed from mid-torso down. He was taken to Virginia Beach General Hospital following the incident and had remained there until being transferred to the Port-

smouth (Virginia) Naval Hospital Aug. 21.

Price had just completed four years at the U.S. Naval Academy and was finishing up some training prior to joining an oceanographic research ship when the accident happened.

A transfer to the Veteran's Administration hospital in Palo Alto had been planned for mid-August. The trip was canceled when a staph infection and septicemia was discovered in his left leg.

Jeannine Price, his mother, said Wednesday that Navy doctors were asked to step in on the case and they immediately

transferred Gary Price to the naval facility.

A major portion of the tissue in his left calf was eventually removed. Jeannine Price said there had been the danger of possible amputation to save his life but that the leg appeared to be healing now.

Surgery on Price's neck early during his stay was unsuccessful, however, and Jeannine Price said it would be at least another month before the original transfer was reconsidered.

"In effect, we are starting all over again," she said Wednesday.

# Price upbeat, hopes for transfer to West Coast after leg heals

Gary Price was able to talk on the telephone from his hospital bed in the Portsmouth (Virginia) Naval Hospital Monday and said his leg, which had earlier faced the possibility of amputation, was healing quickly.

"They plan to sew it up tomorrow (Tuesday)," the former Douglas High School basketball player said. "It is amazing how much it has healed."

Price, who graduated from the United States Naval Academy in May after playing four years of basketball for the Midshipmen, was paralyzed from mid-torso down June 30 after being struck by a passing car on a Virginia toll road.

The leg injury only came to light in the last three weeks. A severe infection caused doctors to remove about half the tissue in the calf of his left leg.

Price said a transfer to the Veteran's Administration hospital in Palo Alto, Calif., might now come as soon as 1½-2 weeks.

"That is very tentative, though," he said. "We would have to see whether Palo Alto would want a sick or healthy patient. They usually want a healthy patient so they can start working (rehabilitating) on them right away."

Also tentative is a second

operation on a neck injury. The first operation did not repair the problem and a second attempt would be more complex.

Price was coherent and alert during Monday's phone conversation and said he had not been taking any pain killers for a

couple of weeks.

Doctors are now encouraging him to move himself more and also eat more. He said his weight had dropped from a playing weight of 205-210 pounds at Annapolis to around 170-175 pounds on his 6-foot-6 frame.

## Woodcutting areas are now open

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Michael King, Carson District Ranger, announced the changing of office hours for the Markleeville Guard Station in Markleeville, Calif. The station Visitors' Center will be closed on

Tuesday and Wednesday.

King would also like to announce that the fuelwood program for the Carson Ranger District will be closing on Oct. 15. Fuelwood permits are

available from the Carson District Office, 7 days per week, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Carson District has three woodcutting areas open to the public.

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# Business



**ADDITION TO COMMUNITY.** Members from the community were on hand to celebrate Montgomery Ward's grand opening Friday. From left are Jim Clark, loan officer for the Minden Branch of the First Interstate Bank; Joyce Enright, co-owner; Joy Smith, area trainer for Montgomery Ward; John Zeissner, district manager for Montgomery Ward; Don Ashley, employee; Gene Ashley, co-owner; Jack Cunningham, district manager for Montgomery Ward; Bill Tomerlin, Meadowdale Center owner; and Don Johnson, director of public services for the town of Gardnerville. R-C photo

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# Homecoming is next week!

## DHS invites community to dinner, plans special activities

**D**ouglas High School students invite the community to a free chicken (while it lasts) dinner with salads and all the extras next week as part of the Douglas Homecoming Week festivities.

This is the 4th annual community dinner planned and served by the student body officers and student volunteers. During the evening, Thursday, Oct. 4, coaches, athletes and the band will make presentations, and prizes will be awarded to the oldest school sweater-wearer, ring-wearer, class and student body presidents, Homecoming queens, cheerleaders, and athletes in individual sports, according to student body advisor Barbara Gallagher.

The students will also honor community leaders who have made significant contributions to the school, she said. These adults will be honored at the Homecoming football game Friday against the Hug Hawks.

Theme for Homecoming is "Burning With Pride."

Each day next week students will take part in various activities. On Monday at lunch, tug-of-war, Volkswagen cram, and pie-eating contests are planned.

Tuesday, students may dress in the "punk" style. Senior "slaves" will be sold at lunch. Money "paid" for the slaves



goes to the senior class.

