

DATE	NEWSPAPER	HEADLINE	CATEGORY	PEOPLE
1/7/1988	Record Courier	Ace Hereford cow honored by assoc.	Agriculture/Award	
1/14/1988	Record Courier	Frosh squad loses twice	Sports	Todd McEwen
1/14/1988	Record Courier	50 Years Ago- Repairs	Roads	
1/14/1988	Record Courier	Delbert James	Obituary	Delbert James
1/28/1988	Record Courier	Resources	Opinion	Clifford Ruth, Jr.
1/21/1988	Record Courier	Markleeville to lose its only bank branch	Business	John Brissenden, Bob Rudden, Doranna Tognotti, Dolphins Frisius
1/21/1988	Record Courier	Weather and fires bring bears into another world	Wildlife	Sandi Wright
1/24/1988	San Francisco Examiner Chronicle	Tiny county losing its only bank	Business	Doroles Clark, John Bennett, John Brissenden, Karen Antonini, Elizabeth Coyan, Skip Veatch, Edie Veatch, Jim Clark
2/4/1988	Record Courier	What is your dream vacation?	Opinion	Faye Gansberg
2/18/1988	Record Courier	Sale of Dangberg Ranch to contractor finalized	Agriculture	John Anderson
2/4/1988	Record Courier	Fred Dressler elected	Agriculture	Fred Dressler
2/25/1988	Record Courier	The Aylers came from Markleeville	Biography	Kathy Ayler, Dana Ayler, Clint Ayler
2/25/1988	Record Courier	Snowshoe' Thompson, Valley legend	Biography/History	Snowshoe Thompson
2/25/1988	1988 Carson Valley Almanac	Alpine County rebuilds after '87 fire	Fire/biography	Ed Schalbert, Mary Schalbert, Bob Parker, Catherine Parker, John Bennett, Darlene Bennett
2/25/1988	1988 Carson Valley Almanac	Faces of Alpine	Biography	LeRoy Wickham, Judy Farnsworth, Wilma rule, Fritz Thornburg, Tim Pemberton, Edie Pemberton
2/25/1988	California Explorer	Hot Springs in Alpine County	Hot Springs/History	Kit Carson, John Fremont, Jacob Marklee,

3/3/1988	Record Courier	Pioneer family in Valley donates historic machine		Dressler
3/10/1988	Record Courier	Snowshoe Thompson race set Saturday	Kirkwood	John Brissenden
3/10/1988	Record Courier	Miss Alpine Pageant	Competition	
3/10/1988	Record Courier	Billie Ford	Obituary	Billie Ford, Doug Ford
3/15/1988	Vallejo Times-Herald	Hard times hit small town	Business	Don Jardine, Nancy Thornburg, Jim Clark, Dolores Clark, Doranna Tognotti, Dee Rudden, Bob Rudden
3/23/1988	Record Courier	Something's brewing in the Valley	Business	
3/23/1988	Record Courier	Turnbeaugh places third	Sports	Tamara Turnbeaugh
3/24/1988	Record Courier	Girls to take educational tour	Schools	Dina Gigli
3/24/1988	Record Courier	Diamond Valley school drug program gets recognition	Schools	Robert Ryan, Judy Warren
3/24/1988	Record Courier	Alpine County pageant is set for this Saturday	Event	Ann Robinson, Jennifer Johnson
3/30/1988	Record Courier	Turnbeaugh third in Super-G	Sports	Tamara Turnbeaugh, Ben Day, Joe Day
3/30/1988	Record Courier	Greg Kudrna places 14th in Junior Olympics race	Sports	Gary Chandler
4/1/1988	Record Courier	What should be done with the old high school?	Opinion	Sue Buckmaster
4/1/1988	San Francisco Chronicle	On Carson Lakes	Fishing	
4/5/1988	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Mountain manager: Challenges of the outdoor life keep Dick Reuter in the woods	Biography/Kirkwood	Dick Reuter
4/7/1988	Record Courier	California debates 'wild and scenic' status of East Fork	Water/Government	Chris Gansberg, John Brissenden
4/14/1988	Record Courier	Dick Reuter: Kirkwood's man on the mountain	Biography/Kirkwood	Dick Reuter, Eric Reuter, Carolyn Reuter, Sheila Reuter, Ernie Reuter

4/14/1988	Record Courier	Should smoking be banned for everyone in the schools?	Opinion	Jerry Price
4/14/1988	Record Courier	Alpine split on 'wild and scenic' designation for East Fork	Water/Government	Eric Jung, Don Jardine, Chris Gansberg, Jr., Richard Harvey, Paula Pennington, Fedrick Dressler, Hubert Bruns
4/21/1988	Tahoe Daily Tribune	City won't help Washoe obtain land	Washoe	
4/21/1988	Record Courier	Ross Mckenzie	Birth	Ross Mckenzie, Glenn Mckenzie, Ashley Mckenzie
4/28/1988	Record Courier	Shoshone takes art awards	Washoe/Arts	James "Ralph" Shoshoe, Kevin Jones, Leland Joe, Jason Bryan, Jamie Glynn, Mikaela Jones, Manda Vann, Lynn Walker
4/28/1988	Record Courier	FFA plants 2,000 trees	Fire/Schools	
5/1/1988	Ford Times	Scents of Survival	Search and Rescue	Sandy Bryson
5/5/1988	Record Courier	So, you want your house in the Genoa Historic District?	Community/Event	Snowshoe Thompson, Lynn Walker, Morris Walker
5/12/1988	Record Courier	'Music finers' set for Woodfords	Event	
5/13/1988	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Alpine approaches 'last puff'	Laws/Health	Greg Hayes
5/23/1988	Record Courier	Pony Express marker to be dedicated	History/Event	Clint Ayler, Dan Doyal, Denny Doyal
5/26/1988	Record Courier	Cobwebs left	Museum	Mary Southerland, Joyce Higgenbotham, Bud Munck, Guy Morgan
5/19/1988	Record Courier	Washoe awards given at MES	Washoe	Lynn Walker, James Shoshone, Lydell Wyatt, Mikaela Jones, Jamie Glynn, Jason Bryan, Manda Vann, Leland Joe, Danelle James, Amy Barbar
6/2/1988	Record Courier	Alpine gravel	Business	Mary Cioffi
6/3/1988	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Prop 70 offers space	Laws/Environment	Patti Brissenden

6/8/1988	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Alpine County voters soundly reject inmate conservation camp	Election	Tim Pemberton, Eric Jung, John Bennett, John Brissenden
6/9/1988	Record Courier	Valley residents seek pot o' gold in Alpine County	Community	
5/5/1988	Record Courier	50 Years Ago: Death due to exposure	History	Harry Hawkins
6/9/1988	Record Courier	Carson Valley 10K	Sports	Kathy Ceragioli, Linda Mantynen, Debbi Waldear
6/2/1988	Record Courier	Alpine County seeks input on gravel pit	Election	Leonard Turnbeaugh, Hubert Bruns
6/9/1988	Record Courier	Alpine County rejects conservation camp	Election	Don Jardine
6/9/1988	Record Courier	10 Years Ago: Alpine OK's 13	Election/History	Archie Wood
6/23/1988	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Senate committee OKs Tahoe land buy	Hope Valley	
6/23/1988	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Mountain Bike Classic scheduled at Kirkwood	Kirkwood	
6/29/1988	Sacramento Bee	Cyclists prepare for 'Death Ride'	Bicycle	
7/7/1988	Record Courier	Committee approves Lake Tahoe buyout	Hope Valley	
6/30/1988	Record Courier	Native American kids travel to California	Washoe	Lynn Walker, Stacey James, Judy Warren, Leland Joe, Jason Bryan, Wendy, Brown, DeAnn Roberts, Therman Roberts, Neil Mortimer, Melissa Lewis, Mahlon Machado
7/1/1988	Record Courier	The Death Ride	Bicycle	
7/10/1988	Reno Gazette Journal	A year later, Woodfords fire victims still angry	Fire	Ed Schalbert, Mary Schalbert, Denny Doyal, Jack Doyal, Tim Pemberton, Skip Veatch, James Shinn, Carolyn Shinn

7/10/1988	Reno Gazette Journal	Death ride: putting the mettle to the pedal	Bicycle	
7/14/1988	Record Courier	1888: Quake is severe	History	
7/14/1988	Record Courier	Alpine County Faire promises fun for family	Event	Nancy Thornburg, Jacob Marklee, Paul Washam,
7/14/1988	Record Courier	1888: Quake is severe - 100 Years Ago	History	
7/21/1988	Record Courier	Sing-a-long planned	Library/Event	Judy Reed
7/25/1988	San Francisco Chronicle	Carson Pass Getaways	Recreation	Bruce Huff
7/25/1988	The Tahoe Reader	The Washo Today - Seeing Beyond the Stereotype	Washoe	Lynda Shoshone
7/28/1988	Record Courier	Alpine rebuilds after fire	Fire	Tim Pemberton, Bob Parker, Nancy Thornburg
7/28/1988	Record Courier	Fire accusations still plague Alpine	Fire	Darlene Bennett, John Bennett, Bob Parker, Catherine Parker
7/28/1988	Record Courier	Native American kids learn and enjoy at Earth Games	Washoe	Stacey James, Beaver James, Eloise James, Delores Roberts, Judy Thomas, Lynn Walker, Paul Riggs, Judy Warren, DeAnn Roberts, Ginger Craik, Sharon Osgood, Vi James, Doranna Tognotti, Thurman Roberts, Jason Bryan, Melissa Lewis, Neil Mortimer, Amber Bill, Mahlon Machado, Leland Joe
8/1/1988	Sierra Life	Ebbetts Pass	History/Mining	Jedediah Smith, Major John Ebbetts, Kit Carson
8/3/1988	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Politics in Alpine are down to earth	Elections	Don Jardine, William Freeman
8/7/1988	Nevada Appeal	1 Year later -Acorn Fire revisited	Fire	Dave Kirby, Don Jardine, Tim Pemberton, Ed Schalbert, Mary Scht
8/11/1988	Record Courier	10 Years Ago-Voter Fraud Case	Posse Comitatus	
8/11/1988	Record Courier	Alpine County Faire will offer many different events	Community/Event	

8/12/1988	Nevada Appeal	100 years ago - Markleeville Creek	History/Water	
8/14/1988	Reno Gazette Journal	Nevada, California take sides over proposed East Carson River dam	Water	Elwood Davis
8/18/1988	Record Courier	Pony Express wants to preserve the heritage of the famous mail route	Pony Express	Fred Dressler
8/18/1988	Record Courier	Washoe baskets among finest in country	Washoe	
8/18/1988	Record Courier	Up with Kids to hold dance to celebrate Turtle Rock addition	Event	Judy Baker
8/18/1988	Record Courier	Historical Society picnic honors Tribe	Washoe	Belma Jones, Lindsay Jones, Flossie Bennett
8/25/1988	Record Courier	Lena Neddenriep	Obituary	William Neddenriep, Wilton Neddenriep, Kent Neddenriep, Mark Neddenriep, Lisa Neddenriep, Lori Fabianac
8/25/1988	Record Courier	Markleeville couple wins shot at \$1,000 Raley's shopping spree	Competition	Eileen Merrill
8/25/1988	Record Courier	Long-time resident dies in crash	Accident	Lena Neddenriep, Mark Neddenriep, Sally Neddenriep
8/25/1988	Record Courier	25 Years Ago - Senior citizens honored	Award	Chris Gansberg
8/25/1988	Record Courier	Raymond Bryan	Obituary	Raymond Bryan, Ricky Bryan, Ryan Bryan, Dolla Bryan, Dayle Bryan, Josephine Burbank,
8/25/1988	Record Courier	Siegfreid Heise	Obituary	Siegfried Heise, Frederick H, Doretta Neddenreip Heise, Clarence Burr
8/25/1988	Record Courier	Bertha the elephant will appear in Alpine Faire parade	Event	Nancy Thornburg
9/1/1988	Record Courier	Wrong project	Mining	Al Watt

9/1/1988	Record Courier	Native American Arts show planned	Washoe/Arts	Ralph Shoshone
9/1/1988	Record Courier	Alpine planners turn down gravel pit	Mining	Hubert Bruns, Bob Stephens, Lisa Embree, Norris Barsumian, Bob Rudden, Paul Washam, Kent Neddenreip
9/8/1988	Record Courier	Threat to valley	Water	Wilma Rule
9/8/1988	Record Courier	Douglas gives McQueen boot, 4-1	Sports	Todd McEwen
9/8/1988	Record Courier	Markleeville race - Mantynen, Devine run to front	Sports	Linda Mantynen, Gary Brooks
9/15/1988	Record Courier	Woodcutting area open	Wood	
9/15/1988	Record Courier	DUI hearing Monday in Alpine	Court	Lena Neddenreip, Mark Neddenreip, Sally Neddenreip
9/22/1988	Record Courier	10 Years Ago - building dedication	Event	Wilton Neddenreip, William Neddenreip
9/29/1988	Record Courier	Alpine Historical Complex - Young and old love to visit museums	Museum	Sheila Morgan, Nancy Thornburg, Walt Monroe, Mary Small Thornburg, Harry Hawkins, Norma Brakensiek, Ann Pettit
10/6/1988	Record Courier	DVS celebrates Native American Day	Washoe/Schools	Winnie Mendivil, Serina Cavanaugh, Dave Roberts, Thurman Roberts,
10/6/1988	Record Courier	50 Years Ago - Kanig killed in fall	History/Accident	Elsworth Kanig
10/20/1988	Record Courier	Aspens are beautiful over Monitor Pass	Travel	
10/20/1988	Record Courier	Diamond Valley School's new liaison has high hopes	Washoe/Schools	Winnie Mendivil
10/20/1988	Record Courier	Wa-Pai-Shone cultural show is huge success at DVS	Washoe/Schools	Keena Jones, Robby Jones, Jim Parsons, Dan Makley, Lynda Shoshone, Kevin Jones, Judy Warren, Winnie Mendivil
10//27/88	Record Courier	100 Years Ago - Potatoes	History/Agriculture	John Henningsen

11/3/1988	Record Courier	Fashion show, lunch. -Fund-raiser at Diamond Valley	Schools/Event	
11/3/1988	Record Courier	Washoes gather support for tribe	Washoe	Ramona Dick
11/3/1988	Record Courier	Training	Fire	Mike Warren
11/10/1988	Record Courier	Ten compete in contest	Competition	Josh Coyan
11/10/1988	Record Courier	Top speeches on tap tonight	Competition	Josh Coyan, Kim Halvorson
11/10/1988	Record Courier	Cool heads prevail at dispatch	Biography	Sharon Maloney
11/10/1988	Record Courier	Bush sweeps grade school poll	Schools/Election	Drake Ceragioli
11/10/1988	Record Courier	Genoa Bar: 125 years of glory	History	M. Cohn
11/17/1988	Record Courier	Pay attention	Opinion/Population	Nancy Thornburg
11/17/1988	Record Courier	Wa-Pai-Shone cultural show Saturday	Washoe	
11/27/1988	Record Courier	Native American Cultural Show called a success	Washoe/Arts	James Shoshone, Lynn Walker, Kevin Jones, Judy Warren, Cheryl Simmons, Sylvia Simmons, Annette Jones, Lawanda Fred, Jesse Silva, Stacy James, Lindsay Jones, Jr., Amber Bennett, Jackie Simmons, Barbara Jones,
11/27/1988	Los Angeles Times	It takes a Daily Trip Out of State for These Students to Get to Class	Schools	James Parsons, Lloyd Lingelbach, Katy Chandler, Gary Chandler, John Jackson, Clint Celio, Aaron Holt, Susi Kuhl, George Coyan, Gary Coyan, Elizabeth Coyan, Betty Coyan,
11/28/1988	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Man no match for canine WOOF unit	Search/Rescue	Sandy Bryson
12/8/1988	Record Courier	Roland Christensen	Obituary	Roland Christensen, Elaine Christensen, Lawrence Christensen, Jocelyn Christensen, Lorna Christensen, Yvonne Crawford, Dina Pete, Flossie Bennett,
12/1/1988	Record Courier	The sounds of humanity	Opinion	Nancy Thornburg

12/1/1988	Record Courier	Woodfords man charged in death	Crime	Daniel Cloud, Dawna Koos, Larry Kuhl, Robert Jim, Earnest Leggett, Everett Brakensiek,
12/1/1988	Record Courier	Dawna Koos	Obituary	Dawna Koos,
12/8/1988	?	Time stands still	Schools/Community	Judy Warren, Chad Wickenberg, Winnie Mendivil, Karen Robinson, Diane Rogers, Marlon Nelson
12/8/1988	Record Courier	The sound of an open mind	Opinion	Nancy Thornburg
12/22/1988	Record Courier	Woodfords man pleads not guilty	Courts	Daniel Cloud, Dawna Koos, Everett Brakensiek, Earnest Leggett, Robert Jim
12/29/1988	Record Courier	Mike Day finishes third	Sports	Mike Day, John Gianotti
1/5/1989	Record Courier	New SES teachers love new school, students	Schools	Lisa Fontana
1/12/1989	Record Courier	Melvin Dondero	Obituary	Melvin Dondero, Carl Dondero
1/12/1989	Record Courier	Donations pour in	Schools	Troy Osgood
1/19/1989	Record Courier	Airman Mark Nagel	War	Mark Nagel, Tom Nagel, Judy Nagel
1/19/1989	Record Courier	Nordic skiing: It's now a slick business	Business/Sports	
1/25/1989	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Alpine County river recommended for scenic status	Water	John Brissenden
1/26/1989	Record Courier	Indian author comes to Alpine, Carson Valley	Schools/Arts	Winnie Mendivil
2/2/1989	Record Courier	100 Years Ago - Sheriff Barrett	History	Sheriff Barrett
2/2/1989	Record Courier	50 Years Ago - Snowshoe Thompson	History	Snowshoe Thompson
2/2/1989	Record Courier	Turnbeaugh places in junior races	Sports	Tamara Turnbeaugh
2/2/1989	Record Courier	Sheila Reuter	Schools/Award	Sheila Reuter
2/6/1989	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Local sled race has gone to the dogs	Sports	Dan Moradian

2/9/1989	Record Courier	Indian author speaks here	Schools/Washoe	Winnie Mendivil
2/16/1989	Record Courier	Alpine sled dog competition attracts varied enthusiasts	Sports	
3/6/1989	San Francisco Chronicle	Alpine: The county that wouldn't grow	Community	Manuel Dick, Nancy Thornburg, Eric Jung, Fred Dressler, Ken Turnbull,
3/12/1989	This World	A Valley Called Hope		Patty Brissenden, John Brissenden, Chris Gansberg, Jr.
3/16/1989	Record Courier	Mary Schalbert	Obituary	Mary Schalbert, Ed Schalbert
4/12/1989	The Calaveras Enterprise	The Disappearance of Monte Wolf	History/Biography	Monte Wolf, Sheriff Barrett
4/13/1989	Record Courier	Youth basketball a positive experience	Sports	
4/13/1989	Record Courier	Gilbert Bennett, Sr.	Obituary	Gilbert Bennett, Sr., Flossie Bennett, Florence Bennett, Lynda Shoshone, Phillip Bennett, Greg Bennett, Dwight Bennett
4/13/1989	Record Courier	Pancho Sallee	Obituary	Pancho Sallee, Faye Sallee,
4/13/1989	Record Courier	Veatch is honored for volunteer contributions	Awards	Edie Veatch
4/13/1989	Record Courier	Monitor, Ebbetts, and Sonora passes open	Roads	
4/19/1989	The Calaveras Enterprise	Who was the Lone Wolf of the Sierra?	History	Monte Wolf
4/20/1989	Record Courier	Gary Price receives honor	Sports/Award	Gary Price
4/27/1989	Record Courier	One-Sided	Opinion/Water	Wilma Rule, John Brissenden, Ann Wade,
4/27/1989	Record Courier	Chandler places in giant slalom	Sports	Joey Chandler
4/27/1989	Record Courier	Concert	Schools/Event	
4/27/1989	Record Courier	Awards	Washoe	
5/4/1989	Record Courier	Hot Issue	Opinion/Water	Nancy Thornburg

5/4/1989	Record Courier	50 Years ago - Couple returns	History	Hubert Bruns
5/4/1989	Record Courier	Markleeville man arrested	Crime	William Garner
5/11/1989	Record Courier	Books and Beyond ends with pizza at Scarselli Elementary	Schools	Lisa Fontana
5/11/1989	Record Courier	Waging a winning war in wild, wild west	Fire	
5/18/1989	Record Courier	50th anniversary feted	Marriage	Hubert Bruns, Merle Bruns, Linda Bruns, Bruce Bruns, Gladys Loganbill
5/18/1989	Record Courier	Artist	Schools/Arts	
5/18/2009	Record Courier	10 Years Ago - Plague Evidence	Health	
5/18/1989	Record Courier	Woodfords Head Start has new head teacher	Schools	Niall McGuinness
5/25/1989	Record Courier	Continued	Crime	William Garner
6/1/1989	Record Courier	Age doesn't slow runner	Sports	Linda Mantynen
6/8/1989	Record Courier	Locals place in J.O. Meet	Sports	Robby Jones, Chrissy Mendivil, Gregg Massey, Daniel Crawford, Jon Danckwerth
6/8/1989	Record Courier	Debbi Waldear shatters 10-K course record	Sports	Debbi Waldear, Linda Mantynen
6/8/1989	Record Courier	Colescott-Cadigan engagement told	Marriage	Jeff Colescott, Margaret Colescott, Bill Colescott
6/8/1989	Record Courier	Markleeville man pleads not guilty	Crime/Courts	William Garner
6/15/1989	Record Courier	Alpine commissioners open bidding for roofing projects	Government/museum	
6/8/1989	Record Courier	Alpine parents workshop set	Social Services	
6/15/1989	Record Courier	Williams, Jones strike gold	Sports	Robby Jones, Daniel Crawford, Chrissy Mendivil, Gregg Masse
6/15/1989	Record Courier	Cycling clinic at Sorensen Resort	Recreation	
6/15/1989	Record Courier	100 Years Ago-1889: Horses run away	Accident/History	C.M. Henningsen

6/15/1989	Record Courier	100 YearAgo-fishing	Fish	
6/22/1989	Record Courier	Nevada wants to keep Carson dam options open	Water	
6/22/1989	Record Courier	Markleeville race scheduled for Sunday	Sports	Robert Mantynen
6/29/1989	Record Courier	John York	Obituary	John York, Virginia York, Benjamin York
6/29/1989	Record Courier	Flossie Bennett	Obituary	Flossie Bennett, Dwight Bennett, Phillip Bennett, Greg Bennett, Lynda Shoshone, Florence Bennett, Lawrence Christensen, Dinah Pete
6/29/1989	Record Courier	Markleeville Fire	Fire	
7/3/1989	San Francisco Chronicle	'Death' Ride, Run Push Athletes to Limit	Bicycle	
7/13/1989	Record Courier	The Death Ride	Bicycle	Paul Washam,
7/18/1989	Record Courier	Bill would fun more public purchase of Hope Valley land	Government/Real Estate	
7/20/1989	Record Courier	Death Ride: No glamour, yet rewarding	Bicycle	
7/20/1989	Record Courier	Milton Sorensen	Obituary	Milton Sorensen,
7/21/1989	Record Courier	50 Years Ago-No Gambling in Alpine	History/Entertainment	
7/27/1989	Record Courier	100 Years Ago-Excitement in Alpine	History	
7/27/1989	Record Courier	25 Years Ago - Alpine's Birthday	History	
7/27/1989	Record Courier	Not everyone in favor of Carson River Wild-and-Scenic status	Water	Hubert Bruns, Coburn Cook
7/27/1989	Record Courier	Markleeville man sentenced to 16 years in prison	Crime/Courts	William Garner
7/28/1989	Record Courier	Alpine County gears up for annual Country Faire	Event	

7/28/1989	Carson Valley almanac	In search of cultural values	Washoe	Raymond Payne, Jason Bryan, Daniel Crawford, Neil Mortimer, Jerry John, Winnie Mendivil
8/1/1989	The Quill Quarterly	An Un-Bear-Able Story	Wildlife	
8/3/1989	Record Courier	New waterboard opposes 'wild and scenic' designation	Water	Fred Dressler
8/3/1989	Record Courier	Disarming	Mining/Opinion	Hubert Bruns, Michael Blatt
8/3/1989	Record Courier	Thank you	Opinion	Henry Gutierrez, Nelaine Gutierrez, Caroline Gutierrez
8/3/1989	Record Courier	10 Years Ago-To Rebuild	Fire	
8/10/1989	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Construction worker dies in elevator mishap	Accident	William Canfield
8/10/1989	Record Courier	Crafts	Washoe/Schools	
8/10/1989	Record Courier	Kids learn, perform ancient stories and songs	Washoe/Schools	Clara Ellis,
8/17/1989	Record Courier	Dresslerville wins first title	Washoe/Sports	
8/17/1989	Record Courier	100 Years Ago-Water Storage	History/Water	
8/17/1989	Record Courier	William Canfield	Obituary	William Canfield, Dianne Canfield
8/17/1989	Record Courier	Fire burns 120 acres	Fire	
8/17/1989	Record Courier	Jarred Shields	Birth	Jarred Shields, Joel Shields, Mary Shields
8/17/1989	Record Courier	Kasey Rogers, Kevin Rogers	Birth	Kasey Rogers, Kevin Rogers, Grizzly Rogers, Jill McGeein
8/24/1989	Record Courier	State runner-up	Sports	Lisa Chacon
8/24/1989	Record Courier	Book sale set in Alpine	Library	
8/24/1989	Record Courier	Triathlete	Bicycle	
8/24/1989	Record Courier	Leviathan Mine fire scorches 90 acres	Fire	

8/25/1989	Record Courier	Special P.O. Cancellation will be offered at Markleeville fair	Event	Margaret Daniels
8/31/1989	Record Courier	Wood cutting areas opening Sept. 1	Wood	
31-Aug	Record Courier	Teacher, students to recreate the trail	Schools	Patricia Fedderly,
8/31/1989	Record Courier	50 Years Ago---Forest Fire	History/Fire	
8/31/1989	Record Courier	25 Years Ago-Ski Area Proposed	History	
9/1/1989	Sunset Magazine	Looking for Sierra gold	Travelogue	
9/5/1989	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Hope Valley wreck claims sixth biker	Accident	
9/7/1989	Record Courier	Oil slick cause of fatal Hwy. 88 motorcycle accident	Accident	
9/7/1989	Record Courier	Seniors lead way for Douglas soccer team	Schools/Sports	Todd McEwen
9/14/1989	Record Courier	Owl dance	Washoe/Arts	Carlos Mendivil, Rene Mendivil
9/21/1989	Record Courier	Beetle infestation is responsible for killing trees in the Sierra	Environment	Nancy Thornburg
9/21/1989	Record Courier	25 Years Ago-Fire Blackens Alpine	History/Fire	
9/21/1989	Record Courier	Native American Day	Washoe/Event	
9/24/1989	The Stockton Record	Preserving an era in Alpine County	Community	Guy Morgan, Larry Kuhl
9/28/1989	Record Courier	Alpine librarian resigns, is replaced	Library	Dianne Deadrich-Rogers, Diane Brigham
9/28/1989	Record Courier	Training to be an American	Schools	Sunny Murphy
10/12/1989	Record Courier	Top Tigers	Schools/Sports	Lisa Chacon
10/26/1989	Record Courier	New deli opens in downtown Markleeville	Business	Fran Bellmer, Don Bellmer
10/19/1989	Record Courier	Pow wow set for Saturday	Washoe/Event	Winnie Mendivil, Rene Mendivil

10/19/1989	Record Courier	2-year-old will dance in Alpine this weekend	Washoe/Arts	Carlos Mendivil, Winnie Mendivil, Spencer Mendivil
10/26/1989	Record Courier	Kids live, and learn, the past	Schools	Jed Ivy, Gerry Price, Vivki Christensen, Nancy Thornburg
10/26/1989	Record Courier	Top Tigers	Schools/Sports	Lisa Chacon
10/26/1989	Record Courier	Winter's awakening	Weather	
10/26/1989	Record Courier	Dressler family announces property sale	Real Estate	Fred Dressler
10/26/1989	Record Courier	Chacon nets second zone singles title	Schools/Sports	Lisa Chacon, Joan Chacon
11/2/1989	Record Courier	Five injured in accident near Woodfords	Accident	Barbara Ryan
11/2/1989	Record Courier	Kirkwood coach supplies ski tips	Kirkwood	Ray Dicius
11/2/1989	Record Courier	Chacon fourth in state play	Schools/Sports	Lisa Chacon
11/9/1989	Record Courier	Teachers love students	Schools	Laura Parsons, Jim Parsons
11/9/1989	Record Courier	Lillian Ford	Obituary	Lillian Ford, Laurence Ford, Doug Ford
11/16/1989	Record Courier	100 Years Ago-Death of Edward Trimmer	History	Edward Trimmer, Elizabeth Trimmer, Robert Trimmer, John Trimmer, William Trimmer
11/23/1989	Record Courier	Bark beetle infestation task forcs from top expert	Environment	Nancy Thornburg
11/26/1989	Record Courier	The ace	Schools/Sports	Lisa Chacon, Joan Chacon, Sam Chacon
11/26/1989	Record Courier	Winter fun	Kirkwood	
11/26/1989	Record Courier	Carson River areas targeted for public land purchases	Real Estate	
12/1/1989	?	Bear	Wildlife	
12/3/1989	Record Courier	Kirkwood ski report	Kirkwood	
12/7/1989	Record Courier	Alpine County employees question contract proposal	Government	Gail Steinman, Barbara Ryan, Steve McEwen, Larry Kuhl, Don Jardine
12/7/1989	Record Courier	Alpine County considers fire systems in county buildings	Government	David Dolenaar, Nancy Thornburg, John Brissenden, Don Richmond, Bob Karrasch

12/14/1989	Record Courier	Joanna James	Obituary	Joanna James, Ralph James, Michelle Carmona, Debra Fred,
12/17/1989	Record Courier	CVMS honor roll released	Schools/Award	Korrie Callison, Kimberly Halvorson
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Bubble bursts

# Frosh squad loses twice

After starting out its season with six straight wins, the Douglas High School freshman basketball team finally saw its bubble burst over the weekend.

The Tiger freshmen were knocked from the unbeaten ranks Friday at home with a 60-39 defeat to Reed, then they went on the road Saturday and absorbed a 41-35 setback at the hands of Manogue Saturday in Reno.

Douglas hit a cold streak offensively, shooting 14-for-74 from the field and committing 31 turnovers, in its defeat to the undefeated Reed Raiders.

"Nobody in this league is going to beat them," coach Werner Christen said. "They have

height, speed, quickness, depth, is there anything else you need to know?

"We didn't help ourselves any, either. You're not going to win a lot of games when you shoot 18 percent and turn the ball over 31 times."

Doug Alder scored 15 points for Douglas in a losing cause. Alder also had 16 points and 16 rebounds, while forward Todd McEwen pulled down 10 rebounds the following day against Manogue.

Saturday's game was the first away from home for Douglas this season. The Tigers had beaten Manogue, 62-54, last month in Minden.

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# Ace Hereford cow honored by assoc.

Ace Hereford has received recognition from the American Hereford Association in Kansas City, Mo. for owning a cow that has achieved superior performance among all registered Hereford cows in the nation.

The Ace herd had one cow listed in the AHA's Total Performance Records Most Efficient Cow Report, which represents less than one-half of 1 percent of all registered Hereford cows in

the U.S.

Membership on the elite listing required each cow to be 4 years of age or older, to have had her first calf at 25 months of age or less, to have a 370-day or less calving interval, and her calves must have weaned at least 5 percent above the herd average.

Recognition was granted to 1,342 cows representing 319 breeding programs distributed in 31 states.

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**CLEANUP.** A dragline belonging to the Silver State Construction company was moved to the Dangberg Home Ranch early in the week and the river and Cottonwood slough channels are being cleared of sandbars and gravel that choked the waterways since the flood early in December.

**REPAIRS.** A crew of men is at work repairing the damage to highways and bridges in Alpine county and, according to a report reaching Gardnerville, the Centerville bridge above Markleeville has been repaired and work is now progressing on Hangman's bridge.

**CHAINS REQUIRED.** The Kingsbury route to Lake Tahoe is open to automobile travel, but chains are required. Near the summit, about six inches of snow is on the ground.

Editor:

It seems to me that some of us have to be reminded from time to time that our most important resource is human, and most important are our county human resources.

Once again we have a controversial proposal, this time the conservation camp proposal. A handful of people in county positions feel that they came up with an excellent firefighting plan. These people feel that the public should not have the right to vote on such an important proposal. This is just another typical situation caused by people who want to jump on the band wagon. Being more dependent on state help seems to be the easy way out.

For the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  years that my family and I have resided here, it has been a living hell trying to get a job here. I have a record with a few arrests and no convictions, and I have been refused interviews for employment by this county because of this. I once was refused an interview for a part-time custodian job to coincide with my part-time state-paid Senior Center job. I was even told I was not needed for the volunteer fire department. Well, I could go on and on, but I won't. It's all documented.

What does all this have to do with a conservation camp? Well, let's think of this county's human resources again. I keep hearing about all these people who are getting assistance from Social Services and what a bunch of bums they are, etc., etc. Well, now I'm one of those in the same situation. The county doesn't do much about helping the unemployment problem. They never advised anyone of the upcoming job opportunities at the new dam, and they continue to fail to advertise county positions in the local newspaper. The few times I have been in the Cutthroat Saloon, I have gotten more information about employment opportunities than I ever got from the county.

It seems to me that some qualified people could come up with a plan to put the unemployed residents in training and work. That would give us more fire protection, more services for the county, a better economy, and a healthier, safer place to live and for others to visit.

Moving a bunch of bonafide criminals into this county just doesn't seem like the only alternative. What will happen to the 120 criminals and the many more to follow who will be released every 6-9 months? Will they decide that Alpine County is a nice place to live? Will the county help them with employment? Will some of them move their families here? Will they end up on the welfare roll also?

CLIFFORD W. RUTH JR.

Markleeville

Jan. 14

**Delbert James**

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Funeral services will be held today (Jan. 14) for Delbert "Sock" James, 60, at the Stewart Community Baptist Church at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Thomas Hutson officiating.

Burial will follow at the Woodfords Cemetery with full military honors by the War Veterans Memorial Association of Western Nevada.

Mr. James died Jan. 9 in Dresslerville. He had been a resident there for the past 23 years, coming from San Francisco.

He was born in Woodfords on Jan. 6, 1928 and attended Woodfords and Stewart Indian schools and the Stewart Community Baptist Church.

He was a retired painter.

Mr. James also served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict.

Survivors include his wife, Bernadine of Dresslerville; sons, Michael James of San Francisco, Phillip James and Christopher James, both of Dresslerville; daughters, Kathleen James of San Francisco, and Karen James, Sharon James and Gloria James, all of Dresslerville; several brothers and sisters, 11 grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

FitzHenry's Funeral Home and Crematory in Carson City was in charge of the arrangements.

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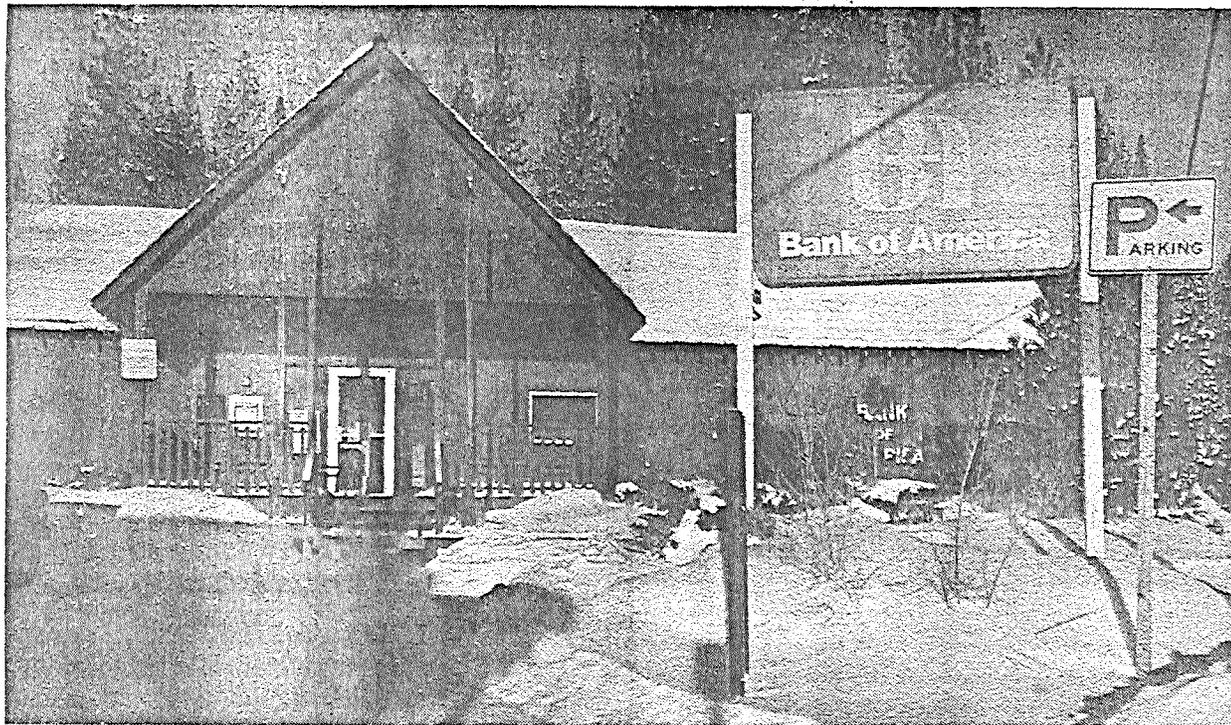
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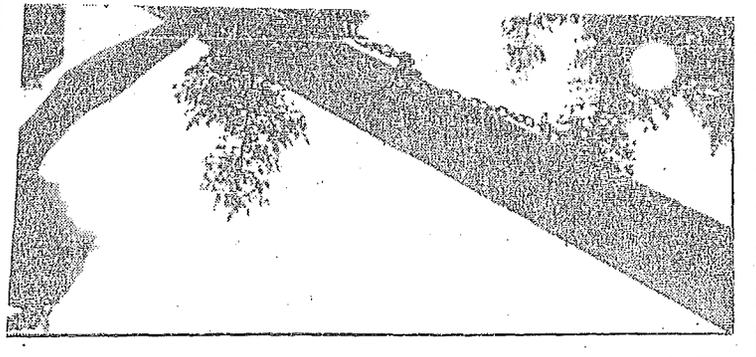
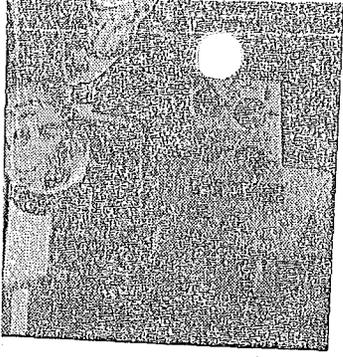
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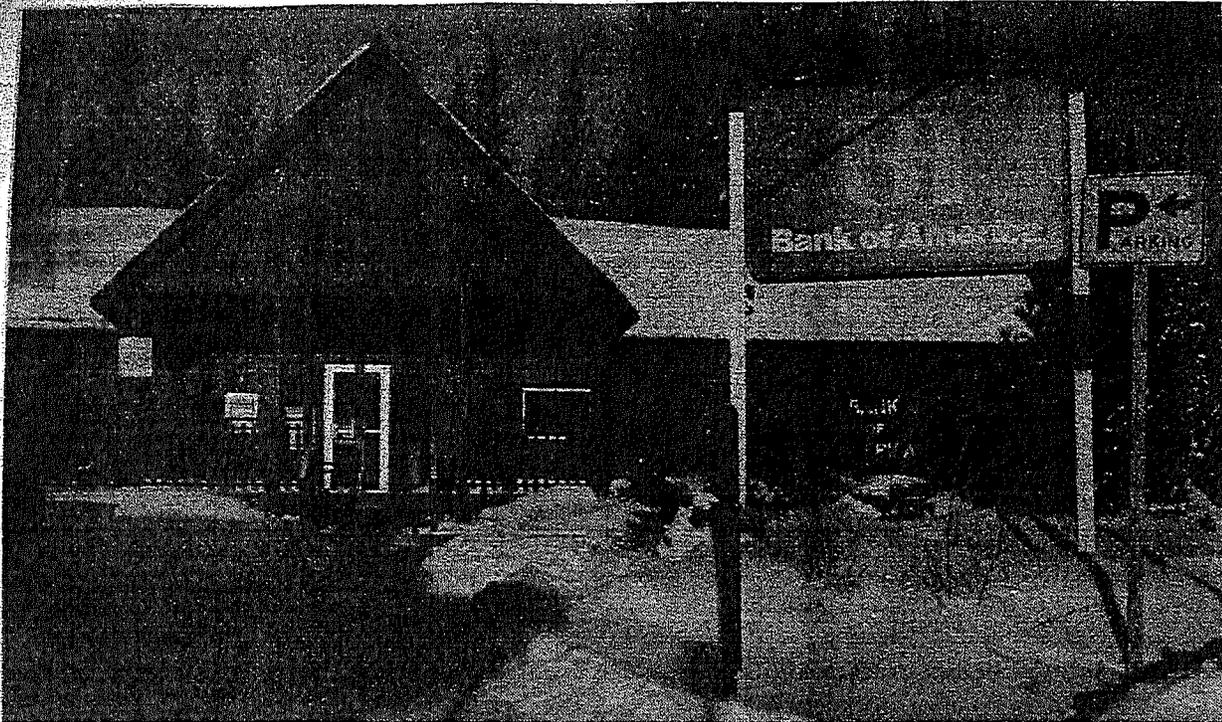
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# Weather and fires bring bears into another world

by SANDI WRIGHT  
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Residents along the Sierra foothills discover curious piles of what look like regurgitated apples littering their orchard.

An Alpine County couple is disturbed in the night by the blare of the horn on their Volkswagen.

A Douglas Disposal truck driver notices one morning that virtually every garbage can along his route in Alpine County has been dumped.

Reports from the crime scenes are sketchy, but the MO (modus operandi) is generally the same.

The crime? Depredation.

The culprits? Black bears.

Depredation, generally defin-

ed as pillaging and plundering, isn't necessarily a negative term, according to wildlife officials.

"It's a term humans use when wildlife impacts human values," said San Stiver, staff biologist from the game division of the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

"It's when there are conflicts, such as when a mountain lion is eating sheep."

Or when bears behave mischievously in residential areas?

Well, yes.

There is no doubt that people saw a lot more bears this year, Stiver said. With the rash of bear complaints NDOW got, a two-year depredation study was started in September.

"Where we usually get about

three bear complaints during a summer, this year we got about 30. Bears were very close to people this year," he said.

And NDOW employees were kept busy because of it. Every bear complaint is followed up with a counseling session.

"We try to educate people about bears," Stiver said, "and teach them how to protect their garbage to discourage bears. People aren't used to protecting their trash."

People probably won't have much luck protecting their orchards, however.

Experts say a bear will feast on apples in an orchard until it throws up, but the fermenting cider stays in its stomach. The result is often a somewhat tipsy bear staggering back home.

Officials can only speculate as to why bears are so visible this year, although it's obvious they're looking for food, not people.

The bears in the Sierra are pretty used to seeing people, and generally stay clear of them, Stiver said, but this year was different.