Wednesday at lunch, class activities will take place, and each class will dress in a proscribed style. Seniors will dress as "nerds," juniors will wear clashing clothing, sophomores will dress in a rock and roll theme, and freshmen must wear their clothes backwards.

Thursday is Slave Day, and the senior breakfast will be held at 7 a.m. at the foot-

ball field.

The community dinner will be held Thursday evening in the commons beginning at 5:30, and the program will begin at 7:30.

On Friday, students will wear orange and black. A pep assembly will be held in the morning and the traditional Homecoming parade will begin at 1:15 p.m. at Minden Park and wind through Minden and Gardnerville to the Gardnerville Elementary School.

Floats will be on display at pregame festivities at the football field where five new members of the VIP Hall of Fame will be announced. The 1982 adult community members to be so honored were Mathilda Hussman, Fred Settelmeyer, Alex Glock, Gene Scarselli, Ron Wilcks, Jimmy Miller, Ellen Butler, Walt Powers and Ray Borda. 1983 winners were Andy Aldax, Jerome Etchegoyhen, William Lampe and O'Neil Sanders.

At half-time of the varsity game, the DHS band will play and the Homecoming Queen announced. Candidates for Queen are Denise Graham, Chris Rigdon, Michele Owen, Miki Williams, and Robyn Webb.

After the game, a dance will be held from 9:30 p.m. until midnight.

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HOMEcomings. Getting ready for Douglas High School's Homecoming Week are, back row from left, seniors Mike Davies, Kevin Bradley, and Aaron Prupas and football players Chris Fetchall, David Park, Jae Dea

Campbell and Chris Ambrose; Front row, from left, are co-chairperson of the upcoming State Student Body Association convention Edwina Chavez, senior class officer Karen Dorf, student body officer Shelley

Gardner, Homecoming Queen candidate Miki Williams, senior Leanne Hovey and Queen candidate Denise Graham. R-C photo

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**DANCERS TO PERFORM.** Students in Ann Robinson's Dance Workshop will perform Sunday in Markleeville. Top row from left are Teen Thran, Peyton Bertino, Vicki

Derner, Kathy Jones, and Michelle Molina; first row, Julie Meadows, Linde Pirtle and Katie Park. Tahoe Visions photo

## Dancers will perform Sunday

The dancers of Ann Robinson's Dance Workshop are in the final stages of rehearsal for their performance at "Wine Country in the High Country," Sunday, Sept. 30, 3-5 p.m. at Turtle Rock Park in Markleeville.

Ingenook Winery from the Napa Valley is presenting its first annual wine-tasting party to benefit the Alpine County Mother's Club Scholarship Fund.

Besides wine-tasting, an

afternoon of music by Eric Jung, art by Alpine Visual Arts Guild, and dance by the Dance workshop will be offered. Tickets are \$5 each and available at Bouquet and Bouquet and the Dance Workshop in Gardnerville. Free babysitting provided.

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## Obituaries

Walton's Chapel of the Valley was in charge of arrangements.

### Eloise Fairbanks

Services were held Tuesday for Eloise B. Fairbanks, 76, who died Sept. 27 in Markleeville, Calif.

Mrs. Fairbanks was born April 16, 1908, in Markleeville. She was a homemaker and a member of the Alpine Historical Society.

She was preceded in death

by her husband, Earl L. Fairbanks, who died in 1961.

Mrs. Fairbanks is survived by brothers, Clifford Barrett of Gardnerville, Horace and Vernon Barrett of Markleeville; a sister, Genevieve Allerman of Minden; and several nieces and nephews.

Burial was at the Fredricksburg Cemetery in Fredricksburg, Calif.

Walton's Chapel of the Valley was in charge of arrangements.

### Heidi Carr

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Cynthia and Thomas Carr of Woodfords are the parents of a baby girl, Heidi Christine, born Sept. 24 at Carson-Tahoe Hospital. Heidi weighed 6 pounds, 8¼ ounces at birth.

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# Price's condition unchanged, but another infection flares

While former Douglas High School basketball player Gary Price's condition remains relatively unchanged from two weeks ago, his mother was looking forward to relocating last Wednesday at least for a week or so.

Price, who went on from Douglas to play basketball for the U.S. Naval Academy, was paralyzed from mid-torso down June 30 after being struck by a passing motorist while walking along a freeway in Virginia.