"Bears are naturally very shy. They don't like to be around people. The temptation of food seemed to override their innate fear of humans," he said.

Officials are laying most of the blame on the weather. While humans were bemoaning the light snowpack in the mountains, bears were having problems of their own.

NDOW guesses that bears were hungrier this spring and

summer than in the past because they either didn't hibernate well last winter or possibly because they didn't hibernate at all, Stiver said.

Bears generally crawl beneath rooted up trees or snuggle into brushy areas, he said, but sometimes they just lie down on the ground.

If they didn't hibernate, they had to use up their fat reserves to survive, he said. And if they did hibernate, the snow was so light that it probably didn't insulate them well because they were so close to the surface.

"They might have had to kick up their metabolism, so they burned up more calories than usual," he said, "so they came out in poor condition last March or April."

The recent drought years also resulted in poor manzanita and blossom crops, which bears generally feed upon.

"With none of their favorite foods available, they had to hunt high and low for food this year," he said.

He said it was also possible that with all the forest fires in recent years, bears were simply more visible than they had been previously.

"Bears like lots of cover," Stiver said, "but if they don't have any other place to go for cover, that might be one reason why people are seeing them more."

Most of the bear complaints have come from people disturbed by bears foraging in their

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# Bears: Residents see more this year

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trash cans, but, according to Stiver, bears are quite docile and there is little to fear.

Stiver compared captured bears to other wildlife he's trapped for studies, such as bighorn sheep, mule deer and antelope.

"Some of those animals go crazy when they're caught," he said, "but bears just sort of sit down and say, 'Oh well.'"

But don't let their gentleness or cumbersome size fool you. Stiver says bears can be fast and powerful if they want to be.

"I've heard stories that some bears are fast enough to out-run a horse, and from watching (black bears) after they're tagged and released, I have no doubts about it," he said. "It's

pretty impressive! Their forearms are tremendously powerful!"

The department started the two-year study this September to determine the population and distribution of the black bear.

In Nevada, the black bear is found almost exclusively in the northern part of the state, although there are some in the Elko area, Stiver said.

And even though they're called black bears, Stiver said he has seen blond, as well as chocolate and cinnamon bears.

About 19 bears were trapped and tagged with transmitters before winter hit this year. By monitoring them, he said, the department has learned that bears "really get around."

"They can go from the most isolated location in the Sierra to a prominently populated area in just one day," he said.

Although the tagged bears aren't endowed with names, Stiver admitted that his daughter did name one bear "Rerun" because it got caught in the same trap twice.

Despite the record number of bear sightings in 1987, Stiver is relieved that the summer ended so peacefully.

"We came out pretty well," he said. "We didn't have to destroy any bears, and we only had to trans-locate a couple."

Two bears had to be moved away from residential areas because they were making nuisances of themselves, and

one made headlines because it was a little more persistent than the other.

"We had to take one from Round Hill to Mt. Rose," Stiver said, "but he showed up again at Incline, so we moved him to an isolated mountain range." He's been a good bear ever since.

All the bears are being good now, as a matter of fact, he said, because they're in hibernation. But they got a late start.

Generally bears hibernate around the 15th of November, but they were still out around the 5th of December this year, Stiver said.

"Most are in hibernation now," however, he said, "especially with all the snow we've had."

# Tiny county losing its only bank

After 30 years, BofA quits Sierra community

By Eric Brazil  
OF THE EXAMINER STAFF

MARKLEEVILLE, Alpine County — Thirty years after it opened, Alpine County's only bank is closing, leaving residents of this tiny mountain community in dismay.

Bank of America's decision to close its branch at the corner of Main and Webster streets in Markleeville on Feb. 29 will make Alpine the only bankless county among California's 58.

"It's a devastating thing," said county Treasurer-Tax Collector Dolores Clark, who used to manage the bank herself. "I've personally been banking with BofA since 1941, and I've been loyal to them. So has my family. It's just like ... how could they do this to us?"

Alpine County, with 1,200 people, half of them living in the county seat of Markleeville and nearby Woodfords, is the state's least populous. In winters of exceptionally heavy snow, its only road "outside" is to Nevada.

"We're going to talk to these guys (BofA executives) next Thursday, and we hope we can get them to change their mind," said John Bennett, chairman of the Alpine County Board of Supervisors.

"Maybe they can keep it open on a limited basis," Bennett said. "I'd say that it's in the middle 90 percents of the people here who use the bank. There are a lot of older people up here, and for them to drive to Gardnerville or to the lake, especially in the winter, will be quite a chore."

BofA spokesman Rick Beebe said the decision to close the Alpine

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County branch (which has a staff of two who commute from South Lake Tahoe) was "part of the ongoing restructuring of our branch system." Recent closures in Avenal and Biggs are part of the same process, which has seen the bank retract its reach from more than 1,100 branches to 877.

California law requires counties to do their banking with banks that have California charters, and Clark said that for the time being Alpine County will do its banking business with BofA in South Lake Tahoe.

But John Brissenden, a motel manager and president of the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce, said that "we've talked to Nevada banks to see if their charter will work in California. ... We're inviting small banks in. We're obviously not a major market, but we believe that Alpine County offers lucrative business opportunities for a bank that's progressive and will work with the community. Unlike BofA."

He added, "We're a \$15 million a year business, if not more."

Kirkwood Meadows ski resort, which with a staff of about 475 at the peak of the season is the area's biggest employer, was as surprised as the rest of the citizenry by the closure announcement.

"They didn't notify us," said accountant Karen Antonini. "I heard from our armored car service. But I don't think it'll inconvenience us too much, because all our money is taken to South Lake Tahoe anyhow."

It was Elizabeth Ellis Coyen, now a spry 92, who persuaded BofA to come to Markleeville in 1958. Coyen, county treasurer for 49 years, embarrassed the bank into estab-

lishing a branch by pointing out that it wasn't truly statewide without a branch in Alpine.

The first five managers of the BofA branch were husband-wife teams, among them Henry "Skip" Veatch and his wife, Edie.

"I don't feel real good about the bank closing," said Skip Veatch, who is now a deputy sheriff. "The last few years I've seen BofA change from being a people-oriented bank to being a money-oriented bank."

Said Edie Veatch: "It's a terrible inconvenience for the Alpine community. When money gets tight, Nevada banks won't be making loans in California."

Dolores Clark recalls that when she was managing the branch in the early 1970s it was "a busy, busy little bank" that at one point had five employees.

Her husband, Jim, recalled that Markleeville became a full-service branch, in a brand new building, in October 1972.

"A huge truck with a crane had to bring in a new 10-ton vault," said Jim Clark, "and the Carson River bridge at Woodfords had to be reinforced to stand the weight," he recalled.

"As the vault was lowered, 300 people hung around to watch. This was the greatest event, the biggest building project in 50 years, since the construction of the county courthouse.

"I'm very disappointed. The bank closing will hurt local people who need the service," he added.

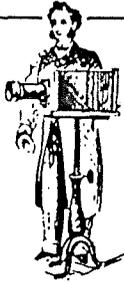
County residents noted that BofA had not been giving local loans in recent years and that the days are long gone when bank managers made house calls to invalids who couldn't get to town to do their banking and, in effect, grubstake some who were temporarily short of cash.

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# You said it!

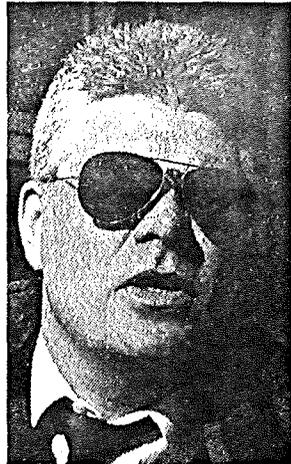


## What is your dream vacation?



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Diving instructor

St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. They have good diving there. I would stay for about two weeks and go with my diving buddies.



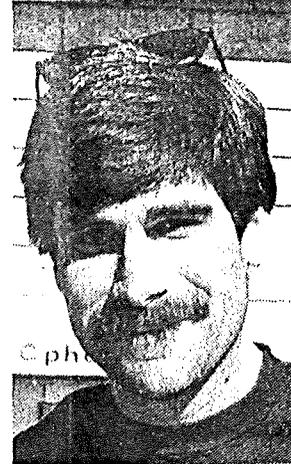
**JOE COLEMAN**  
Pit supervisor

A train trip thru America's heartland. I would like to see what's off of the road and see the small towns and rivers and bridges. Actually, just get away from the highway approach.



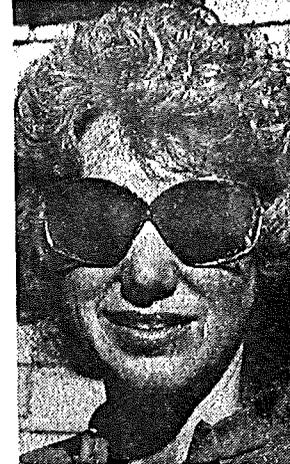
**FAYE GANSBERG**  
Teacher

Kenya, Africa. I would like to take a month off from school in the winter. I love animals and would like to see the variety they have there.



**WOODY CUNROD**  
Meat manager

Canada because I've been there before and it's beautiful. Nice people and great fishing up there. I would like to go to Calgary for the Olympics and see the Calgary rodeo.



**SUE WEISSMAN**  
Housewife

Cabo San Lucas, because of the warm weather and no crowds. My husband and I went there for our 10th wedding anniversary, and I'd like to go with him again.



**MARTHA HUGHES**  
Word processor

Six weeks of backpacking in the Kimberleys located in northwestern Australia with my husband. They discovered gold there at the turn of the century and now it's cattle country.

# Sale of Dangberg Ranch

## to contractor finalized

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### Helms trust is new owner

The sale of former Dangberg Ranch holdings to Sparks contractor Robert Helms was finalized Tuesday, at a purchase price of \$20 million.

Escrow was closed and final papers were recorded as of Tuesday afternoon, according to the selling broker, Patty Clark, owner of the Century 21-Clark Properties in Minden.

Helms, who purchased just under 20,000 acres for his family's trust, plans to continue ranching operations, Clark said.

Negotiations between Helms and former owner John Anderson took 2½ years, partly because of legal battles with creditors and bankruptcy proceedings.

All creditors were paid off as of the close of escrow, with almost the entire \$20 million going toward debts.

Clark heralded the sale as good news for Carson Valley.

"Had he (Helms) not purchased the land it would have been auctioned off in single pieces and the ranch would have been lost as a single entity," Clark said.

"The likelihood of the property remaining in its present or improved agricultural condition is very good."

Anderson, who with a partner purchased the Dangberg holdings in 1978, has had the property in bankruptcy since 1985, when creditors accused him of defaulting on loans totaling more than \$56 million.

Because different creditors held interest on separate pieces

of the property, they could have been sold to the highest bidder to satisfy debts.

Several times, a foreclosure sale by one creditor, Nevada National Bank, lingered hours away. However, a stay was granted by the federal bankruptcy court that held auctions at bay until the sale to Helms was finalized.

The Dangberg Ranch, one of the largest remaining old ranches in Carson Valley, once spanned 45,000 acres from just south of Jacks Valley Road and east of U.S. 395, and on the west side, south of Johnson Lane to Pinenut Road.

Today, the holdings include roughly 9,000 acres in Carson Valley and 11,000 acres in Alpine

County.

Douglas County officials hope to acquire about 1,600 acres near the historic homestead, once belonging to Minden founder H.F. Dangberg.

However, county commissioners held off on any action, waiting for the final outcome to decide whether they should negotiate purchase from Helms or proceed with condemnation.

Helms was not available for comment.

Helms at one time proposed selling 10,000 acre feet of surplus water rights to Carson City.

Clark said the land sale was the largest ever completed by a Century 21 office nationwide, based on the dollars involved and size of property.

The listing agent was Bill Maddocks of Davis, Calif. First Nevada Title was the title company.

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### Fred Dressler elected

Carson Valley rancher Fred Dressler was one of 10 western Nevada and eastern California ranchers and sheepmen elected to the board of Nevada State Grazing District N-3. He will serve a three-year term.

The district serves Douglas, Washoe, Storey, Lyon, Mineral, Churchill and Nye counties and Carson City.

Funding for the district's work comes from fees paid to the Bureau of Land Management for grazing on BLM land. The board approves cost-sharing for range improvement projects, consisting mainly of facilities that provide for the better distribution and control of livestock and wildlife, such as fencing. Other projects include water developments such as wells, troughs, tanks, pipelines and guzzlers.

# The Aylers came from Markleeville

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There's some new folks down by the creek along Fish Springs road, Kathy and Dana Ayler and their son Clint. They moved here last October from their long-time Markleeville home.

Most people think of Fish Springs as backcountry, but to the Aylers it seems more like the city. That's because their nearest Markleeville neighbor was 1½ miles away. But it was a good time for them to move away as they were tired of the recurring forest fires. There had been four major fires near them in the past four years.

Kathy still treks back to her old stompin' grounds each day where she's employed as a U.S. mail carrier for the Markleeville Post Office. Dana is a contractor and ex-professional firefighter. Together they enjoy hunting, fishing, horse riding and river rafting.

Eleven-year-old Clint is a 5th

grader at Gardnerville Elementary School and somewhat of a celebrity. He holds the record for being the youngest-ever Pony Express rider. In 1985, at the tender age of 8, Clint registered himself for the 125th anniversary of the Pony Express Reride. He had some fun times on the ride and received national television coverage because of his young age. On that same ride Fred Dressler was the oldest rider.

Clint's current project is raising a new breed of chicken that's a cross between a Banty and a Chinese Pheasant. They lay colored eggs that are very low in cholesterol. Perhaps this endeavor will make the record books too. But if those chickens don't lay their quota of daily eggs, the Aylers say they'll put a big picture of Campbells chicken soup in front of them as an incentive and gentle nudge to

## Fish Springs Flier

by LINDA MONOHAN

produce. We welcome the whole flock to Fish Springs.

### FIRE TRAINING

We had our noses to the ground — literally — in last week's fire training session. Training Officer Terry Hughes had all the Fish Springs Volunteer Firemen (and women) crawl on their bellies — while dressed in complete

turnouts with air packs attached — across the upstairs floor of the station house. Sounds easy?

Well it would be if Terry didn't make us do it in the dark with lots of obstacles to bang into. And the hunt was for no Easter egg. You had to find the hidden body and drag him out. Thanks for the fun time, Terry: my knees are still bruised.

### TID BIT

At the ripe old age of 45, I finally had my first professional manicure. Thanks to you, Joey, my nails look beautiful and young again. Now what are we going to do about the rest of my body?

# 'Snowshoe' Thompson, Valley legend

by Whitney Woodward

"Snowshoe" Thompson, the Norwegian-born skier who faithfully carried the mail over the Sierra Nevada in the mid-1800s, is one of the Valley's most revered heroes.

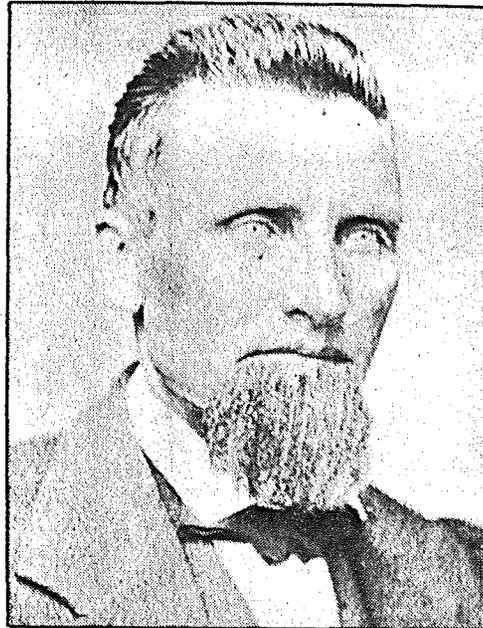
His pair of crudely cut wooden skis, fashioned out of fir to traverse the rugged, 90 miles between Placerville and Genoa, were nearly 12 feet long.

For 20 years Thompson regularly journeyed on skis through blizzards and snowdrifts as high as 30 feet, a heavy mail pack on his back and a balancing stick in hand, to bring news of the outside world to the isolated community.

He carried not only written communication to the Carson Valley, but also such necessities as needles, thread, buttons, cotton gloves, medicine and even part of the Territorial Enterprise's press and printing paper when it was founded in 1858 in Genoa.

Other men had carried the mail over to the eastern side of the Sierra from California before Thompson, but that was usually in the summer and springtime. (George Chorpensing and Absalom Woodward made the first trip in 1851, but it took them 16 days on horseback in fair weather.)

During the treacherous winter months,



"Snowshoe" Thompson  
Carson Valley Historical Society

the mail was re-routed across southern Nevada to Salt Lake City, and Carson Valley was completely cut off from the rest of the world.

By 1855, several daring men had been employed to trek the mountains once a month during the winter using Canadian-style snowshoes, but none distinguished himself as much as Thompson.

Thompson was born in Upper Tins, Prestijeld, Norway, in 1827 and immigrated to Illinois with his family when

he was 10 years old. As a young man he traveled west to seek his fortune, spending two discouraging years gold mining and another two ranching in the Sacramento Valley.

In 1855 the ever-restless Thompson came across an ad in a local newspaper asking for individuals to carry mail into isolated parts of Nevada and Utah. Although Thompson had not skied since he was a child in Norway, he carved a pair of skis he called "snowshoes" and managed to convince the skeptical Placerville postmaster that he could do the job.

Thompson made his first trip in January 1856. He traveled day and night, navigating only by the stars and the mountain ridges, exercising to keep warm and building a fire in the stump of a dead pine tree whenever he became tired and needed to rest. It is said that he never took a blanket or coat with him.

For two decades he punctually journeyed to the Valley, three days going and two days back. He later settled in Diamond Valley with his wife, Agnes Singleton, and died in 1876 at the age of 49 before he could receive the \$6,000 the government had promised him for his years of service.

In the Genoa cemetery, a white marble headstone is engraved with two crossed skis and these words below it: "John A. Thomson . . . Gone but not forgotten." •

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and hope to "do a lot of planting" this spring to restore the greenery in their backyard.

"I've always wanted a big kitchen and now I have it," said Mary Shalbert, who laughs about being known as the best cook in the county.

Other people who are rebuilding said they wished they could recover a lifetime's worth of treasures. Lost photos and heirlooms are what many said can never be replaced.

Bob and Catherine Parker, who had a house in Woodfords for 25 years, are both teachers. Among prized personal possessions, they lost at least 4,000 books.

"Your intellectual side comes in and says, 'OK, it was just property,'" Bob Parker said. "But it was extremely valuable property in that most of it can't be replaced."

What stands out in his mind is a candid photograph of his granddaughter as a young child. And their book collection of old and new classics took years to build.

"I feel like a mechanic who lost all of his tools because these were my tools of trade," Parker said. "I'm approaching 65 and I realize I will probably never duplicate these things again."

But Parker said he can only be grateful that his family was not harmed.

"The true things were not

damaged — the love and respect for my wife, the appreciation for the beauty of the mountains. Although denuded, they are still quite lovely."

"We didn't lose our home, we lost our house."

Another retired couple, John and Darlene Bennett, started rebuilding "as soon as the coals cooled."

Like newlyweds, they found themselves in November picking out colors for tile, wallpaper, carpeting. They even went together to pick out furniture and a washer and dryer.

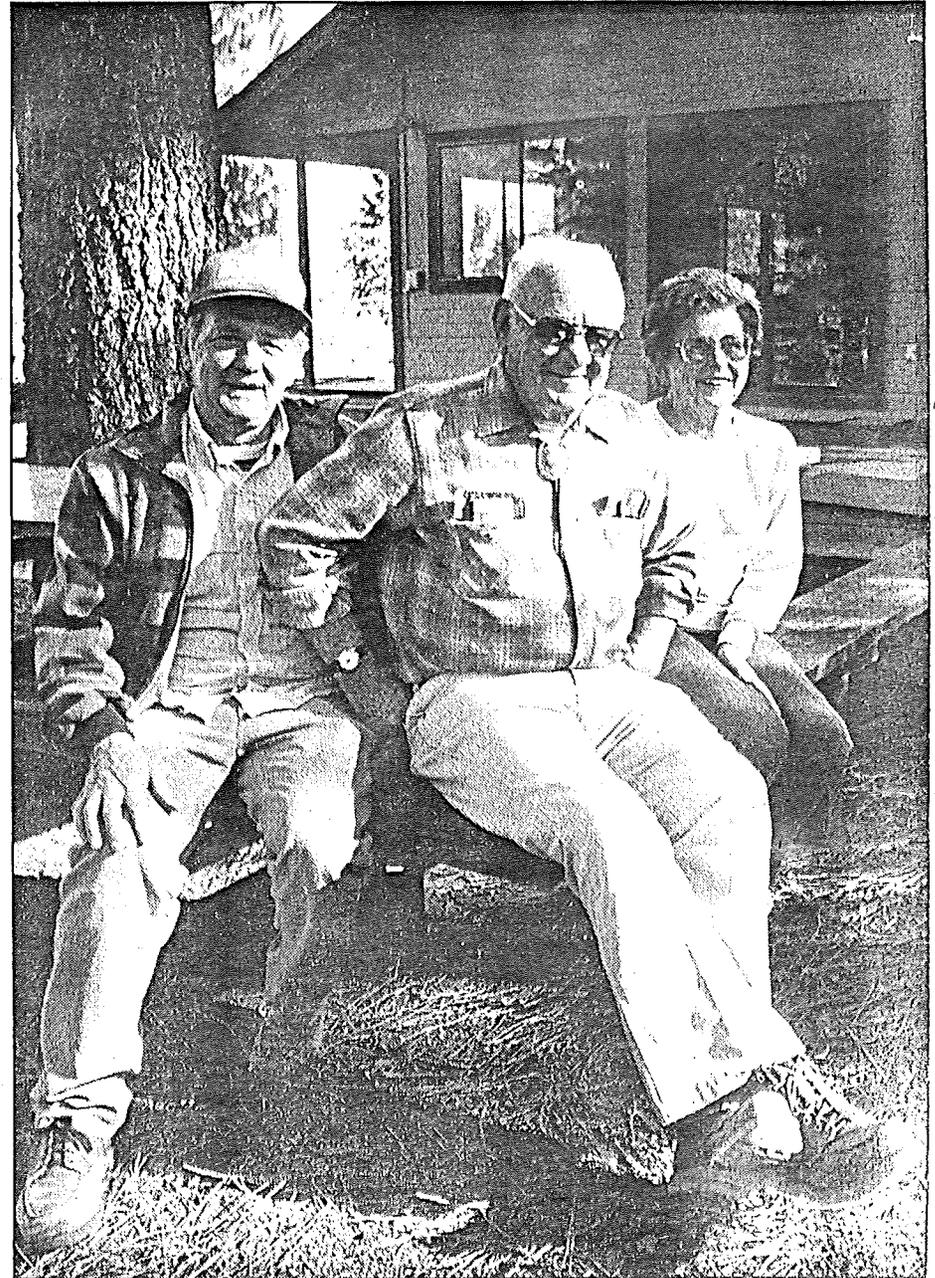
"It's important to get settled again, get on with your life," said Darlene, who has raised four children.

At first they were going to buy a house in Gardnerville. But after talking to their neighbors who were determined to stay, the Bennetts also decided to rebuild.

"It's the friends," she said. "We had lived there 10 years and these are our neighbors. Everyone has been so good to us."

John Bennett added, "When

**Ed and Mary Shalbert, center and right, are sitting before their newly rebuilt home with contractor Carrol Watts. Despite the lingering destruction left by the fire, they decided to stay in the community that is so much a part of them.**



the fire came, everyone bounced together and helped each other out. That's one thing that made us want to stay."

Humor also has helped the Bennetts and other fire victims push ahead.

"We finally got the garage cleaned out," John said. "Unfortunately, it was cleaned out of everything, but that's one way to do it."

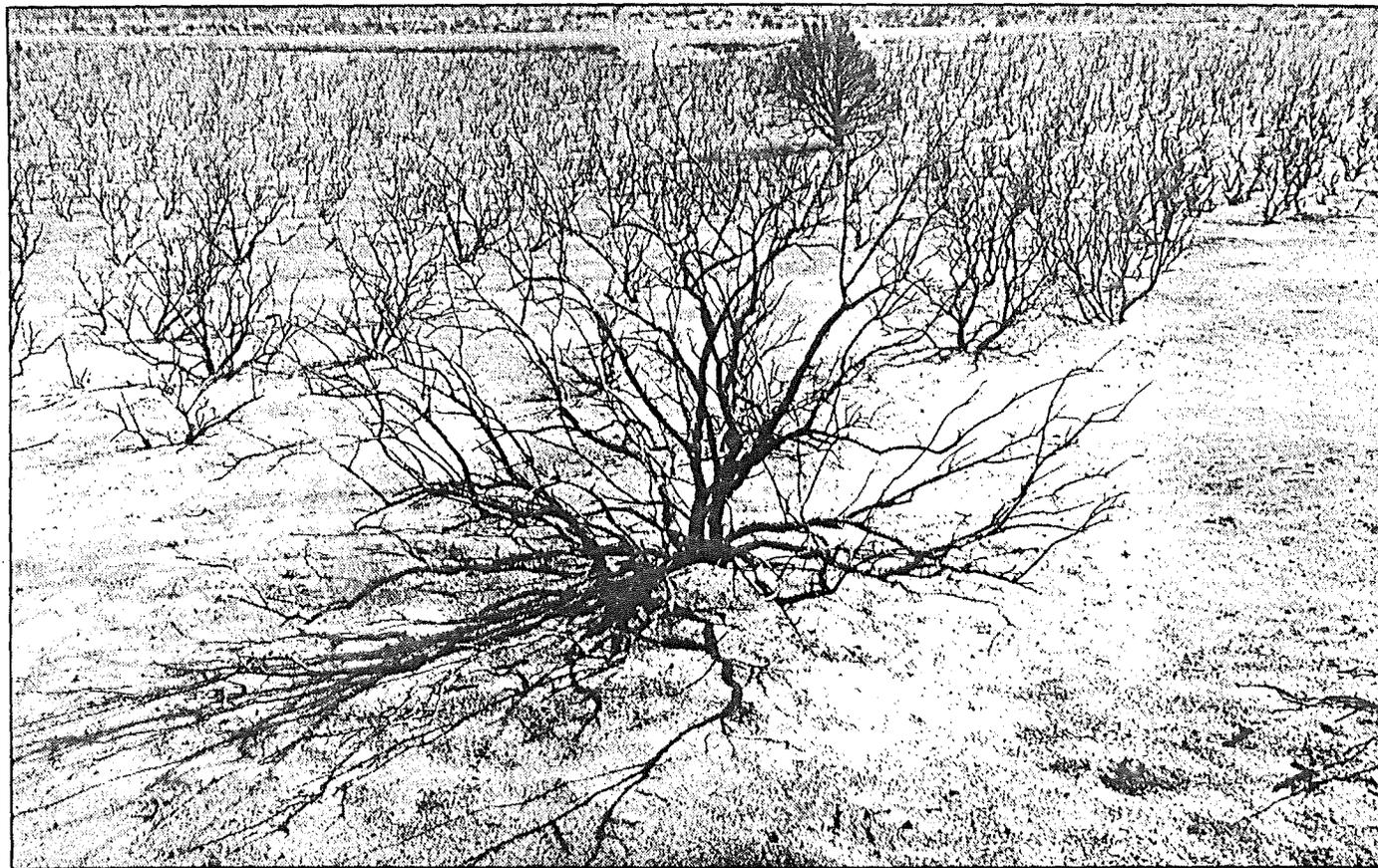
"One thing that's really weird is you'll go to use something and then realize you don't have it anymore. It's like walking out the door and never coming back."

The Bennetts said they feel no bitterness, but they still wonder if the fire could have been prevented from spreading early on. Before the blaze, they had taken fire preventive steps with their home.

"We had sprinklers on our roof until we left," John said. "We had just gotten a clean bill of health from the forest ranger. We could have had a cast iron house and it wouldn't have made a difference — the fire was that hot."

Yet a house only a few feet from his escaped the flames, as did four houses in between his and another that burned.

Many residents said the tragedy of the forest fire pulled an already tight community



The devastation left behind by the Acorn Fire still lingers and will for some time.

closer together.

The Alpine County Chamber of Commerce said more than \$35,000 was donated to a relief fund for fire victims. Friends and relatives from as far as New York contributed.

Alpine County also kicked in its share, waiving building and inspection fees among other measures.

Based on the kindness of his neighbors — as well as aid from Carson Valley residents who donated money and property — Parker was moved to quote authors who use the theme that "people are intrinsically good."

"And the people of Carson Valley certainly proved that without a doubt," he said. "This has caused me to appreciate

my neighbors a great deal more than I did."

And echoing the sentiments of other fire victims, Parker probably best summed up their need to move on:

"There's not a hell of a lot I can do about the things we lost. There is something I can do about building a new base for continuing to live."•



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Bob and Catherine Parker, who lost a home in the disastrous Acorn Fire last year, feel thankful their family was not harmed. They have a determination to

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# Alpine County rebuilds after '87 fire

by Treva Zeller

"To the victims of the fire of '87 who lost their possessions but not their determination." -- Ken and Dot Lutz

The plaque sits on the base of a new, shiny flagpole in Alpine Village, a reminder of more than the fact that 24 homes were lost in this region's most destructive forest fire.

The inscription also memorializes a spirit among the victims of last summer's Acorn Fire, as well as the many people who offered their aid.

It's been a long time since the July 29 blaze swept through the small, close-knit Woodfords community. Much of the anger and shock has subsided,

replaced with signs of routine day-to-day living.

Many victims say they must go on with their lives and rebuild. They are thankful that no lives were lost in a fire intense and rapid enough to destroy 6,550 acres.

The blaze, which started in the steep Acorn Canyon near Crystal Springs, destroyed 24 homes and caused major damage to six others. An additional 100 homes, garages, barns or other structures received at least minor damage after the area was evacuated.

By November, some six houses were under construction or completed. Other people continued to rent or stayed with friends until they could finish homes this spring.

Ed and Mary Shalbert of the Alpine Village subdivision were the first to rebuild their house, just before Thanksgiving.

"We made the best of the situation," said Ed, who is constable for the county. "You try not to bring up what you lost."

"What it really amounts to is where else do you go? We built here in 1964 and retired here in 1971. We know a lot of people here. Well, you practically know everybody."

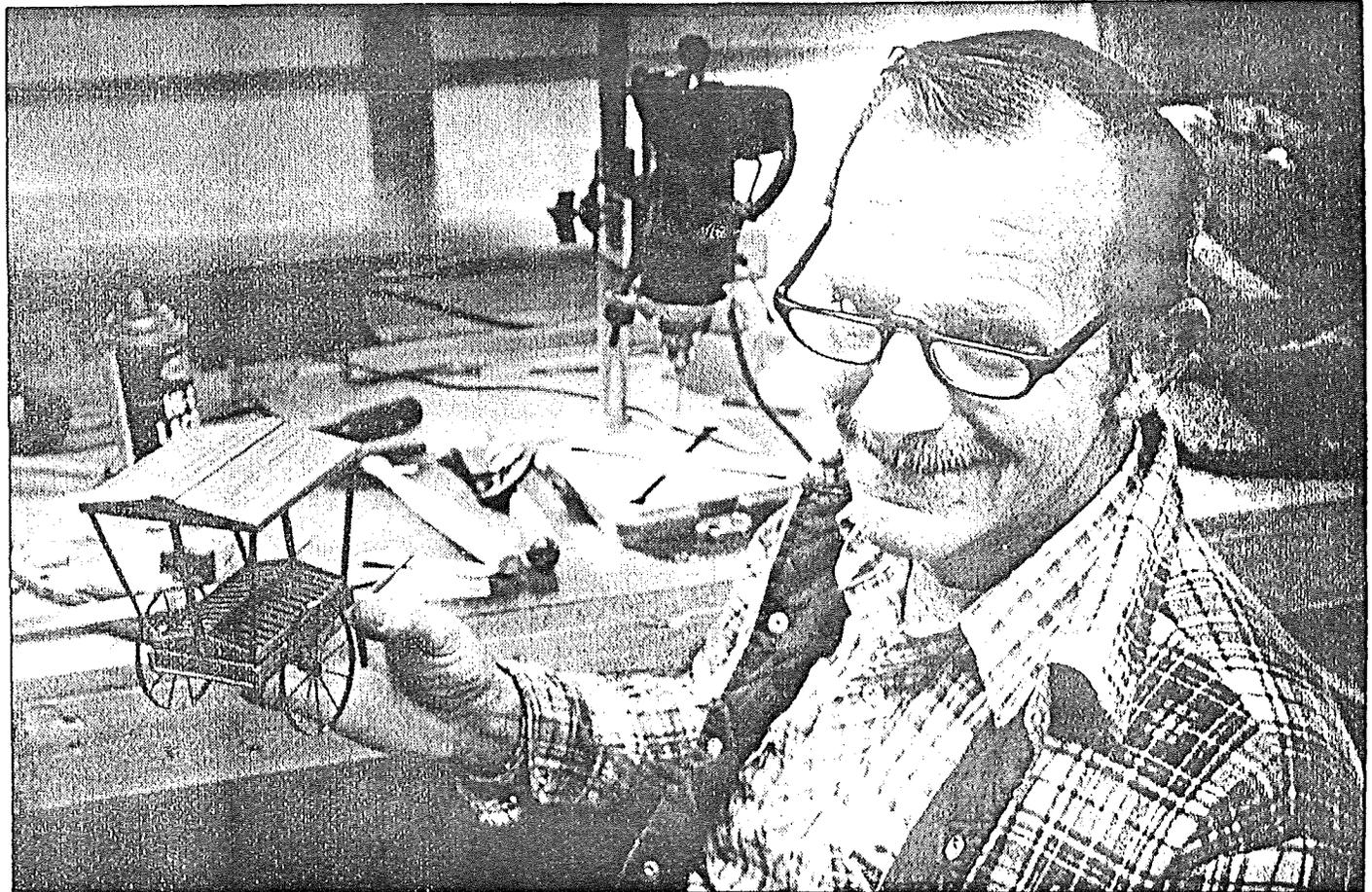
They lost everything in the fire, including possessions saved from 40 years of marriage. Ed also lost scrapbooks from his time on Navy submarines during World War II and the Korean War, which he had planned to donate to a museum.

They redesigned the home



This plaque and inscription rests on several new flagpoles donated by the Lutz family for victims of last summer's forest fire. Others contributed more than \$35,000 for fire victims.

# Faces of Alpine



Leroy Wickham shows off one of his miniatures. Jay Aldrich photos

It takes a special kind of person to live in our neighboring community. Heidi Hopkins, former editor of the Alpine Enterprise, interviewed a few of them.

## LeRoy Wickham

"There's one thing I'm going to tell you: Don't ever sit around wishing. Just get up and go do it."

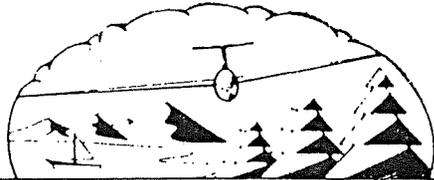
LeRoy Wickham took his

grandfather's words to heart. He's roved the West in his 48 years, following his heart, sniffing out adventure and fun times, chasing greener grass.

He's applied his hands and brains to all kinds of work in Idaho, Nevada, Colorado,

California and Alaska. He worked 18 years in the body and fender trade, ran his own trucking company and an office furniture manufacturing business, managed a fiberglass manufacturing business, a steel fabrication business, and a

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cathouse in Las Vegas.

He's pursued an interest in auto and motorcycle racing, working on race cars and promoting events. He dreamed up and ran the first Mint 400.

"I've been kind of a gypsy."

He calls it "ad-libbing." He sets his sights on where he wants to live and always finds a way to earn a living, tailoring his work to serve the needs of the area. He and his wife Nadine moved to Alpine County to help Jim Cone with Jim's custom furniture business.

Eventually LeRoy expanded his woodworking to include miniature work, always a passion with him, and he started a second business producing historical miniatures with two partners, Jim Cone and Terry O'Toole.

"Belonging" is what LeRoy most enjoys about Alpine. He likes the camaraderie of the community. Never one to sit still, LeRoy pulls his share in the community harness, participating in the Chamber of Commerce, the Alpine Business Association, Country Faire, and the volunteer fire department. He considers running for supervisor.

The Woodfords fire in 1987 dealt LeRoy a hard blow. The studio he shared with his partner Jim, their joint collection of woodworking tools, LeRoy's

business car...all were burned. It was uninsured and a total loss. It took weeks for LeRoy to pick things up and get on with his life. With money he received from the Woodfords Disaster Relief Fund (the only help he has ever accepted), LeRoy bought tools and got back into the business.

LeRoy ranks his historical miniatures as his greatest success to date.

"Just look at this!" he said with awe, showing off a historically accurate, hand-sized cart, complete with working wheels. "We have recreated bits and pieces of history that are going to be here for future generations to see."

Knowing the energy with which LeRoy lives his life, the positive way he has of diving into things, the joy he finds with friends and work and play, you suspect that he might always find what he is doing at the present to be the best thing he's done.

He's a man of the moment with nothing to hide: "My life's an open book. I'm not a bit disappointed with anything I have done."•

### Judy Farnsworth

Judy Farnsworth has a woman's hands. They are as

good at plucking rough pin feathers out of a slaughtered turkey as they are at arranging a clip in her long hair. They float around her wide-eyed face with a delicacy that belies their strength.

Judy was the kind of child who hid in the trees when people came over, sought closets at the least cross glance, cried when her siblings fought.

"She didn't come into her body until she was 13," said Judy's mother, shaking her head about her shy daughter.

When that timid soul finally stepped out, it entered a strong body with a determined will that marches directly towards its dreams.

Eighteen-year-old Judy Farnsworth left her farm home in Michigan with the car she had paid off and \$1,500 in her pocket. A dental assistant since age 13, she came to California to pursue further dental training in San Diego. After two years in San Diego, she headed to the mountains to find season and hot springs. She found Alpine County.

Independent and private, Judy slips through the fabric of life in Alpine County almost unnoticed. She has a nose for the out-of-the-way and the unusual. She found her way into caretaking positions, living first

at the Dangberg cow camp in Hope Valley where she and her boyfriend worked 26 miles of fence.

She caretook Sorensen's Resort, the Old Woodford's Station and Fales Hot Springs on U.S. 395. In recent summers, she surveyed with the Bureau of Land Management. Housecleaning and waitressing supplemented her income. She lived in trailers, she camped out of her car, she stayed.

"I did whatever I had to do to make money," she explained. "There are lots of odd jobs here."

One of these "odd jobs" was living with and caring for several of Alpine's older residents until their deaths, allowing them dignity in their old age. She took care of spunky Eloise Barrett Fairbanks during Eloise's last years.

Living with Eloise, Judy fell in love with Eloise's small home. Several years later, the Barrett family sold the house to Judy. After 14 years of hard work and meticulous saving, Judy has a home.

Judy likes it in Alpine. The open spaces, the clean air, the clean water have captured her heart. She maintains a mining claim on the shoulder of Hawkins Peak which gives her a wonderful excuse to ramble in

4 the high country. She's set things up just the way she wants.

"I'll be here when I'm old," she laughed, "rocking in my chair on my porch."

"By then I'll have a porch."•

## Wilma Rule

Though she describes herself as "an average county citizen," Wilma Louise Banta Rule is not your average person.

She's a professional political scientist, a feminist, a world traveler, and an avid fisherwoman and dancer ("especially fast dancing"). She's listed in the "World Who's Who of Women." The way she pauses, reflecting, before she answers a question marks her as a person who thinks.

Wilma was born in a small Wyoming town and was raised in Hollywood. She pursued her education at U.C. Berkeley, ultimately achieving a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Hawaii. Since then, she has pursued a career of university-level teaching, consulting, researching, and publishing in her field. Her

recent research has centered on women in politics and she is working on a book: "Women's Paths to Political Power: A Comparative Perspective."

Great-granddaughter of a suffragist, raised by a single, writer-mystic-psycho mother, Wilma came to feminism naturally. But feminism didn't fence her in; it was the root out of which grew her profound respect for the equality of all people.

Wilma is not dogmatic. Her convictions are strong and definite but tempered by an open mind. She enjoys debate. U.C. Berkeley was "stimulating, enlightening, and liberating" to her, especially in its encouragement of open discussion.

"Berkeley ill-equips you for an authoritarian system," she chuckled with a sparkle in her large, lucid eyes.

Wilma believes in making a positive contribution to the community in which she lives.

With the rationality of an academician, Wilma analyzed Alpine's isolation from the outside world, attributing it to two factors; its lack of intellectual fer-

ment due largely to the lack of a high school or college, the traditional forums for stimulating discussion and debate; and the limited employment opportunities, especially for women.

But with the precision of a scientist, she added, "I have a number of theories, but I'm not sure they're accurate."

Wilma has spent summers in Alpine County since 1956 when she and her husband Irving first rented a cabin in the Sorensen's subdivision in Hope Valley. Years later, they were able to buy the cabin as a second home. They now spend winters in Minden and summers in Hope Valley enjoying Alpine's beauty and clean environment. •

## Fritz Thornburg

Fritz Thornburg doesn't say much.

There's no romanticism in his gruff-voice telling of a childhood in Alpine when "everybody knew everybody," when life was quiet and the residents came and went as they

pleased, when skiing was a means of travel in the winter, when the bucks were big and the rivers had plenty of fish.

That's just the way things were.

Still, things were "better" then, he said. The whole community came together in those days for an emergency. Everyone turned out to help when a big fire threatened, including the children who helped carrying tools and making sandwiches. The community's feuds (and there were many) were put on automatic hold.

More got done. Road work was more labor-intensive, yet they managed the entire system each year, while now some county roads are neglected. There are too many people, too much turnover now.