His mother Jeannine, of Woodfords, left for Virginia the next day and has not been back to her Alpine County home in over three months.

"I'm coming home Wednesday, then the whole family will be coming down here (the Bay Area) Oct. 19," Jeannine Price said Tuesday.

In the meantime, Gary Price does get some visits from former Douglas teammate Eric Reuter who is working in Palo Alto, just a short distance from the Veteran's Administration rehabilitation center where Price is hospitalized.

"Eric comes by about three times a week," Jeannine Price said. "He works right down the street from the hospital and lives about five miles away.

"I think it is hard on Eric sometimes, though. He would like to walk in and cheer Gary up. But he is learning that it helps patients like Gary, just by being there."

"They eat pizza together sometimes."  
Greg Price, Gary's brother, is also living

within 1½ hours of Palo Alto and comes up to visit on the weekends.

Gary Price is still in isolation at the rehabilitation facility due to an infection, this time in an elbow which was injured in the accident. His leg, however, is almost completely healed.

He also suffers from a bed sore which causes him some discomfort. Jeannine Price said that will be operated on when the infection in his arm clears up.

"Gary is in an awful lot of pain and he is not sleeping well," Mrs. Price said, adding that his weight is down from 210 pounds at the time of the accident to 154 pounds now.

"The next stop for him is surgery on the bed sore. His neck is stable and the doctors don't feel it is expedient to do surgery on it now."

Jeannine Price said her son greatly appreciates the mail he gets. But it will be hard on him emotionally being in the rehabilitation center.

"I think it will be an experience for him here," she said. "The VA centers are pretty depressing. You see a lot of people who are happy if you just look in and say 'hi' or bring them a basket of apples.

"Hopefully, being here will affect him like it has me. You have to try and cheer other people up and not let it get you down."

Anyone wishing to write Price can do so at: Veteran's Administration Medical Center, 3301 Miranda Ave., Palo Alto, Calif. 94304.

# Embree, Gavon to wed

Lisa Gavon and Tom Embree, a psychologist with the Douglas County Mental Health Center, announced their engagement this week.

A wedding will be held on the winter solstice with the Rev. Jamie Conrad, of Coventry Cross Episcopal Church officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. William Embree, Ethel Gavon, and Asa Gavon will join with other family and friends for the occasion.



TOM EMBREE and LISA GAVON  
Bill Embree photo

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# Neddenriep marries Weyland

Heidi Neddenriep and Greg T. Weyland were married at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Gardnerville Sept. 29 with the Reverend Larry Miller officiating.

The bride is the daughter of the late Wilton and Mary Lou Neddenriep of Douglas and Alpine counties. The bridegroom is the son of Ted and Marge Weyland of North Dakota.

The bride was escorted by her brother, Kent Neddenriep, and was attended by her sisters Lori and Lisa Neddenriep of the Neddenriep Ranch, Fredericksburg, Calif.

Grant Weyland, brother of the bridegroom, of Minnesota, was best man. Long time friend Dean Rott attended the bridegroom.

The bride wore a tea-length white chiffon dress with lace overblouse. She wore a picture hat with veil and carried a bouquet of cascading orchids and bridal roses. For something old, she wore a bracelet fashioned from grandfather William F. Neddenriep's gold watch chain.

The maids of honor wore similar dresses of hot pink, accented with grey accessories.

Prior to the ceremony, the candles were lit and the bell was rung by the bride's brother Mark Neddenriep. The "Lord's Prayer" was sung by Eileen Bianchi, and the organist was Kathy Hone.

A reception was held in the garden of the Neddenriep Ranch and included a traditional champagne toast and cutting of the wedding cake. A buffet supper was served, highlighted by pit barbecued beef. The reception was given by the just married couple.



MR. AND MRS. GREG WEYLAND  
Newlyweds

The new Mr. and Mrs. Weyland made a wedding trip through the West Indies, and will be at home in Frankfurt, West Germany, beginning in January.

The bride is a graduate of Douglas High School and the University of Nevada-Reno, 1979. She is a fifth generation

Carson Valley Neddenriep. She owns the Solution Weight Loss Clinic in Reno.

The bridegroom is a financial analyst with the federal government and is a 1975 graduate of Moorehead State University in Minnesota.

# Skiers will find changes at Kirkwood and Heavenly

Local skiers will have new facilities and new events for their entertainment in 1984-85 as both Kirkwood and Heavenly Valley have made changes during the summer months.

Kirkwood recently completed work on its new Wagon Wheel Chair, which will service an additional 700 acres of terrain for the advanced and intermediate skier.

The lift will load near the present Cornice and Solitude chairs. It is 5,830 feet long and can carry up to 1,800 passengers per hour.

At Heavenly Valley, the old tramway cars are being replac-

ed after 22 years of service by new 50-passenger cars, new cables and control systems, and a different look.

Heavenly will make the change within the next week and will use the traditional Thanksgiving Day opening of the ski area to inaugurate the new addition.

The Dipper Chair on Heavenly's Nevada side has also been updated to a triple-chair format and will feature new loading and unloading areas as well as a new bullwheel system.

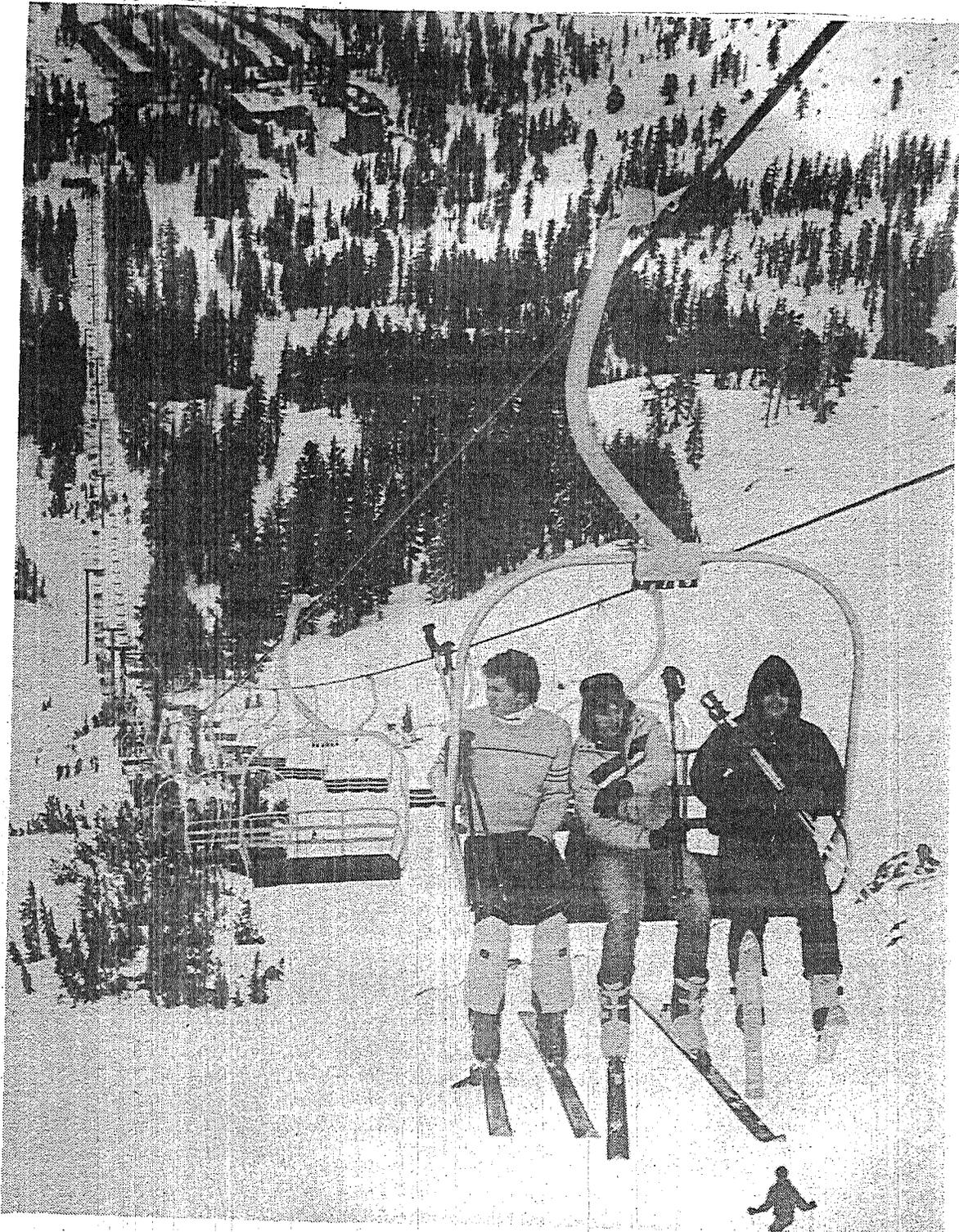
Two entertainment changes have also been instigated, one for the spectator and one for the

intense participant.