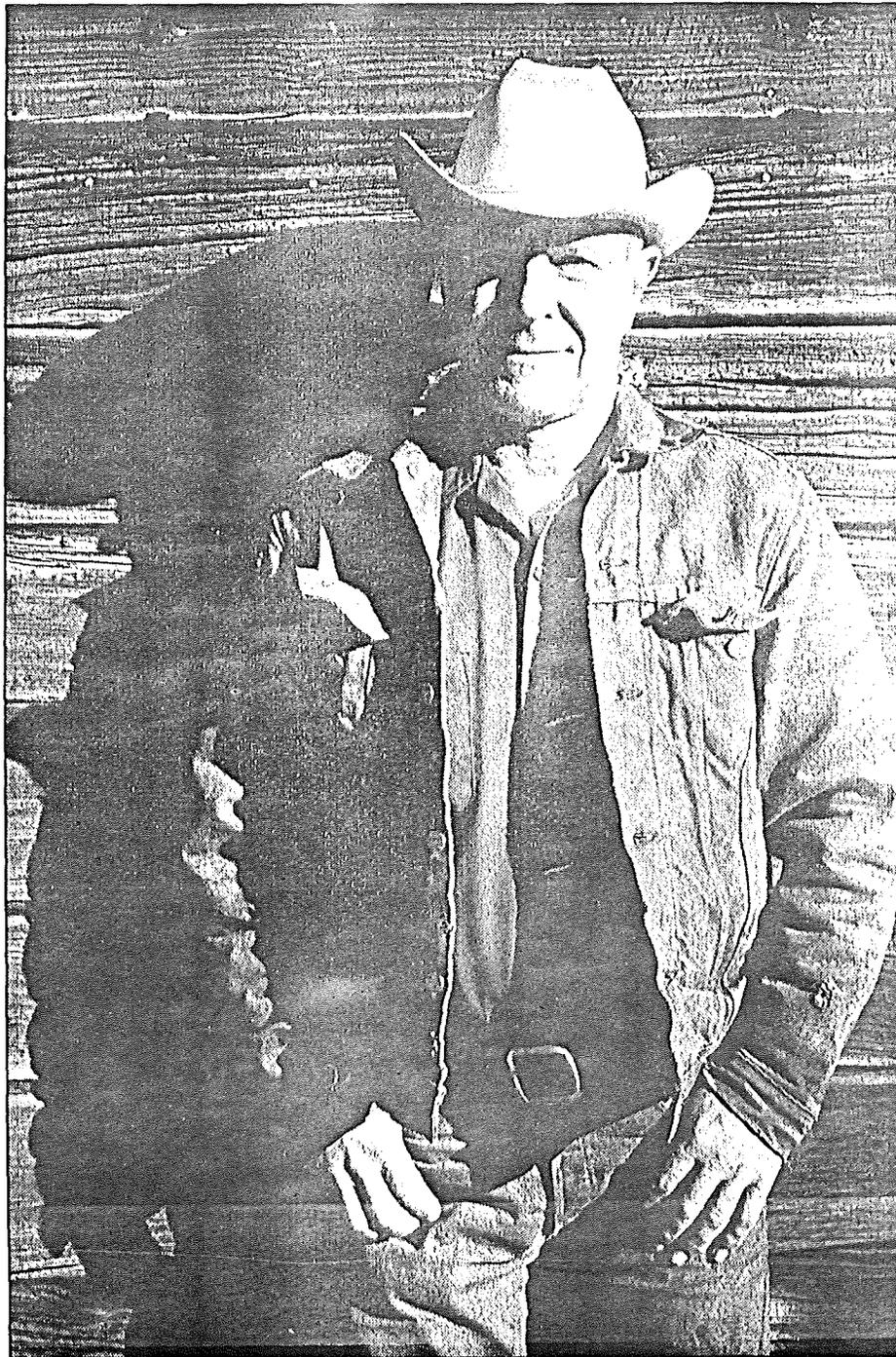
The Thornburg family is rooted in local history. Fritz's grandfather arrived in Alpine in the 1870s and became district attorney and justice of the peace. Fritz's two uncles were supervisors. Fritz's father was county clerk/auditor/recorder until he contracted debilitating multiple sclerosis. Fritz's mother then took over the position.

Only child of an infirm father

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Wilma Rule, above, calls herself "an average county citizen."



Fritz Thornburg, right, remembers the "old days."

and a working mother, Fritz learned early to care for himself. He put on work clothes at age 8 and helped out with haying on the Nedderniep Ranch during World War II. Rambling through Alpine's country, shotgun or fishing pole in hand, was Fritz's favorite thing to do. He fished Markleeville Creek and Pleasant Valley. He recalls taking a shotgun to school on the bus and hunting ducks in the Carson Valley during school breaks.

Christmas was a special time for Fritz when he grew old enough to visit his uncle at Leviathan Mine. Fritz would accompany his uncle back to the mine after the family's Christmas celebration in Markleeville. They'd drive as far up the Monitor road as they could and then strap their eight-foot hickory skis onto their boots for the several mile slog to the mine cabin.

Burlap "hobbles" made the uphill easier and wax "dope" made the downhill fast. They exercised some control with a single pole. Turning was fun, Fritz said, but skiing was basically a difficult and necessary form of travel. At the mine, Fritz helped his uncle retrieve traps and replace rotten timbers in the shafts.

After two brief ventures out into the world, to Oklahoma while in

the Army and to Davis for agricultural school, Fritz returned to Alpine for good.

Fritz is blunt and characteristically terse about why he lives in Alpine. "I don't know anything different."•

### Tim Pemberton

"I knew I could make a difference," said Tim Pemberton, explaining the wild-eyed passion that drove him to abandon his car at the Hope Valley roadblock and thrash his way on foot for over four hours through thickets of manzanita, up craggy ravines, braving the smoke and the deafening roar of the Woodfords fire to reach his home. He was among the fortunate in Woodfords. The fire never reached his hand-built, two-story log home.

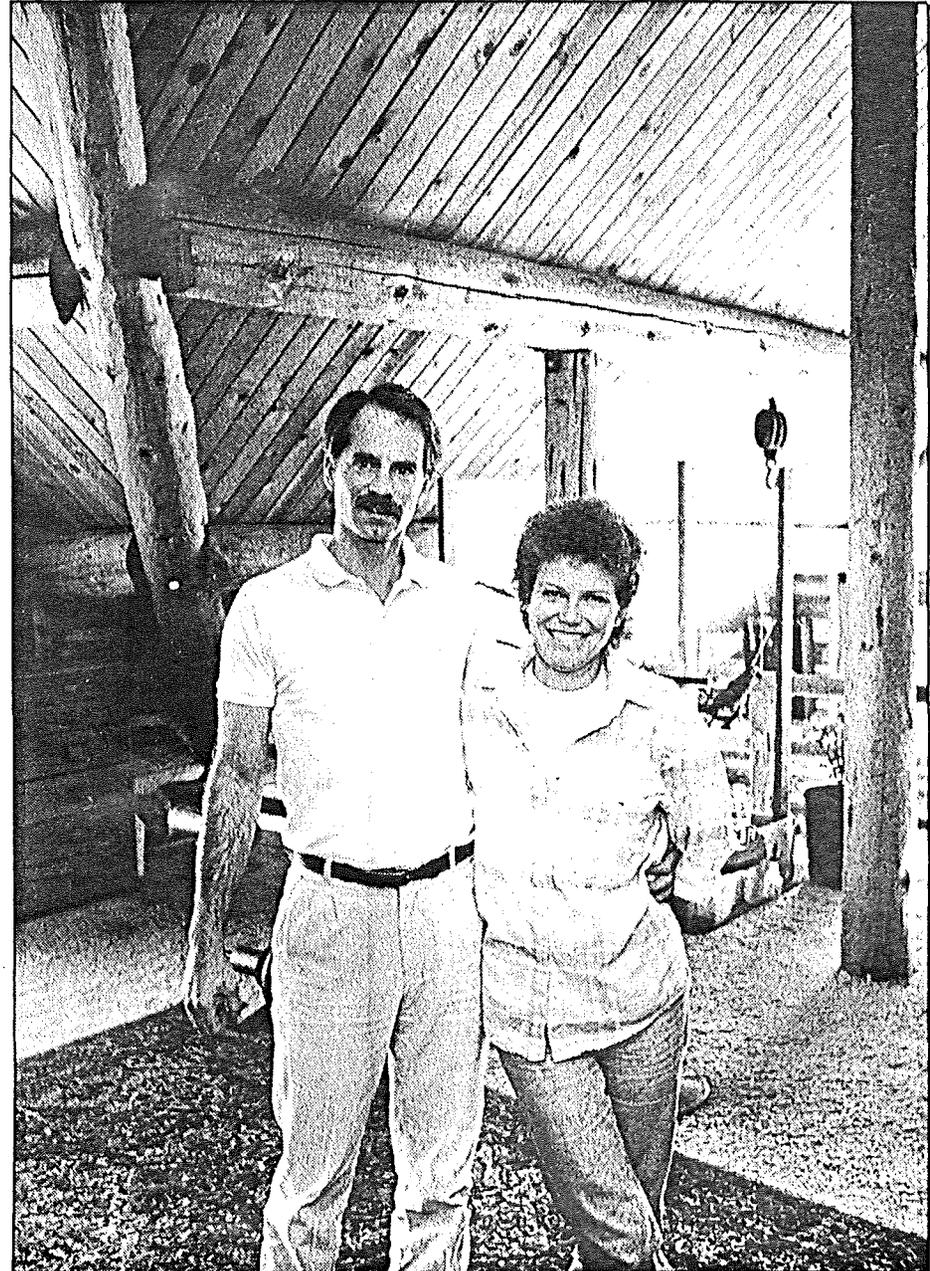
But if it had, he was there to make the difference.

Tim grasps life with both hands. He shakes out its meanings, probes for the heart, learns from every experience. He gives copiously and he takes forcefully.

Not many Alpiners know this

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Tim and Edie Pemberton live in a hand-built log house in Hope Valley. They were fortunate: the fire never reached their home.



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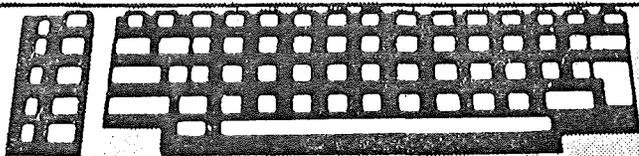


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lawyer who charged the South Tahoe Public Utility District like a bulldog and hung on to its throat with unprecedented tenacity when the district was preparing its controversial sewage export plan, a plan which included the construction of a sewage reservoir in Alpine County.

Some saw Tim as an intransigent obstructionist, wielding his legal powers over a small county to achieve personal ends (his home sits relatively near the sewage project site).

Those close to Tim saw him fighting more than a sewage project. He fought the system that fosters nepotism, insincerity, and duplicity in government and business; he fought with every fiber of his body and soul.

The sewer district eventually had its way, but not without a drawn-out fight and a circuitous route to its ends through the California State Legislature.

"I came out of the experience a good lawyer," said Tim, whose law practice took off after the years he spent (unpaid) fighting the sewer district. But there was give and take: He was left scarred with cynicism.

Tim wasn't always a lawyer. He spent years in the woods alone, salvaging timber. The elements of danger and physical stress in the work

developed a mental and physical discipline in Tim which he later carried over to his legal practice.

The woods represented a straightforwardness that appealed to Tim's sense of reason and fairness. He met people there "who are what they seem to be." He also developed a passionate reverence for nature. He and his wife Edie spend weekends exploring Alpine's backcountry. Their summer garden is a profusion of gladiolas, roses, petunias and native blooms.

The Pembertons live in the log home Tim built. With characteristic determination, Tim selected and cut each log himself, he milled the lumber, he raised the two-story superstructure aided only by a front loader, except for the roof beams for which he hired help. Tim calls this home his lifework.

"Of all things I have done, this will last."

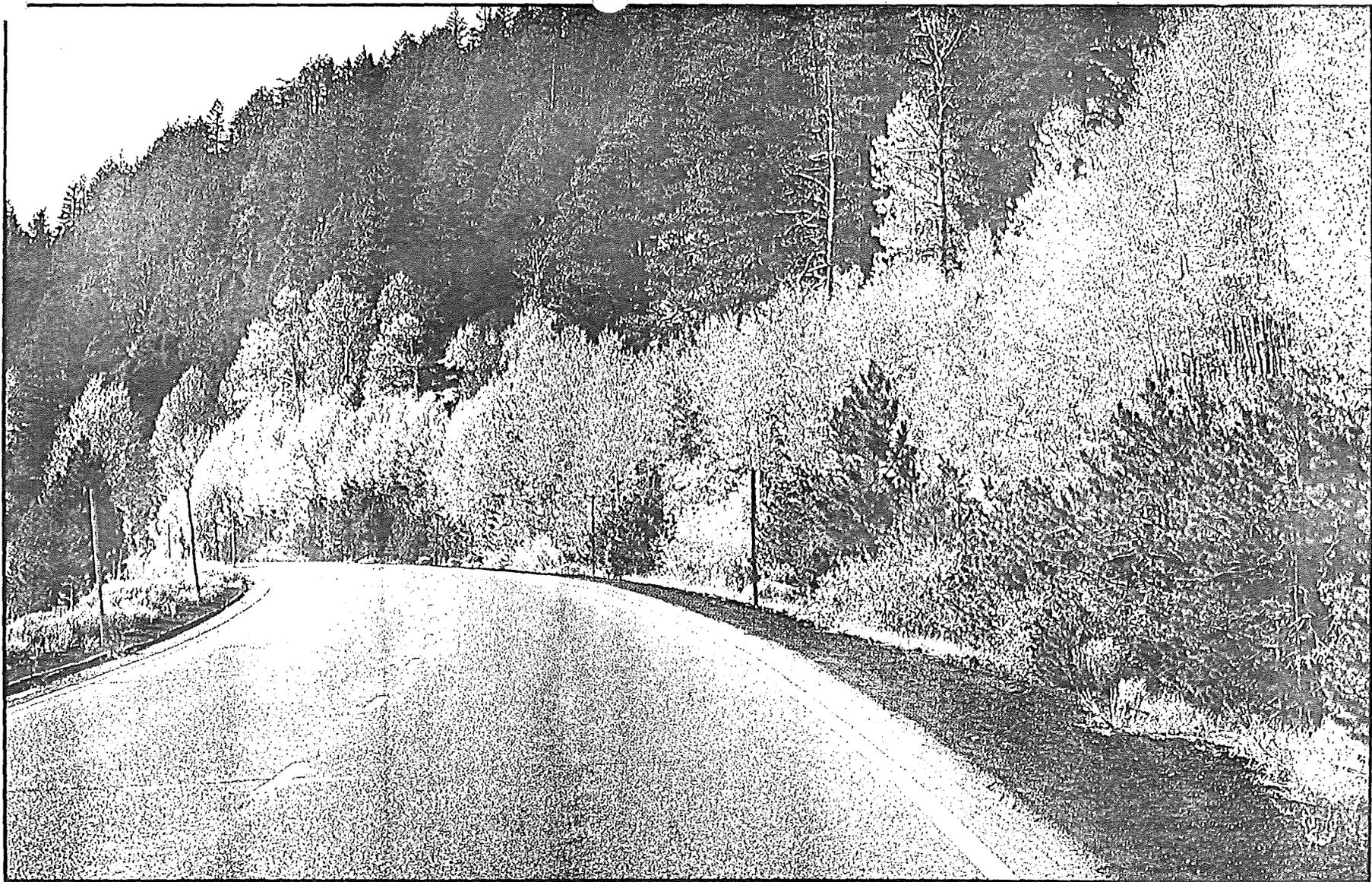
Tim has been engaged in a suit charging the federal government with negligence in the handling of the Woodfords fire. Tim is outraged by his neighbors' suffering. It is a David and Goliath situation; he knows it will be an uphill battle. But he also knows that the only way to make a difference is to try.

Tim doesn't just try. He's in there, body and soul. •

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Judy Farnsworth likes living in Alpine County, citing the clean air, the open spaces and the clean water as the things that keep her here. She says she has things set up "just the way she wants them." Jay Aldrich photo



It's a lovely drive to Alpine County during the fall, when the trees burst into riotous color. On a Sunday afternoon, you can drive through Alpine reds, oranges and yellows over Monitor Pass and back to Carson Valley via U.S. 395. Jay Aldrich photo



# Hot Springs in Alpine County

by Stuart Weiss

Alpine County in winter looks like winter should look. Named for the beautiful alpine country of Europe, much of this tiny county straddles the high, rugged Carson Range where granite towers wrest immense snowfalls from Pacific storms just before they drop into Nevada.

Nestled in a broad valley surrounded on three sides by high peaks, Grover Hot Springs bubbles to the surface at 148 degrees after being heated by magma thousands of feet below. The rocks started to heat some ten million years ago when the current range began to rise along faults. As steaming water courses up through these cracks in Earth's crust, minerals are dissolved along the way. The unpleasant sulphur smell common with many hot springs is, happily, not present at Grover.

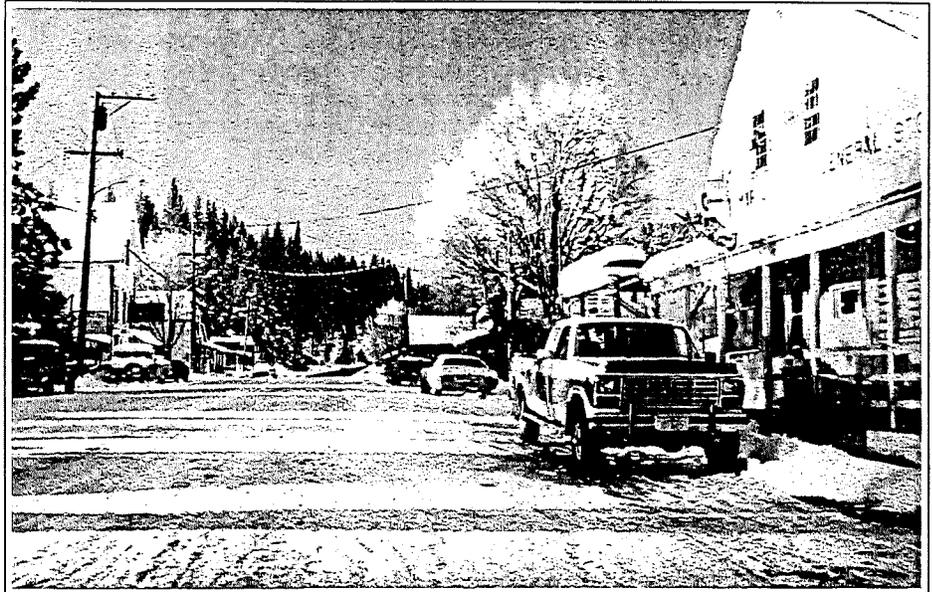
## Kit Carson and John Fremont Camped Nearby

The Washoe Indians took the waters before journalists began touting the springs' curative powers and the scenery in the 1850s. While crossing the Sierra, John Fremont, accompanied by Kit Carson, camped near the springs in February, 1844. John Hawkins took up squatters rights to the springs and surrounding land in 1854; the Grover family took over in 1878. They grazed cows in the meadows and supplied milk to the residents of the nearby tiny town of Markleeville.

Jacob Marklee settled near what would become known as Markleeville Creek on September 12, 1861. He was shot and killed two years later by neighbor H.W. Tuttle over a property dispute. By 1864 it is said there were 168 houses, 2,620 people, and a telegraph line to Genoa, Nevada. In 1885, the famous Fisk Hotel at Silver Mountain City was taken apart and rebuilt in Markleeville. The colorful building has been called Hot Springs Hotel, Gover House, and Grover Hot Springs Hotel in its day. Today it is known as The Alpine Hotel. The hot springs changed hands several times over the last century. In 1959 the area became a state park.

## Let the Water Soothe You

Enlarged since the old days, the park has two concrete pools fed by runoff from six springs. Water in the hotter of the two pools



*The Tiny Town of Markleeville*

*by Stuart Weiss*

is 102 to 105 degrees. Runoff flows into Hot Springs Creek, which meanders through the park's lovely meadow. There is a changing room as well as a shower. The charge for adults is \$3, \$2 for children. Winter hours are from 9 am to 9 pm. The two campgrounds are closed from early October to May, but you can camp in the picnic area adjacent to the park.

Before relaxing in the soothing waters, try ski-touring in the meadow under 10,023-foot-high Hawkins Peak and 9,417-foot-high Markleeville Peak. (As of press time, however, the snowpack was below normal. Call ahead to check on conditions.)

## Nearby Ski Touring

The best cross-country skiing in the region can be found in beautiful Hope Valley, where many tracks enter rolling forest land or open meadow. A delightful, easy-to-moderate day tour heads south from Reds Lake parking area east of Carson Pass off Highway 88. The obvious scenic route goes several miles to the east side of Elephants Back peak. West of Carson Pass is more wonderful ski-touring terrain (see Volume 7, #4) and Kirkwood downhill and nordic areas. Sorensens, in Hope Valley, has rustic cabins for rent—(916) 694-2203—and a nordic ski center. The set track is free to the public, though donations are welcome. Woodfords Inn Motel—(916) 694-2410—has attractive accommodations, and just 1½ miles south, the Sierra Pines Deli serves great sandwiches for

your ski-tour picnic. In Markleeville, only the Alpine Hotel remains open—(916) 694-2150.

In a centennial book published in 1964, the author boasted that Alpine County had no doctor, hospital, dentist, high school, theater, or barber within its borders. That rugged, remote character has changed little, and the view from Grover Hot Springs is as beautiful as ever.



### HOW TO GET THERE

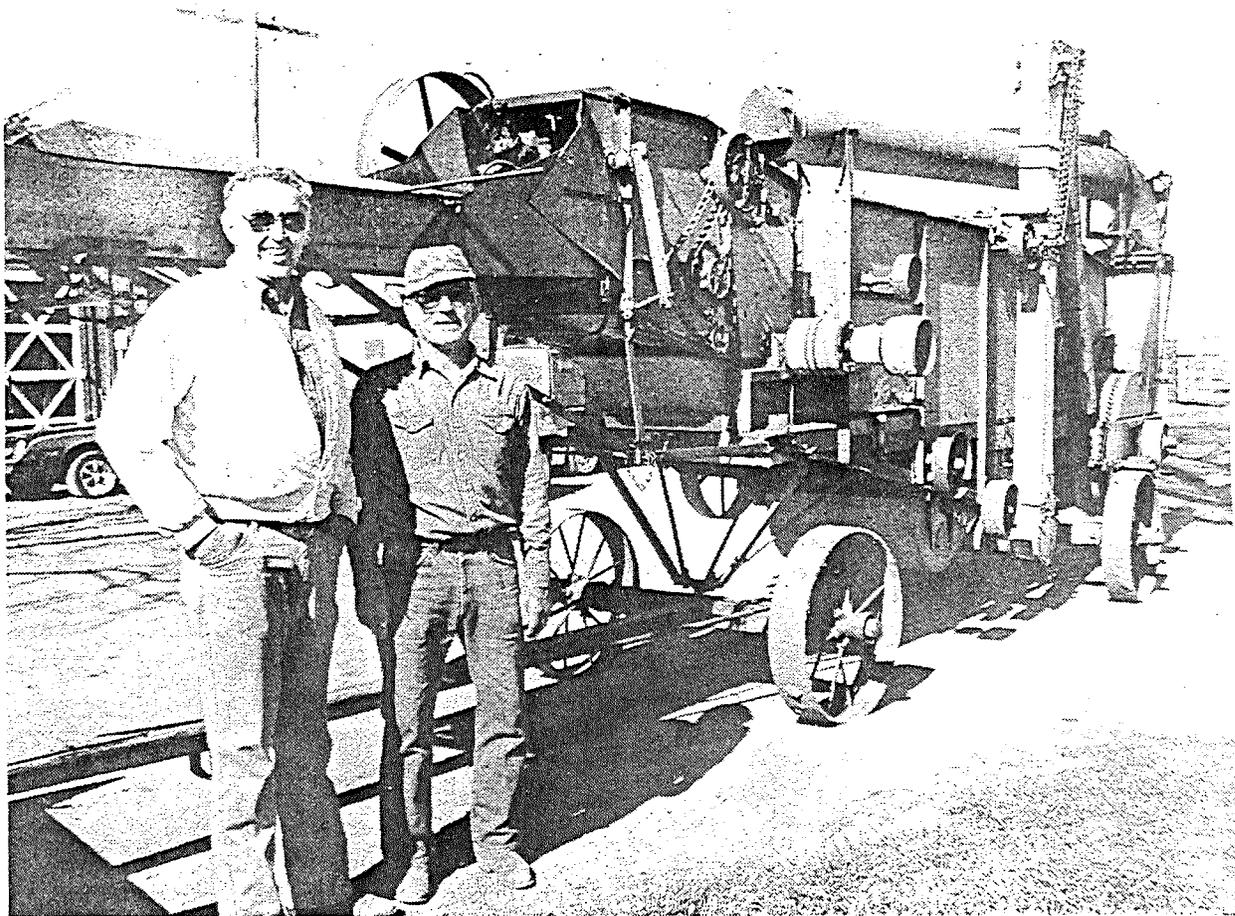
Grover Hot Springs

Markleeville is south of Lake Tahoe. Take Route 88-89 east, then Route 89 south to Markleeville. Grover Hot Springs is three miles west on the signed Hot Springs Road.