The resort is billing its new area off Nevada's Milky Way Bowl as "America's Steepest Terrain" with more than 2,000 vertical feet of unimproved cliffs, canyons, chutes and powder bowls.

No new lift was constructed for the area, and skiers will be shuttled by snow vehicles out of the area after skiing it.

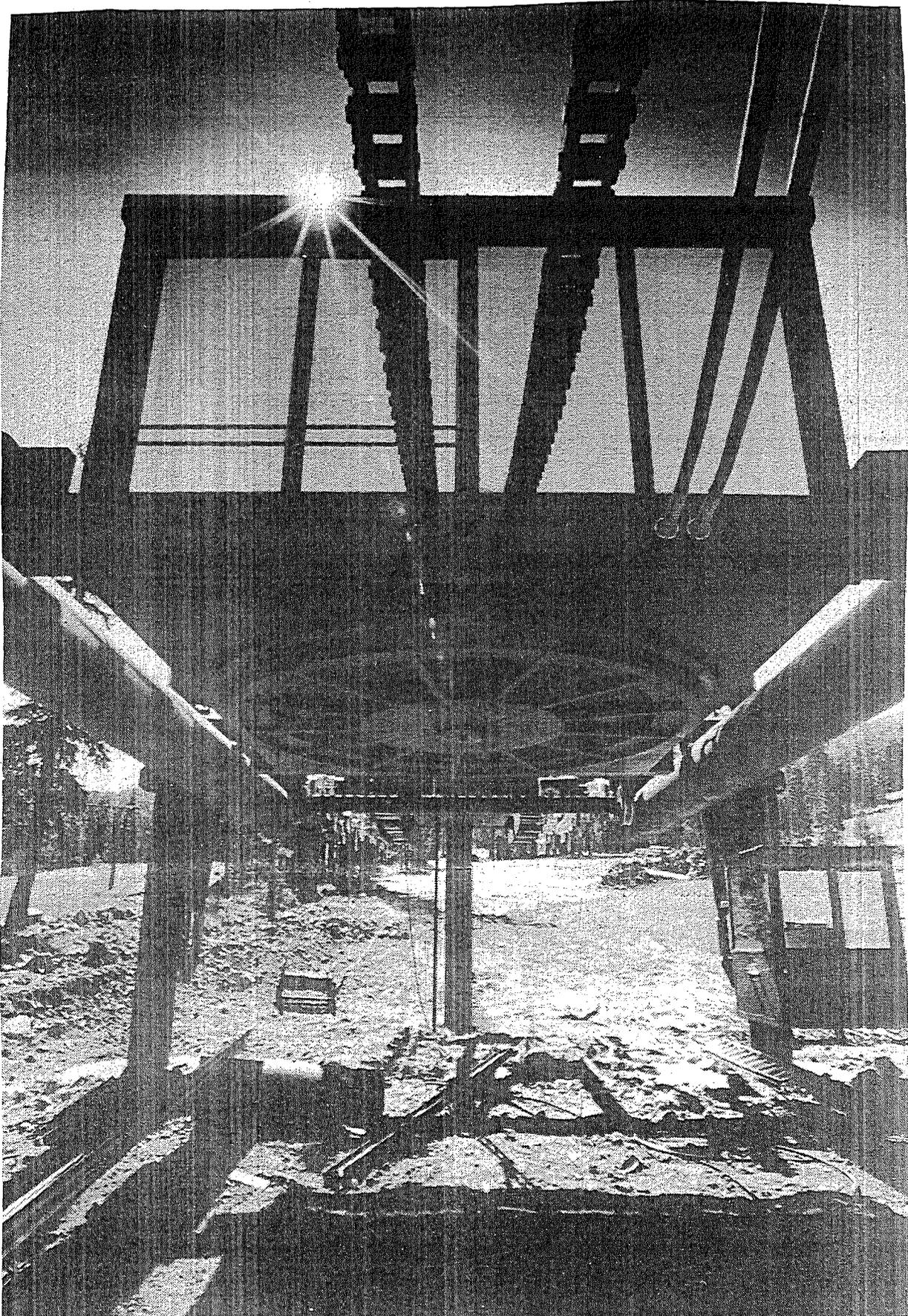
For spectators, the World Cup finals will be held at Heavenly March 20-24. The event will be in addition to the annual John Denver Celebrity Ski Classic to be held this year Feb. 23-24.



### On their way

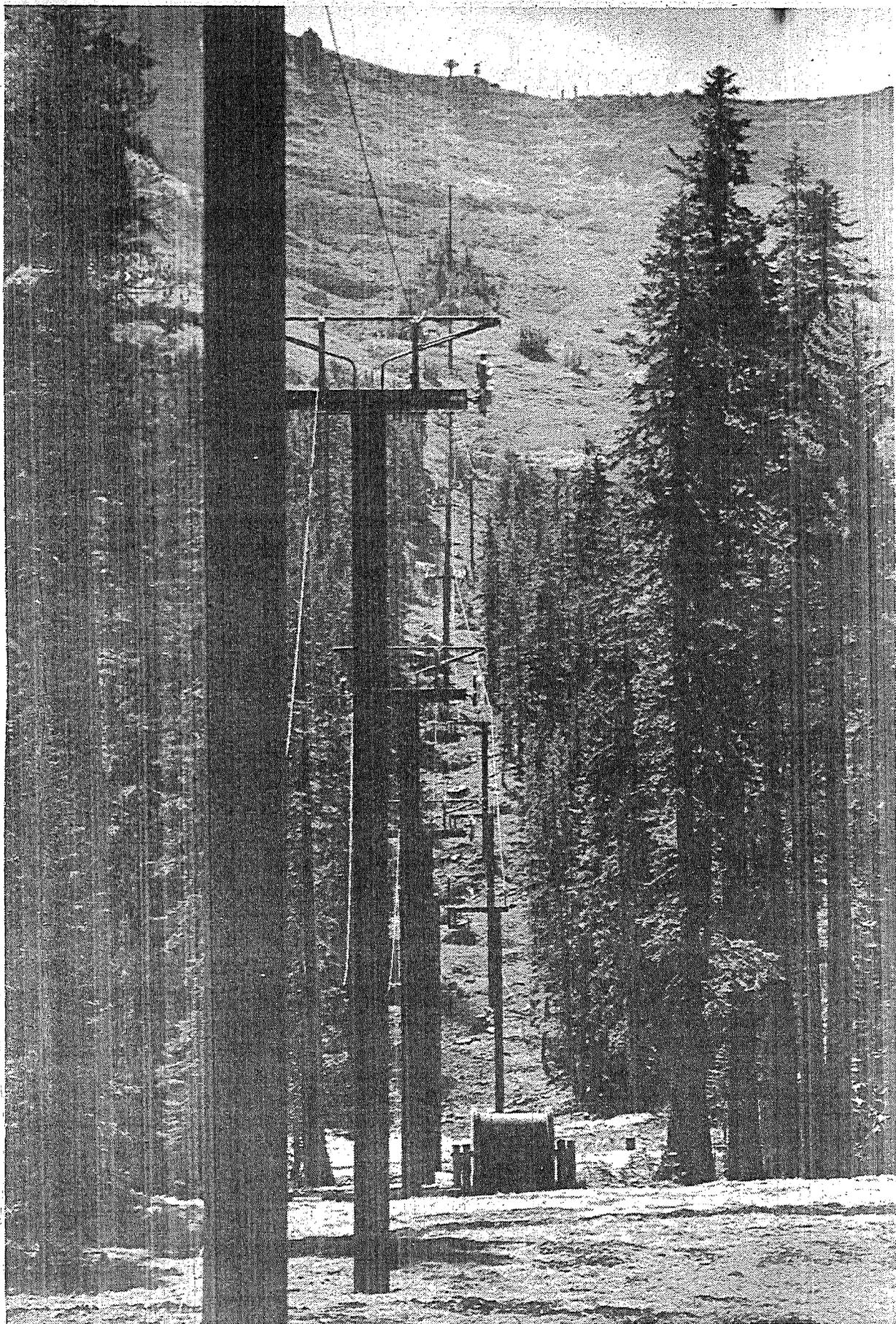
Kirkwood Ski Area's new triple chairlift, "Wagon Wheel," opened to great expectations last Friday, complete with fireworks, the skiing University of California Marching Band, and a multitude of skiers eager to try

the newly opened "Wall" area for experts. The 6000-foot lift of 1,600 vertical feet also services advanced intermediate terrain. Jay Aldrich photo



**BULLWHEEL.** The sun sets over Kirkwood Meadows new Wagon Wheel chairlift, capable of carrying up to 1,800 passengers per hour to terrain for expert- and intermediate-level

skiers. Work on the lift at the resort, on Highway 88 southwest of Gardnerville, was recently completed. Jay Aldrich photos.