Grover Hot Springs  
Markleeville, CA 96120  
(916) 694-2248

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Watch the mail for a special renewal offer.



DONATION. Budd and Ruth Dressler donated this threshing machine (circa 1920s) to the Carson Valley Historical Society. Dressler,

right, said the machine could be fixed up and used for demonstrations. At left is Historical Society President Glenn Logan. R-C photo

## Pioneer family in Valley donates historic machine

by JOYCE HOLLISTER  
Staff writer

It stands alone under a great big shade tree, waiting to be hooked up again to a tractor so that it can perform its duty. Trouble is, its job was taken over by bigger and more modern machines nearly 40 years ago.

The McCormick-Deering threshing machine, now stored at the ranch of Roy and Lois Storke, began life as a working machine owned by Richard Bassman of Carson Valley in the 1920s.

In 1947, Budd Dressler's father and mother, Ernest and Emma Dressler, and her brother Carl Thran purchased the machine. It was used a few short years before the big self-contained harvesters took over the market and put the old threshers out to pasture.

Budd and Ruth Dressler remember using the old machine as they helped work the family ranch just after they first were married.

For the past decades the thresher was stored inside, to protect it from the weather.

Budd Dressler just knew that someday it would be valuable, if only for sentimental reasons.

"I would say it could be built up today, and started up. It could thresh grain," he said. Dressler and his family recently donated this and several other pieces of antique farm equipment in the name of Ernest and Emma Dressler to the Carson Valley Historical Society.

Most of the pulleys and belts that turn the thresher are still intact, according to Dressler. The thresher was powered by a tractor.

"You see a lot of these in antique machinery shows, actually in use," he said. "I've had some people from the Midwest looking at this, but the freight expense (to ship it east) was too great."

Dressler no longer has the place to store his equipment, but now, with the possibility of the Historical Society taking over the old Douglas County High School as a museum, there may be space for the thresher and much more.

The Dressler family, including children Ken (a teacher at Gardnerville Elementary School) and

daughter Annette Dressler Swainston, also donated a horse-drawn mowing machine, a couple of plows, two or three different kinds of scrapers and an old potato cultivator — potatoes were grown extensively here in the 1930s.

The family is part of Carson Valley history, too. Dressler's grandparents took over the ranch in 1900. Ernest and Emma Dressler operated it beginning about 1928-29, and Budd and Ruth Dressler took it over in 1968. They recently moved to town.

The Carson Valley Historical Society passed a resolution committing itself to the renovation of the old DCHS providing the community would support fund-raising efforts and help with the work.

It will take at least \$500,000 to restore the building, constructed in 1915. A lot of the work could be done by volunteers, and includes scraping off old paint and revarnishing the woodwork.

Anyone interested in helping should call President Glenn Logan, 265-2889

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**Snowshoe Thompson**

## race set Saturday

The third annual Snowshoe Thompson Mail Run cross country ski race and tour will be held Saturday in Hope Valley.

Participants in the event will cover 12 kilometers beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Pickett's Junction in Hope Valley. Leisure skiers and mail carriers will start at 9:30, followed by the racers at 10 o'clock.

The course will loop up to Luther Pass, around Grass Lake and then return to Hope Valley.

The event is being sponsored by the Kirkwood Cross Country Ski Area, Sorensen's Resort, Hope Valley Cross Country, Friends of Hope Valley and the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce.

A \$12 entry fee is being charged. Further information may be obtained by calling John Brissenden at Sorensen's, (916) 694-2203, or Debi Waldear at Kirkwood (209) 258-6000.

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**Miss Alpine Pageant.** The public is invited to the free Miss Alpine County Pageant March 26, Turtle Rock Park, 7 p.m., with music by the Alpine Trio. The event is sponsored by the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce.

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**Billie Ford**

Memorial services for Billie Thelma Ford, 68, will be held March 12 at 1 p.m. at the Fredericksburg Cemetery. She had been a Markleeville resident from 1953 to 1984, when she moved to Gardnerville. She died March 4 at her home.

A native of South Lake City, Utah, she was born in 1919.

Her husband, William "Doug" Ford, preceded her in death.

While residing in Markleeville, they owned and operated the Alpine Hotel and the Alpine Bottle and Tackle store.

Mrs. Ford retired in 1979.

Surviving is her son, Larry Ford of Corning, Calif., and two grandchildren.

The family requested that memorial contributions be donated to the American Cancer Society of Northern Nevada, 120 S. Wells Ave., Reno 89502.

# Hard times hit small town

## Alpine County's only bank makes one last withdrawl

By Kathleen Grubb  
Associated Press

MARKLEEVILLE — One of Alpine County's main industries is a silver mine, but neither silver ore nor a gold mine of ski business are enough to keep the county's only bank from checking out.

Bank of America will close the doors of its Markleeville branch Monday night, 30 years after the county tax collector cajolled the banking giant to set up shop in California's least populated county.

The bank says the closure is a cost-cutting move forced by increasingly keen competition following deregulation of the banking industry. It promises to continue serving Alpine County customers at its South Lake Tahoe Branch, about 35 miles away.

The move angers many customers, who lament bygone days when resident bank managers would open the bank and approve loans after hours, attend neighborhood potlucks and host an annual holiday buffet in this Sierra Nevada community.

The county and other customers complain that they are sacrificial victims of an uncaring banking corporation that is trying to cut its losses from years of poor service in Markeleeville and bad loans overseas.

They claim the bank would have done well in the county had it made efforts to secure accounts such as the Kirkwood ski resort and the Washoe Indian tribe.

"It's not the community failing

the bank," said Don Jardine, one of five members of the Alpine County Board of Supervisors. "It's the bank failing to aggressively go out and just provide basic services."

Managers of both the Markleeville and South Lake Tahoe branches declined to discuss the bank closure, but corporate spokesman Richard Beebe said "it's not our intention to abandon anyone."

Beebe said Alpine County clients won't see any interruption in their accounts and will be able to do much of their banking, including loan applications, by telephone.

"We do want to continue to serve our customers the best we can from South Lake Tahoe," he said.

But the commute to the lake, from 45 minutes to an hour each way depending on the weather, has many customers saying they'll switch banks and the county government worried about highway robbery.

While many customers are considering banking across the state-line — the Nevada towns of Gardnerville and Minden are only about 20 minutes away by a highway that's open in the worst winter weather — county doesn't have that option.

State law requires that local governments bank in California. Alpine county, which has cash assets of \$3 million and an annual budget of \$5 million, is considering hiring an armed transport service three to five time a week for \$70 a

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Don Jardine

trip to deposit its money at South Lake Tahoe.

Treasurer-Tax Collector Dolores Clark, who managed the local BofA with her husband, Jim, until her election in November 1982, said having county workers transport the government's money would be unsafe.

"If we did it, our Board of Supervisors and our husbands would not be pleased about us going on the pass by ourselves," Clark said. "You don't know what's out there. We might be a victim of a robber."

"Very little of our deposits are cash, but somebody who might want to rob us might not know that," said Doranna Tognotti, deputy treasurer-tax collector.

Dee Rudden, who moved here two years ago from San Jose with her husband, Bob, and bought the



Associated Press

Alpine County Supervisor Don Jordine and resident Nancy Thornburg chat on the main street of Markleeville, in front of the Markleeville General store.

Markleeville General Store, said the bank's closing "is really going to be a problem for everyone."

"I guess what we're going to do is buy a safe," Rudden said. "We're going to have to do something."

The bank closure heightens the worries of residents about the future of their county, where 92 per-

cent of the land is national forest and development is limited.

In Markleeville, the economy seems as slow as the pace of life. Welcome signs on the edge of town boast a population of 165 in a county of 1,200 people. Work is seasonal at the silver mine, four miles south of town, and the only major prospect for new industry is a state De-

partment of Forestry conservation camp that would employ about 35 people.

Only a grocery store, a bar, a hotel and two gasoline stations are open year-round. A second hotel went out of business last summer. Stores that aren't boarded up look weather-beaten.

# Turnbeaugh places third

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Tamara Turnbeaugh of Markleeville sped to a pair of third-place finishes in Super-G races held last weekend at Squaw Valley.

Young Turnbeaugh placed third against a field of 69 racers Saturday with a time of 41.76.

Caroline Lalive from Alpine Meadows was first in 39.61, followed by Heavenly Valley's Jonna Mendes in 40.84.

The competition was even closer on Sunday when the three racers finished nearly one second apart. Lalive was

first again with a time of 43.30, followed by Mendes in 43.44 and Turnbeaugh in 44.77.

Turnbeaugh, who races for the Kirkwood Ski Education Foundation, will compete in Mammoth Mountain next week at the Junior 5 Olympics.

# Something's brewing in the Valley

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by LISA WIXON  
staff writer

On the sidelines, they were just beer-drinking actors and actresses dressed in red bananas, cowboy boots and beach-out blue jeans.

But on the set they were real wranglers rodeoing in the Old West while lassoing innocent cattle to the jingle of a Coors beer commercial.

A crew of 100 converged on Douglas County this week promoting the original Coors brew not the light stuff mind you in a setting they say is similar to the Colorado Rockies.

Of course they couldn't really film the two 30-second commercials in the land of the Rocky Mountain Spring Water because of frigid temperatures and record snowpack, says production manager Kelli Miller.

But the Douglas County airgrounds on March 20 was one of four sites where rugged western scenes were shot. The

Genoa Bar, the Silver Queen Saloon in Virginia City and rock climbing in Markleeville were scenes chosen for the four-day shoot.

"We hired a talent scout to find us some real cowboys. Real people in their real environment," Miller said.

More than half the cast, who had no lines in the fast flick, were locals from South Lake Tahoe, Reno and Truckee.

And Hollywood special effects were quite a surprise to Lake Tahoe native Eva Strahl, whose casted beau is a bull-rider. She was amazed that the foam spilling over the sides of the Coors brew was whipped with an egg-beater for the frothy effect.

"I can't believe how many people it takes behind the scenes to make a 30-second commercial," she said. "It's kinda fake. They sprayed smoke (in the Genoa Bar) and spray-painted the cans."

But fancy camera work and tricky lighting is the raison

d'être for the Academy Award winning director Michael Butler. He's filmed commercials for The New York Times, Century 21, Burger King and Liberty Mutual Insurance.

"He loves it, he loves the whole thing. Because he's involved with real people it's more exciting for him. He loves traveling with real life cowboys — they're maniacs," said Miller, who's worked with Butler on numerous shoots.

The cast busied themselves with complimentary Coors in cans, bottles and long-necks while earning \$75 to \$500 for a days' work.

And there sat Susan Lentina, an actress from Hollywood no less, wearing funky shades and pristine jeans free of any visible horse hair.

"This is, well, a lot more fun," she said, smiling. "It's a great crew and we're taking over the town. I love this area, it's just fabulous. Living in L.A., well, this place is such a relief. People are so much

more . . . loose, friendly. It's great."

Lentina, playing a cowgirl in the commercial, has starred in Toyota, Ford and McDonald's commercials.

Mike Conway, a Lake Tahoe resident and scene scout, was hired for the eighth time by Coors to find scenic sites. Conway filmed the Carson Valley Marketing Council's promotional video and the High Mountain Rangers television series in Markleeville.

"That's what they wanted it to look like. The snow-capped mountains and rivers and bars that look like they are in the middle of nowhere," said Conway, who has been instrumental in filming 450 commercials in the Lake Tahoe area.

"It keeps us busy, it keeps us good with all the locals. You rent the grounds from the county, the firemen to act as EMT's (Emergency Medical Technicians) and the local wranglers. It has a trickle down-affect. It's good, it's really good."

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# Diamond Valley school drug program gets recognition

The Diamond Valley Elementary School in Alpine County was one of seven schools in California to be nominated for its drug education program, "Just Say No," by the California State Department of Education for the national Drug-Free Schools Recognition Program.

The selection process was rigorous, according to Robert Ryan, administrator of the office of Critical Health Initiatives, who notified the school that it

had been selected from many other high-quality program applications.

Judy Warren, president of the Up With Kids program and organizer of the Just Say No Club, said that out of an enrollment of 128 at Diamond Valley School, 79 students are members of the club.

"We have made a difference!" Warren said. "This award (the nomination for fur-

ther recognition) is due to the whole community working together to provide programs for our youth. The proposal for the award was a joint effort of many county departments, school staff, community members and students."

She added that the groups have been meeting with Douglas County residents, the Douglas County Recreation Department, School District staff and students to work out a joint effort between the two counties.

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# Girls to take educational tour

## Rebekah, Odd Fellows to sponsor

Two students from Douglas High School, Crystal Morrison and Dina Gigli, were recently selected by the Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodge to attend the 39th Annual United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth in New York City in June.

The students were chosen on the basis of their scholarship, citizenships, extra curricular activities, leadership, interest in community and world affairs, and their willingness to report on the pilgrimage.

In addition, they were required to take a written examination on the United Nations, its purposes and principles.

The Pilgrimage will include



CRYSTAL MORRISON and DINA GIGLI

studying and observing the United Nations in action and a tour of the metropolitan area of New York City.

The students will also take part in an Educational Bus Tour to New York leaving on June 17 and arriving home on July 7.

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# Alpine County pageant is set for this Saturday

Ann Robinson and Jennifer Johnson will compete for the title of Miss Alpine County March 26 at Turtle Rock Park.

The two girls are seniors at Douglas High School, and will vie for a \$500 scholarship for Miss Alpine and a \$350 scholarship for the runner-up.

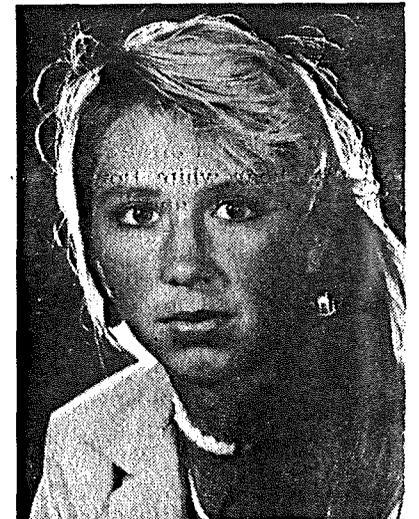
The pageant is sponsored by the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce.

Admission to the pageant is free. Music will be provided by the Alpine Trio.

Guests will meet the candidates and their escorts at 7 and the pageant competition begins at 8 p.m.



ANN ROBINSON



JENNIFER JOHNSON

# Turnbeaugh third in Super-G

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Tamara Turnbeaugh of Markleeville earned a pair of third-place finishes during the Hully Gully Super-G held March 18-19 at Squaw Valley.

Turnbeaugh, who skis for the Kirkwood Ski Education Foun-

ation, placed third in the girls J-5 division Super-G races both days. She trailed Caroline Lalive of Alpine Meadows and Jonna Mendes of Heavenly Valley in both races.

Two other Markleeville

racers, Ben Day and Joe Day, cracked the top 15 both days in the boys J-4 division. Ben Day placed eighth and Joe Day 14th in Sunday's competition. They were also 13th and 14th respectively the day before.

# Greg Kudrna places 14th in Junior Olympics race

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3/30/89

A top-20 finish in the giant slalom provided Gardnerville's Greg Kudrna with a highlight during the recent J-3 Junior Olympics held in Bear Valley.

Kudrna, a 13-year-old Kirkwood Ski Education Foundation racer, sped to 14th in the giant slalom held March 15 at Mt. Reba Ski Area, a noteworthy performance considering the Junior Olympic competition attracted 13-14 year old representatives from the Far West, Pacific Northwest, Northern, Intermountain and Alaska divisions of the United States Ski Association.

Despite starting last in a field of 69 racers, Kudrna posted a first-run time of 51.12 that put him in 30th place. His second run was even bet-

ter, a 53.55 effort that was seventh-best and moved him up to the No. 14 position overall. Kudrna's combined time of 104.67 was less than four seconds off the winning pace set by Wisi Betschart of Heavenly Valley, who checked in at 101.04.

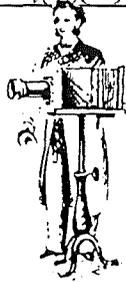
Kirkwood's Gary Chandler finished 24th in the same race with a time of 106.32.

Chandler cracked the top 20 on two other days, including a 16th in the Super-G on March 14 and 18th in the March 16 slalom.

Kudrna lost a ski and didn't finish the Super-G, which came as a disappointment after posting the ninth best time in training the day before. He finished 38th in the slalom.

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You said it!



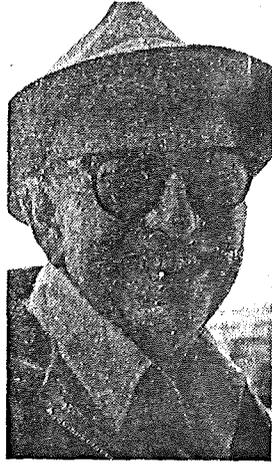
What should be done with the old high school?



**SUE BUCKMASTER**  
Alpine school district secretary  
People in Gardnerville should restore it now, and not drag their feet. Culture should be preserved and maintained.



**JOE BARLEW**  
CVMS student  
They should save it. It's like a landmark down there.



**ED McCOLLUM**  
Retired contractor  
I went through that high school there, graduated in '36. I'd like them to keep it.



**OSCAR REESE**  
Retired rancher  
Will it raise my taxes... If not, and if it benefits the county, I'm for saving it.



**MARSHA JOHNSON**  
Domestic engineer  
They should restore and save it. It's part of our history.



**KIT ORRACH**  
Manicurist  
I think they should turn it over to the historical society. It's a beautiful building. I've lived here a long time and I'd hate to see that go.

# On Carson Lakes

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boulders shouldering their way toward the surface. Here, the water ranged from five to 20 feet deep.

Theoretically, none of these tactics should have a chance. The laws of angling suggest that we should probe the depths in bright conditions because fish hold deep when the sun beats down on the water.

But within a half-hour of trolling, we managed to boat and release a brown trout of about 12 inches and a rainbow planter of nine — not fish for this elevation.

"Every person on this lake trolls deep, normally with flashers and very heavy line," Huff said. "But the feeding fish always come into the shallower water to chase small prey whenever the wind breaks the rays of the sun."

We ended the morning having caught and released 13 brown, rainbow and brook trout. The brookies, nine to 13 inches, were definitely good catches. In a short, five-month growing cycle, it took several seasons for them to grow to this size.

The key to Huff's system, we found, was trolling from nine 9 a.m. until noon. After that, winds become worse and make skiff fishing difficult.

On the following day, we used the same tactics at Silver Lake and managed to land rainbows to 10 inches. Have I been missing something all of these years?

Fishing these lakes around Kirkwood doesn't require a boat, though one is helpful. There are plenty of shoreside spots where bait and lure fishing is productive. And you don't have to worry about roaring powerboats; at Caples there is a 5 mph speed limit, and at Woods and Kirkwood lakes no motors at all are allowed.

On my final morning at Kirk-

wood I made a special trip to Silver Lake to fish from the shore. Fly fishing gear is difficult at all of these waters because lakeside brush and trees as well as huge rock outcroppings come right down to the water, making a backcast troublesome in most areas and impossible in some.

I arrived at Silver at about 6:30 a.m. The surface was perfectly calm. I could see hundreds of fish rippling the surface as they fed on a variety of insects. In some small coves the entire area was covered with rises.

I rigged a fly and bubble outfit, with the bubble on the end of the line and the fly on a 14-inch dropper strand. This type of outfit allows you to feel the strike as soon as the fish hits.

My first dozen casts went unnoticed by the trout, so I moved out on a small point and stood on the rocks.

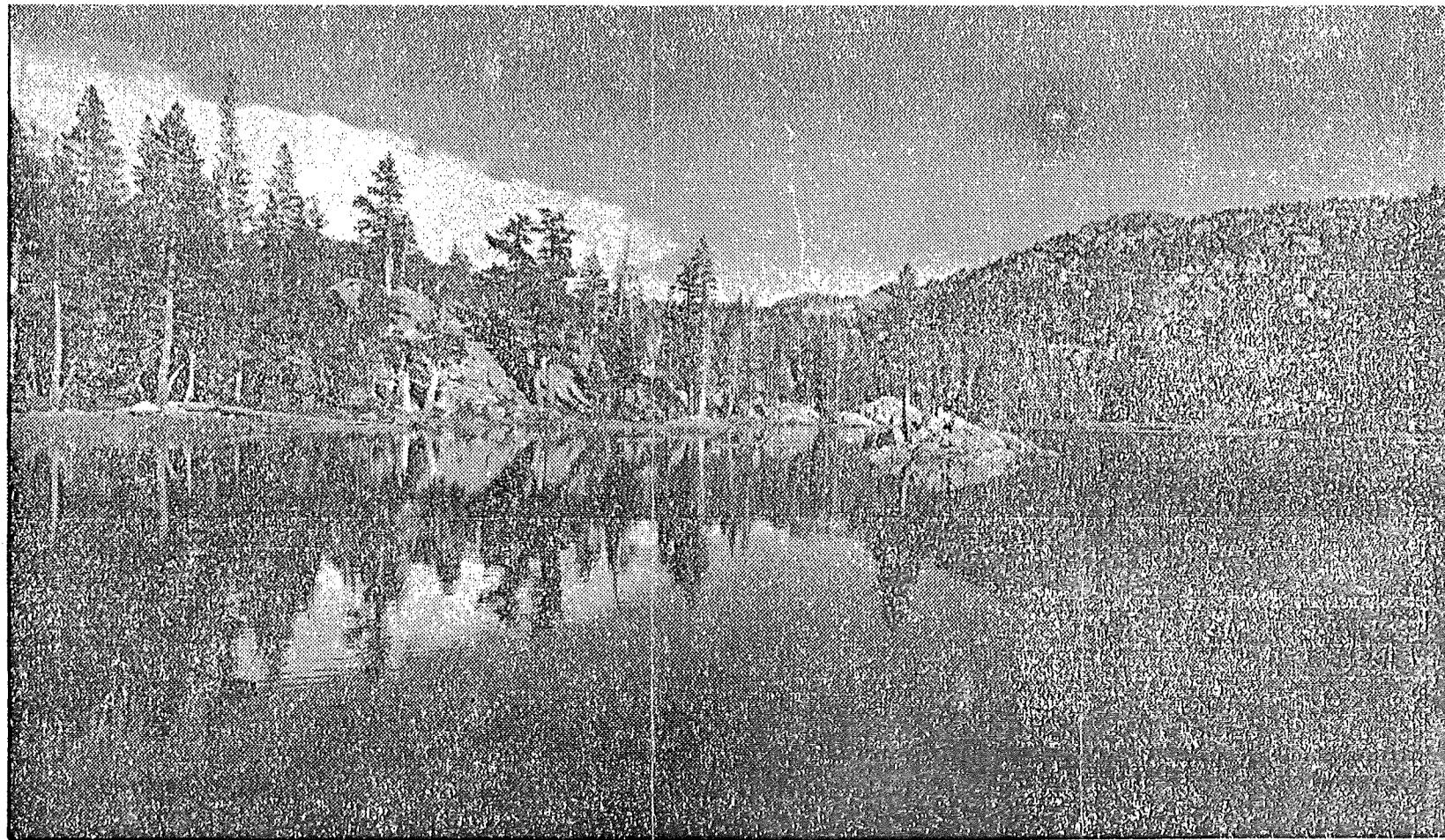
The very first cast into the more open water produced a sharp strike on the dry Gray Hackle pattern, which had a hurl body and red tail on a No. 14 hook. I reeled in a rainbow trout of about nine inches and released him. After that first strike it became a rout.

I made 35 casts in a row from that same point, hooking and releasing 11 trout, all rainbow planters. I had some swirls from what appeared to be larger trout, but never managed to coax any of them to bite.

These lakes near Kirkwood are not noted for lunker trout. But in the fall and spring big native rainbows and browns come up out of the depths, giving anglers a shot at individual fish weighing 10 pounds or more.

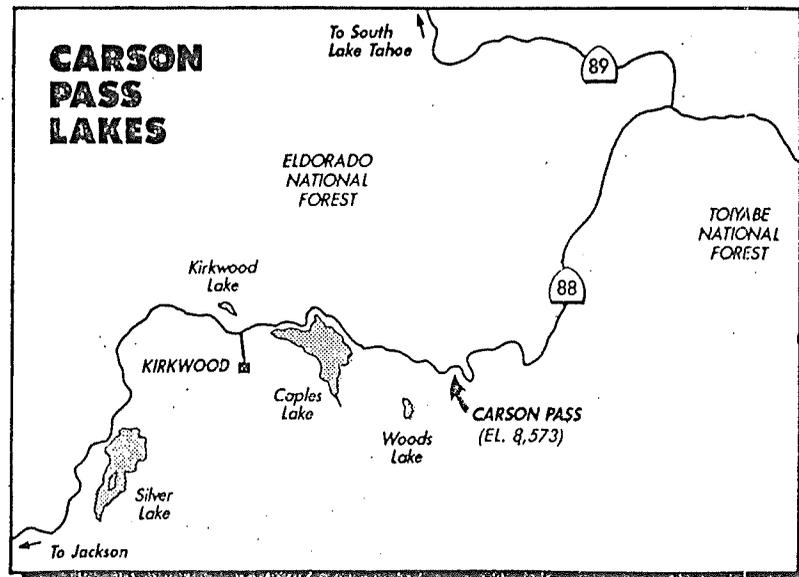
If you want confirmation of the big ones, just check out Huff's impressive snapshot collection at the Kirkwood Inn.

Then you can throw away the rule book on high country fishing.



BY JOHN O'HARA/THE CHRONICLE

Woods Lake reflects the beauty and solitude of the Kirkwood area, off Highway 88 in the Sierra



## CARSON PASS RECREATION

Here are the major campgrounds, lodges and trails available in the Carson Pass area along Highway 88:

### Campgrounds

Forest Service campgrounds are abundant along Highway 88 and at the lakes. For more information: Amador Ranger Station, 26820 Silver Drive, Pioneer, Calif., 95666, or call 209-295-4251.

■ **BEAR RIVER CAMP** — Elevation 6,000 ft.; 21 units, \$7 fee, piped water, vault toilets, three group areas (2-25, 1-50 persons). Situated on south side of Bear River Reservoir, about four miles off Highway 88. Launch.

■ **CAPLES LAKE** — Elevation 7,800 ft.; 35 units, \$6 fee, trailers, piped water, vault toilets, boat ramp and store nearby. Located 63 miles east of Jackson off Highway 88. Good hiking and fishing. Boat rentals.

■ **KIRKWOOD LAKE** — Elevation 7,600 ft.; 12 units, \$5 fee, piped water, vault toilets. Located 60 miles east of Jackson and a half-mile north of Highway 88. No trailers, no boat motors.

■ **SILVER LAKE** — Elevation 7,200 ft.; east unit 59 sites, west unit 35 sites, \$6 fee, trailers, piped water, vault toilets. Located on south shore, 42 miles east of Jackson. Store, boat rental nearby.

■ **SOUTH SHORE** — Elevation 5,900 ft.; \$6 fee, 22 units, trailers, piped water, vault toilets. Located 4 miles from Highway 88 on Lower Bear River Reservoir. Store, launch nearby.

■ **WOODS LAKE** — Elevation 8,200 ft.; \$5 fee, 23 units, no trailers, piped water, vault toilets. Located at Woods Lake two miles south of Highway 88 near Carson Pass. No boat motors.

### Resorts

■ **KIRKWOOD RESORT** — Elevation 7,800 ft.: six condominium complexes for 1-8 people; prices from \$35 economy to \$145 luxury; special summer rates. Located between Silver and Caples lakes 1 mile south of Highway 88. For more information: Kirkwood, Box 1, Kirkwood, Calif., 95646, 209-258-7247.

■ **CAPLES LAKE RESORT** — Elevation 7800 feet; lodge with six rooms at \$40, seven cabins \$75 to \$105 per day; restaurant, lounge and general store. Launch ramp and marina; \$6 an hour for 12-foot rental boats with motors; 209-258-8888.

■ **KAY'S SILVER LAKE RESORT** — Elevation 7,300 feet; cabins nine units, \$40 for two, \$80 for six; gen-

eral store, fishing tackle, coffee shop. Launch ramp and marina; 13-foot rental boats with motor at \$5 per hour. 209-258-8598.

### Horseback Rentals

Horseback riding is a regular part of summer activities in the Caples Lake area. The Lazy K Pack Station is located on Highway 88, one mile west of Caples Lake. It offers hourly and half-day trips at a cost of \$12 per hour, per person, \$20 for two hours and \$36 per half day. Information: 209-258-8849 or 209-258-7433.

### Hiking Trails, Silver Lake

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By TAI PASSARETTI  
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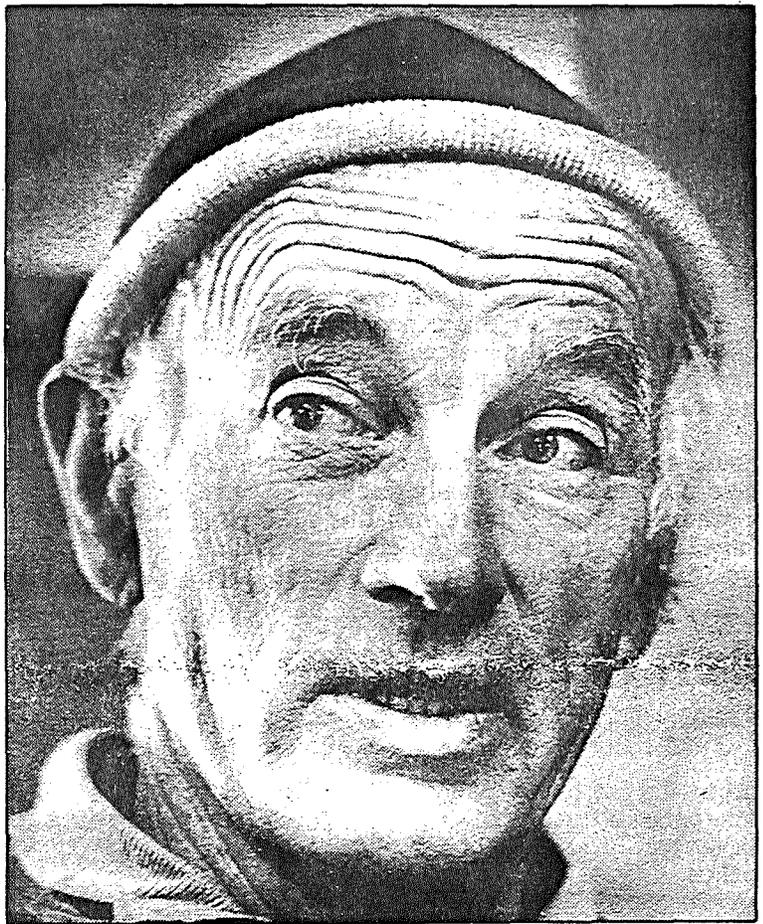
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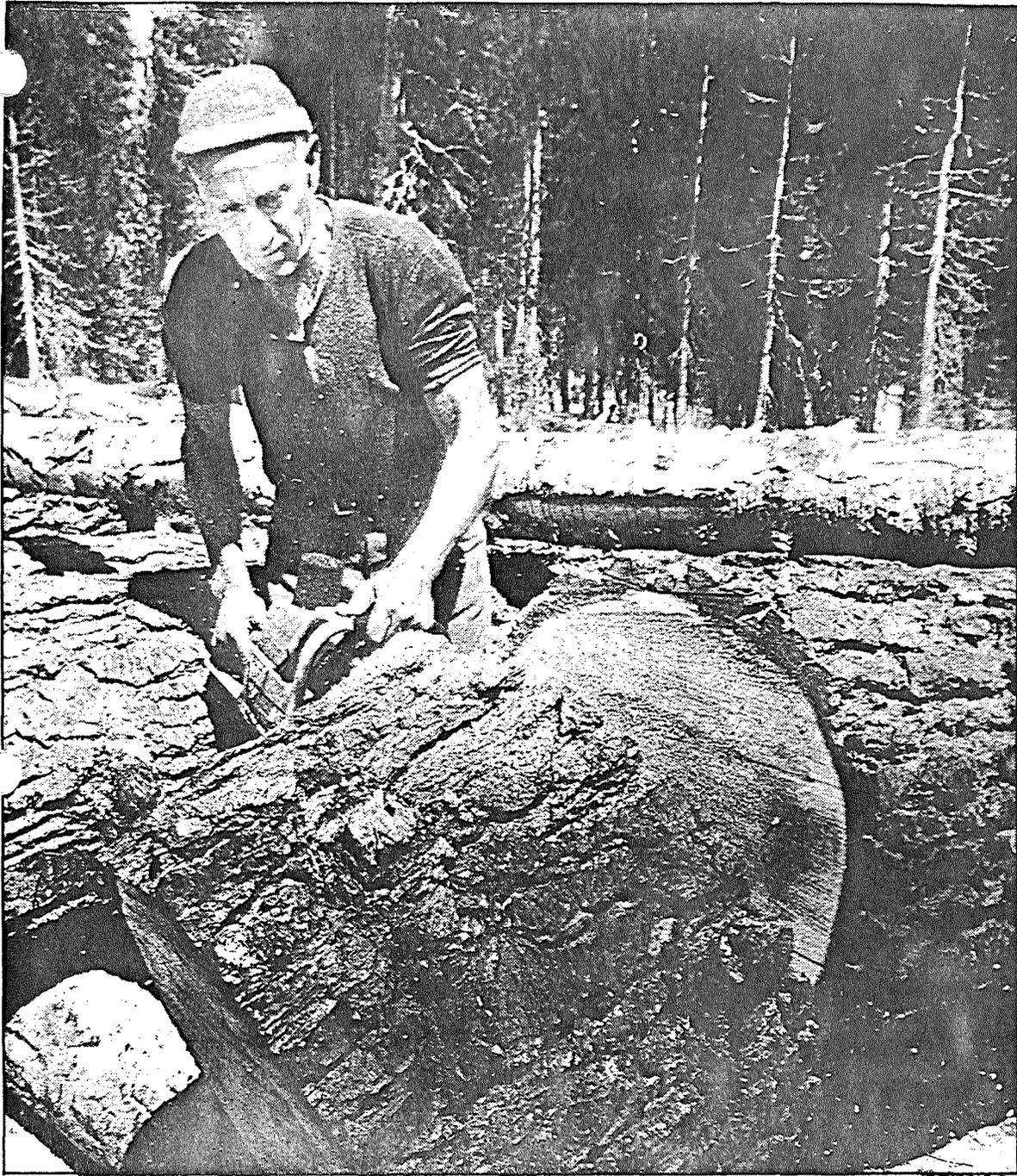
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# California debates 'wild and scenic' status for East Fork

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Flowing wildly through the scenic splendor of eastern Alpine County, the East Fork of the Carson River is being studied as a candidate for "wild and scenic river" status by the state of California.

Such a designation would prevent construction of any dams or water diversions on the California side, and protect what anglers call an outstanding trout fishery. The East Fork also draws thousands of whitewater rafters during the spring runoff.

Also, the wild and scenic designation would enormously complicate an already costly proposal to dam the river on the Nevada side and create a reservoir reaching into California. Damming the river has been under study for decades.

Nevada has backed away from the Watasheamu dam project, which would create a bistate reservoir, because a 1987 study said it would not be cost-effective. Instead, Nevada officials are looking at the scaled-down Bodie reservoir proposal, which would not back into California.

A preliminary report on the wild and scenic proposal is expected next month, according to Ralph Cutter, who sits on the board of "Cal Trout," an angler's organization that is pushing the wild and scenic designation.

Deadline for the final study report is Jan. 1, 1989. The California Legislature would have to approve the wild and scenic designation, but in

the meantime, the 1986 law authorizing the study prohibits construction of any dam through 1989, according to Jeff Shellito, an aide to Assemblyman Byron Sher, D-Palo Alto, whose Natural Resources Committee sponsored the study legislation.

Two other rivers are under-going similar study, the West Walker River and the McCloud River, near Mt. Shasta, Shellito said.

The 14-mile stretch of the East Fork under study runs from Hangman's Bridge, on California State Routes 4 and 89, to the state line.

Cutter said Cal Trout pushed for the wild and scenic designation in an effort to block the Watasheamu reservoir, which would have backed eight miles into California. As an interim step, Cutter said Cal Trout persuaded the California Fish and Game Department to designate the East Fork as a "wild trout river."

"When we got the wild trout status, they (Nevada) capitulated and moved the dam proposal to Bodie," Cutter said.

But a 1987 Carson River study mandated by the Nevada Legislature recommended against the Watasheamu project because of the "vastly increased cost of dam construction" and legal obstacles.

"The cost compared to the benefits were pretty excessive," said Roland Westergard, director of the Nevada Conservation and Natural Resources Department and a study participant. Even the Bodie project, though, would cost an estimated \$109 million.

Another reason the study recommended against the large reservoir was to avoid

"California's extensive permitting requirements" that a bistate reservoir would have needed.

Until the wild and scenic proposal is disposed of one way or another, "our instructions are to stay out of California," commented Ira Rackley, project manager of a long-term Carson River management plan being prepared for Douglas, Carson and Lyon counties.

The Bodie reservoir would store 50,000 acre-feet of water, compared to the 160,000 acre-foot capacity of the Watasheamu project. The reservoir would be used for irrigation, domestic water, recreation and flood control.

Cutter said Cal Trout wants protection for the "extraordinary trout fishery" in the East Fork. Rainbow and brown trout swim in the river, along with Lahontan cutthroat trout, which is on the federal threatened species list.

From Hangman's Bridge to the state line, anglers can take no more than two fish, at least 15 inches long, and can only use artificial lures on a single-barbed hook. The goal is to create a "self-sustaining fishery," Cutter said.

But even the scaled-down Bodie project could result in a "lethal blow" to the trout fishery, Cutter said, because "trash fish" such as tui chubs could migrate from the reservoir into the wild river.

"To prevent non-game fish from traveling upstream, the U.S. Forest Service has recommended constructing a fish barrier below and-or above the reservoir," the Carson River study said.

Cutter said a fish ladder also would be needed

for game fish to migrate upstream from the reservoir for spawning.

"It could work, but it would be very expensive and require a great deal of maintenance," he said.

The dam also would inundate a six-mile whitewater rafting stretch in Nevada. In the spring runoff, rafters travel 20 miles from Hangman's Bridge to a point one-half mile from the Bodie dam site, six miles southeast of Gardnerville.

Alpine County officials are still not sure what to make of the wild and scenic proposal, since they only found out about it recently. The county board of supervisors planned to hold a public hearing April 5.

At the board's March 15 meeting, supervisors heard both the pros and cons from local residents.

John Brissenden, owner of Sorensen's Resort, backs wild and scenic status.

"The kind of person we want to attract to Alpine County is the fly fishing person, the river rafter, and that river is a key ingredient to helping our tourist economy," which he said makes up 85 to 90 percent of the county's economy.

But Supervisor Chris Gansberg Jr. is opposed because there would be no possibility of a bistate reservoir if and when an East Fork dam is built.

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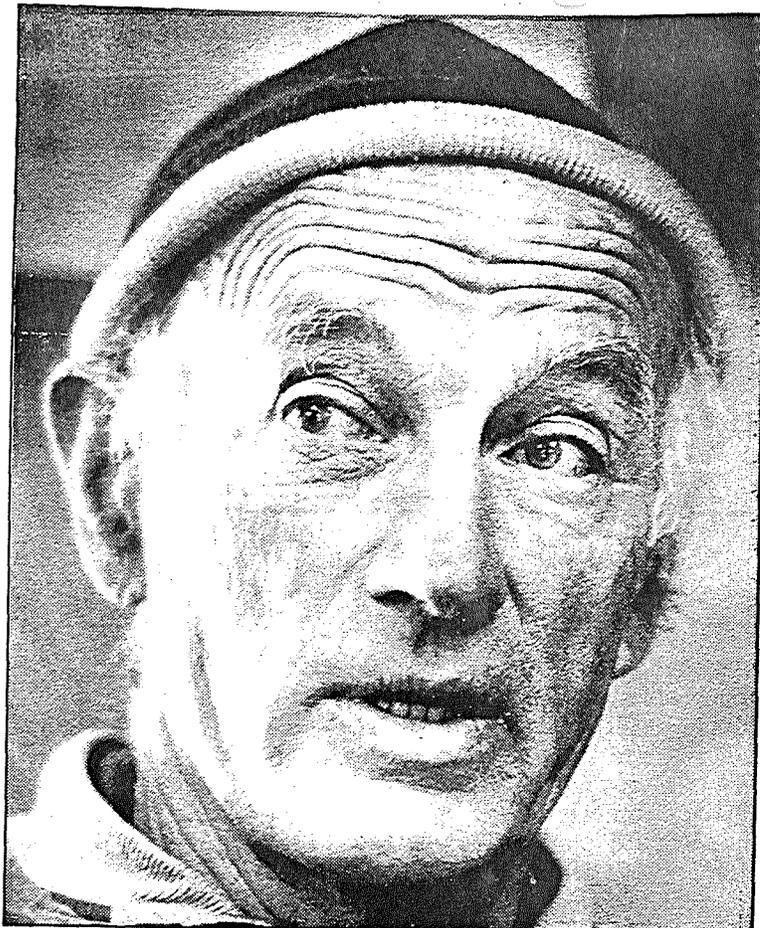
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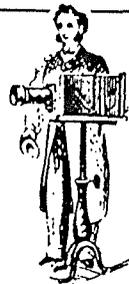
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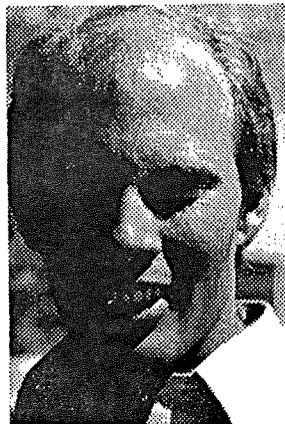
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# You said it!