LONG LIFT LINE. Another view of Kirkwood's Wagon Wheel chairlift shows its 5,830-foot length designed to serve an additional 700

acres of terrain. The California ski area is popular with Carson Valley residents.

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# TREND *to the* TULEES

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Text by Mary Barnett

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One smoggy day in North Hollywood, a motorcycle shop employee named Lloyd Lingelbach stepped outside for a moment and was struck by a thought which changed his life. He suddenly realized there were mountains all around, but he couldn't see them.

Shortly thereafter he and his wife, Valerie, decided to move to a less populous area where they could at least see the mountains. Today, they live with their two small daughters in Alpine County, California's smallest with a population of approximately 1,100. As bus driver for the Alpine County Unified School District, Lingelbach gets up at 5:30 A.M. to drive pupils to school as far away as Gardnerville, Nevada—a 50-mile round trip. Job hazards include snowstorms, icy roads and the threat of avalanches. But he *can* see the mountains.

People like Lingelbach have helped make Alpine County the fastest growing in California. After decades of stagnation, it registered a 126 percent population increase in the 1970s—from 484 persons in 1970 to 1,096 in 1980, according to the



Photograph by Jerry Price

U.S. Bureau of the Census.

But Alpine County's population boom is just a tiny part of the surprising growth of small towns and rural places throughout the state and nation in the past decade. Confounding the experts who had confidently predicted the nation's long-standing metropolitan growth

*An old line shack near Markleeville, once used by cowboys on cattle drives, is an example of the mixture of old and new found in California's rural counties*

## TREND TO THE TULE

would continue, the population tide began to turn in the early '70s. Despite the energy crisis, which was expected to discourage long-distance commuting, the non-metropolitan movement gained momentum throughout the decade.

In the 1960s, 2.8 million more people moved out of the nation's rural areas and small towns than into them. In the '70s, four million more people moved into such areas than out of them. The last census to show rural areas growing faster than cities had been in 1820.

California, the nation's most urbanized state, has more than 90 percent of its residents living in metropolitan areas. But it has shown a particularly pronounced trend to the tules in the past decade. For the first time in modern California history, the 1980 census showed the state's rural areas growing faster than its urban areas—three times as fast. A University of California, Berkeley, study shows that 426,167 migrants moved into California's 34 rural counties between 1970-79.

The small towns and rural areas largely left out of California's rapid growth were beginning to catch up. At the start of the '70s, slightly more than one in three Californians lived in Los Angeles County. By the end of the decade, the proportion had fallen to less than one in three.

Between 1960 and 1970, the populous counties of the Greater Los Angeles-San Diego area led the state with an annual growth rate of 2.8 percent. But between 1970-'80, their growth rate dropped to an average of 1.7 percent. By contrast, the 17 counties of the Sierra-Siskiyou area, which averaged 2.6 percent growth in the '60s, nearly doubled that rate to 5.1 percent a year in the '70s.

What's behind this remarkable reversal? Demographers have closely analyzed the trend. Their studies show the movement away from cities is fostered by decentralization of business and industry; lo-

cation of educational institutions in once-remote areas; increased use of long-distance commuting; new technology, such as computers, that enables people to work where they choose; growth of retirement and recreational communities in rural areas; and renewal of mining. But these practical reasons don't tell the whole story. A Bureau of the Census study on *Migration to Non-metropolitan Areas* by Larry H. Long and Diana DeAre concluded that, in large part, people are moving to rural areas because they like them better.

Long before the trend to small towns and rural areas began to show up in the early '70s, public opinion polls consistently showed most people wanted to live in such areas. Rightly or wrongly, people think small towns are better places to raise children than cities or suburbs. They want to get away from traffic, smog and crime. Like Lingelbach, they want to see mountains—or forests, fields, streams and oceans. Fastest-growing counties are usually those with coastlines, lakes, mountains and attractive scenery. Demographers