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Harrah's transportation

I think it should be. I don't approve of second-hand smoking when it affects other people who are around the smoker. It can be harmful to them. Smoking shouldn't be allowed in public at all.



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Checker

I smoke, but I'm all for that even if I do smoke. I don't think it's good for you but I've been smoking so many years, it's hard to quit.



**BRIAN JONES**  
Corrections officer

I'm all for it. With the changing overall national opinion about smoking, I think it's very appropriate we start here in the schools to help students, because what they really don't want to do is shorten their lives.



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Housewife

I think teachers should set a good example, but there should be designated smoking areas. Students will smoke regardless. If there are designated areas, it might pose less of a hazard to others.



**JERRY PRICE**  
Teacher

It's hypocritical if they don't ban it for everyone. If the administration says it's wrong, it should be wrong for the teachers as well as the kids. Of course, I'm a non-smoker.

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# Alpine split on 'wild and scenic' designation for East Fork

by JIM DIPESO  
Special to the R-C

Sentiment over a proposal to designate the East Fork of the Carson River wild and scenic was mixed last week at a hearing held by the Alpine County Board of Supervisors.

Supporters said the wild and scenic designation is needed to preserve the river's trout fishery, river rafting and wildlife, and spoke out against a Nevada proposal to dam the river south of Gardnerville as growth-inducing.

Opponents said a Carson River dam is inevitable

because of western Nevada's rapid growth and the Carson Valley's flood control problem, and that Alpine County would benefit from a bistate reservoir. Nevada has backed away from a two-state reservoir because of high costs, although the proposal has not been ruled out.

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The law authorizing the study prohibits any dams through 1989.

Along with their constituents, county supervisors were split on the proposal. Supervisor Eric Jung spoke in favor of the wild and scenic designation, commenting that dams are a tool for permitting "growth to outstrip the resources." He

said that considering a dam inevitable is "backward thinking."

The wild and scenic designation is "reversible, but a lot more reversible than a dam, as (U.S. Interior Secretary) Donald Hodel is finding out," Jung said. He was referring to Hodel's proposal to tear down O'Shaughnessy Dam in Yosemite National Park and restore the flooded Hetch Hetchy Valley to its natural state.

But Supervisor Don Jardine was worried about the loss of "local control" the wild and scenic designation could mean, while Supervisor Chris Gansberg Jr. said the county could benefit from a bistate reservoir. Gansberg said dam critics were "narrow-minded" for saying that Nevada's water supply and flooding problems are not Alpine County's concern.

A coalition of three western

Nevada counties, including Douglas, is putting together a Carson River management plan, and for now is focusing on the so-called Bodie dam, a \$109 million project that would create a six-mile-long reservoir, from a point six miles southeast of Gardnerville to the state line.

The Watasheamu project, under study for decades but termed too costly by a 1987 report ordered by the Nevada Legislature, would create a reservoir backing eight miles into California and holding more than three times as much water as Bodie.

The high costs and "legal entanglements" of a bistate reservoir are working against a Watasheamu project, said Janet Carson, project engineer of the river management study. She said it has not been "permanently ruled out," but the likelihood of federal funding is slim.

Richard Harvey, an Alpine County planning commissioner, said Watasheamu "is just not going to happen" because of high costs.

"We're better off with a wild and scenic river. Bodie does nothing for us."

Added Paula Pennington of Markleeville, "I'd hate to see Carson Valley turn into another Santa Clara Valley."

She also said the Bodie reservoir would interfere with the Carson Deer herd's migration patterns.

But longtime county resident and former supervisor Hubert Bruns said the Watasheamu dam is necessary to prevent Carson River water from "going to waste."

Rancher Frederick Dressler said a reservoir "would benefit more people for a longer period than the three months of the year people would use (the river) for their rafting."

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# City won't help Washoe obtain land

## Deed restriction changes pledge, Roberts says

By JULIA PRODIS  
Tribune Staff Writer

What had been a suggestion by South Lake Tahoe City Councilwoman Neva Roberts two months ago to make the city the "lead agency" in assisting Washoe Indians in acquiring ancestral land in the Tahoe Basin has apparently gone up in smoke.

Instead, the city will assist the tribe in administering fund-raising efforts to build a cultural center on U.S. Forest Service land near Taylor Creek — a plan that has been discussed for decades and would give the Indians a special permit to use a plot of land, not give them title to it.

While the Washoe tribe is grateful for as-

sistance in raising money for the center, Washoe Tribal Chairman Vernon Wyatt said "it's a typical story" that the land acquisition aspect has been dropped.

"It's been a complete turnaround. We were told that there was a chance (the city) could get us some land. Naturally we jumped at it," Wyatt said. "It was a shot in the dark. It didn't work out, so nobody's lost anything."

Roberts said she didn't know that the Forest Service could not deed land outright to the Indians or that special congressional approval would be necessary for such a transfer of land to take place.

"I'm not interested in going through the kind of hoops necessary to see that happen first," Roberts said. "I am still interested in seeing that transfer, but it is not within the realm of possibility to see that happen right away."

Roberts was worried that if the Indians did have title to land at Tahoe, and that land became an Indian sovereign nation, smoke shops and brothels might be built upon it, she said.

"I'm not interested in seeing that happen here," Roberts said. "I don't mean to imply that the Washoe have that intent — they do not — but it's within the realm of possibility that it could be taken out of the hands of the Washoe by other tribes and I don't want to see that happen."

Her new priority, she said, is to have city staff assist the Washoe in raising the \$1.8 million necessary for a cultural center. Assistance would include help in writing grant proposals, she said.

Plans for the cultural center, to be located on the west shore along California

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Bing's ouster, citing the fact that county has an established employee conduct policy that Bing does not live up to, the

letter said.

Voting along the same 3-2 line, the commissioners installed Fischer as board chairman.

Bing has not yet stated if she will seek re-election to her District 1 seat in this year's Nevada primaries.

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Route 89, were approved years ago by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Forest Service. With a 20-year Forest Service permit, the center and some surrounding acreage could be used for ceremonial purposes. The proposal has been virtually stagnant because little money has been raised to build it.

"The important thing is to get the process back in the flow of things, otherwise the center may never be built and the Indians may miss an opportunity to be re-established at the basin," Roberts said.

Susan Evans, who had been active in Washoe affairs in her former position as director of the Lake Tahoe Historical Society Museum, thinks the city reneged on a pledge.

"I think at this point that the Washoe were terribly encouraged by this offer by the city to intercede on their behalf, and that may have been a false hope," she said. "People have really backed way off on this."

The tribe had gone so far as to

draft a resolution, on Roberts' request, asking for city assistance in acquiring ancestral lands in the basin. Most of the remaining 1,500 members of the Washoe tribe, who spent summers at Tahoe as late as the 1930s, live year-round on 40 acres of land in the Carson Valley called Dresslerville.

What resulted in a city staff report to the City Council Tuesday recommending fund raising assistance for the center was "a very watered-down version of something that started out as a tremendous hope and a dream for the Washoe — to acquire a small site of their own land back to re-establish their cultural identity upon," Evans said.

Properties other than Forest Service land might be available, such as private property or California Tahoe Conservancy land, but those options were not considered in the city staff report, Evans said.

"From its conception this plan was not explained as a joint effort with the cultural center, but as an effort to acquire land for the Washoe because they deserve it," Evans said. "We're on their land, not vice versa."

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ounces at birth.

**Ross Mckenzie**

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McKenzie of Woodfords, Calif., are the parents of a baby boy, Ross Noal, born April 1. Ross weighed seven pounds, seven ounces at birth. Welcoming him home is sister, Ashley. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Ashurst of Gardnerville and Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie of Sacramento.

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# Shoshone takes art awards

R. James Shoshone, resident of Alpine County and former Douglas High School student, took many awards this year for his artwork. James is attending Sherman Indian School in Riverside, Calif. where he entered two art pieces and out of three winning categories he took first and second place.

In February James entered the Institute of American Indian Arts National High School competition in Santa Fe. Most high schools had 90 to 100 entries. James entered two pieces for Douglas High School and took second place in the watercolor division. James also has his art work represented in Nah-Yah-Ee (Native American Youth Art Exhibit and Exchange). His art work is traveling around the world in a Native American Art Show that began last year and will continue every year.

Eileen Green, Curator and Director of Nah-Yah-Ee said, "James is a very talented Native American artist and we would like him to be in our show every year."

Lydell Wyatt, Jenny and Sadie Jo Smokey, Carolee Simpson, Paul Simpson, Stephanie Simpson, Kristina George and Curt Mayer from Dresslerville were in the art show, and Leland Joe, Jason Bryan, Jamie Glynn, Mikaela Jones and Manda Vann from Diamond Valley School in Alpine County were in Nah-



JAMES SHOSHONE

Yah-Ee.

"Kevin Jones, Director of the Diamond Valley Native American Artists Guild, was influential in helping James Shoshone reach some of these goals and Barb Garcia was the inspiration that guided the students from Dresslerville in participating in this wonderful

opportunity," said Lynn Walker, director of Up With Kids.

The pieces that traveled around the world will be displayed at the next Native American Cultural Arts Show, Wa-Pai-Shone, to be held Nov. 19 at Meneley Elementary School.

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# FFA plants 2,000 trees

The last week of April and the first week of May saw over 30 high school students planting more than 2,000 trees in the area of the Acorn fire.

Members of the Carson Valley chapter of the Future Farmers of America and students enrolled in Sue Poland's vocational agriculture classes spent four afternoons planting part of a 250-acre pasture owned by Valley rancher Clarence Burr.

Burr originally contacted the ag department in the fall and asked if the chapter would be interested in helping plant seedlings to reforest the burn area. He then arranged for purchase of the plants from the Nevada Division of Forestry, and contacted Pat Murphy, assistant State Forester for the division.

Murphy lectured at Douglas High School in the Vo-Ag II class. Students learned the proper planting methods and the depth of planting. Surprising to most students was the fact that the young seedlings will begin dying 10-30 seconds after removing them from water, so speed is of the essence during the transplanting procedure.

After practicing the planting methods, students went after school and planted about 2,000 Jeffery pines and some fir trees.



TREE PLANTING. James Settlemeyer works a shovel as the Carson Valley Future

Farmers of America planted 2,000 trees. FFA photo

The chapter has included this planting in its "Building Out American Communities" program, which is sponsored by the RJ Reynolds Corp., to encourage chapters throughout the nation to participate in improving local towns and communities. Future plans for this project include 4,000 more trees to be planted during the fall and spring of the next school year.

"I was pleased at the turnout

of students for the planting, and enjoyed their high level of energy throughout the days of planting. I think everyone had fun doing it, realizing that in 30 years, the results of their efforts will be seen by everyone. Of course, the dips and falls in the irrigation ditches, and the pizza party following the planting gave the students some immediate positive feedback!" said Advisor Poland.

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*Highly trained volunteers  
and their special search dogs  
don't rest until the  
lost are found.*

# SCENTS OF SURVIVAL

*By Barbara Deane*

**A**s the last light faded in the Plumas National Forest in northern California, Kitty Seiler knew she was lost.

She and her husband, Rick, had been trout fishing in Grizzly Creek when he decided to walk upstream. Kitty wanted to linger. "Meet you at the car," said Rick as he set out.

When she climbed the hill a little later, Kitty couldn't find the car or the gravel road where they'd parked it. Nothing looked familiar. In a sudden panic, she realized that she didn't know where she was.

Now, with darkness descending and no hope of finding her way, Kitty began to think more clearly. She'd probably have to spend the night here, but someone would surely find her in the morning. She crouched under an overhanging rock and began to pull pine needles around herself for protection against the growing cold.

What Kitty didn't know was that the



**GOOD  
NEWS  
MAKERS**

This is the final in a series of articles celebrating individuals who, without fanfare, reach out in some unique way to help their fellow humans.

Dick Martin  
German sh  
Rett, found t  
year-old boy in the  
foothills of north  
California after an all-  
night search and re-  
united him with his  
parents. For a look at  
the homecoming, turn  
the page.

temperature was expected to drop that night to somewhere between 10 and 20 degrees.

Kitty's plight is a familiar one to search and rescue teams. Though less than two miles from the campground, she might as well have dropped off the face of the earth. It happens all the time — even to hunters and campers who think they know the woods.

How long a lost person can survive depends on his clothing, age, and mental and physical condition, as well as the terrain and weather. Even the physically fit can suffer from hypothermia. Victims' bodies have been found only a few hundred yards from where they were last seen.

By 7 p.m., Rick had called the Plumas County Sheriff's office. At 8:30, Deputy Bill Schroeder and his search dog, Star, a German shepherd, were on the scene. Star's nose quickly told him that Kitty had not followed Rick up the stream bed. She'd had plenty of time to get to the car, so it seemed likely she might be injured, possibly in shock. Waiting till morning would be risky.

Schroeder decided to launch a night search. He called an elite search and rescue group called WOOF and asked for two volunteer human/canine teams.

It was a pitch black, moonless night, and Plumas, laced with creeks, is all up and down hill. But search dogs see well and scent well in the cool of the night.

By 11:30, Chris Salisbury had driven in from Truckee with her German shepherd, Lance. They were joined at 12:30 by Marty and Judy Cross, of South Lake Tahoe, with Zeke, their golden retriever. The temperature stood at 15 degrees.

At the words "Do you want to work?" Zeke came smartly to attention. When Marty gave the command "Find!" Zeke, wearing his rescue dog's



orange coat, galloped down the creek. Marty worked the creek by sending Zeke back and forth up the bank to the road along every wash and gulley. Kitty could have climbed, then back down to the creek and up again. Zeke's powerful sense of smell searched the air currents for the presence of a human being.

At 2 a.m., Zeke put his nose down on a fisherman's trail and took off uphill, unmistakably tracking. Kitty Seiler, shivering in her makeshift shelter,

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**Anna Conrad was found by a search and rescue dog after being trapped and buried by an avalanche for five days in California's Alpine Meadows.**

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The emotional family reunion (top left) came hours after the 2-year-old had wandered more than a mile from his home near Chico, Calif. A search dog, scenting the frigid air, led a WOOF team straight to the lost child, who was found crawling around in nearly impenetrable 15-foot-high brush.

heard him and gave a startled cry. At the same time, she saw the search party's lights. Within an hour, she was back with her family.

For the WOOF volunteers, it was all in a night's work. Averaging 100 searches a year, they've found lost children, hunters and fishermen all over northern California and nearby states, as well as in Alaska and Canada. There was Gary Chavoya, a 10-year-old lost for five days in the wilderness around the Feather River. There was a computer programmer from San Francisco, lost in Alpine County and tracked by a WOOF team that kept finding business cards with handwritten messages — "I am lost and need help" — but no arrows or directions. There was a 60-year-old deer hunter, almost totally deaf and blind from cataracts. He couldn't see or hear the searchers, but the dogs found him. There was Anna Conrad, found after being trapped and buried by an avalanche for five days in Alpine Meadows. WOOF teams have hunted for earthquake victims in southern California and people buried under the mud of an exploded volcano in Colombia.

**W**OOF was organized in 1975 by an engineer named Sandy Bryson, who had worked with avalanche dog teams in Switzerland while on a research grant in physics. Bryson found dogs more enjoyable and eventually left her engineering career behind. She's now a photographer, writer and professional police dog trainer.

Amazed at what search dogs could do, Bryson was surprised to find little rescue dog work in the United States. Only the American Rescue Dog Association (ARDA), based in Seattle, Wash., was training rescue dogs, using methods developed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The El Dorado, Calif., Sheriff's Department asked her to put together a search and rescue dog team, and she trained the first five volunteers herself. She has since written two books on the subject.

WOOF is limited to 20 dogs and their handlers, a small group that's likely to remain so because the requirements for certification are so stringent. In addition to being in top physical condition, handlers must be proficient in back-country survival and navigation, have an advanced wilderness first aid certificate and demonstrate proficiency with radio and HELITAC (helicopter operations). They must be able to rappel, with the dog in a special harness, out of a helicopter into a wilderness area. In addition, they must be at least intermediate level cross-country and downhill skiers, and know, or be willing to learn, how to train a dog for search and rescue work. The training can take 10 or more hours a week for a year, and it's at their own expense.

Dogs must be medium-size working breeds with a double coat for severe weather conditions. The majority are German shepherds, but Labrador retrievers and golden retrievers are also used. Candidates for search work must

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# So, you want your house in the Genoa Historic District?

In the early 1970s, the federal government realized the value of preserving America's architectural history and formed a National Register of Historic Districts.

The State of Nevada set up the Comstock Architectural Guidelines. Douglas County also recognized the historical significance of Valley architecture and, in 1981 the Planning Commission published the Architectural Heritage of Carson Valley, a survey of Genoa, Minden and Gardnerville. This survey showed, in Genoa, 42 houses built before 1900, two in the early 1900s and 22 modern houses.

Even with the preponderance of Genoa houses having been classified by the Planning Commission as historic houses, we failed to get the houses in Genoa in the historical district by Douglas County Ordinance.

Since 1981, Sierra Shadows, the Candy Dance Lane subdivision and a few houses in Genoa proper have been built. Sierra Shadows and the downtown houses are Victorian, Edwardian, or some other older style to conform with the majority of the town. A couple have been hopelessly remuddled and two have been torn down, largely due to

structural damage.

As the matter now stands, by ordinance only commercial property in Genoa is in the Genoa Historical District. All of Genoa is in the National Register of Historical Districts, but by County Ordinance the houses are not in the Genoa Historical District.

The Genoa Historical District Committee is once again attempting to get the houses included. A workshop is set for Tuesday, May 10, at 7 p.m. to prepare a packet to mail to residents for survey reorganization of a county-sanctioned historical district.

The committee wants to make it plain that this time, due to some anticipated objection to a total district, that participation would be on a voluntary basis. If a person doesn't want his house listed, it will not be.

As I understand the guidelines, if you live in the district, vote for a historical district, and do not have a historical house, your only obligation would be to make any additions or outbuildings conform with your existing structure architecturally.

For us history buffs, this is an important workshop. Try to be there.

#### IT SNOWED

"Snowshoe" Thomson would have loved his birthday, April

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## Around Genoa

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by RUBY BARKER

30: It snowed! Margaret Northway says she feels like the Orioles. While the programs went on as planned, few people braved the weather. Margaret says she plans to make next year's celebration on May 17, the date of his death.

#### ABOUT PEOPLE

Virginia and Howard Wysatta of Willow Bend traveled to Pasadena to

celebrate the 100th birthday of his mother Emma Wysatta. Emma was born in Switzerland and came to the United States when she was 17 years old. She and her husband built the house where she still lives some 65 years ago.

Eugene DeGrazzi, voted by his peers as the distinguished postal employee, came from Valmy, (Nev.) to accept his award, a statue of "Snowshoe" Thomson and \$1,000 and promptly gave the Town of Genoa half of his award to go toward construction on the church. Our own Emily Dombrowski, among others, also received an award.



SNOWSHOE BALLAD.  
Entertainers Lynn and  
Morris Walker perform the  
"Snowshoe Thomson

ballad" written by Morris for  
the first celebration in  
Genoa honoring the famous  
mail carrier. R-C photo



RON AND JOYCE COX WILLIAMS

## 'Music for Miners' set for Woodfords

One of the most important "civilizing" and "educational" influences of the frontier West was the performance of music. From Classical operas to church hymns, to dance hall ballads, musical presentations provided a recreational outlet and a source of cultural growth for many isolated communities in the nineteenth century.

On Wednesday evening, May 18, at 7 p.m. pianist Ron Williams and soprano Joyce Cox Williams will recreate the atmosphere of 19th century Nevada through a musical program entitled, "Music for the Miners: Virginia City, 1860-1875" at Diamond Valley School.

The program, sponsored by the Historical Society of Alpine County, will feature songs and piano pieces acutally performed in the Virginia City schools, opera house, and churches and saloons, as verified by the newspapers of the time.

The Williams have spent several years studying the performance of American music, and they will introduce this program with commentary on the social and

historical perspective of music during the age of "the Wild West."

Williams, who received his doctorate in music from Indiana University, is currently a faculty member of the Department of Music at the University of Nevada-Reno.

Joyce Cox Williams is the conductor of the Sierra Community Orchestra and a concert-recital soprano, having studied with members of the Metropolitan and Chicago Lyric Opera companies.

Together they have given performances throughout the United States, including a concert of Virginia City music at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., and representing Nevada on the States Day Series of Concerts during the American Bicentennial in Washington.

This program is open to the public, and no admission will be charged although donations are welcome. Dessert and coffee will be served following the program.

For further information, contact Nancy Thornburg at 694-2102.

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# Pony Express marker to be dedicated

A Pony Express trail marker and plaque will be dedicated July 16 to memorialize a 1860 remount station in Hope Valley.

The remount station was used by riders who delivered mail. In May of that year, riders on their way to California switched to the Kingsbury Grade route when it first opened.

The National Pony Express Association and the Historical Society of Alpine County sponsored the replacement of the Picketts Junction plaque and trail marker. They had previously been stolen.

On July 16, U.S. Rep. Norman Shumway will be the keynote speaker at a dedication ceremony 11 a.m. at the site (Highway 88 at Highway 89).

Pony Express riders will arrive from California and Nevada with proclamations from the eight states the Pony Express once crossed. The proclamations were signed by the governors of each state.

Shumway will take the proclamations to Congress with the request that the Pony Express Trail be made a National



PONY TRAIL. Members of the National Pony Express Association and the Historical Society of Alpine County will celebrate the dedication of a new plaque in Hope Valley July 16. The plaque, replacing one stolen at Picketts Junction, will honor an 1860 Pony

Express remount station. Pictured left to right are association members Clint Ayler, Tooraj Agahi, Larry Hull, Dan Doyal, Bob Jensen, Denny Doyal and Malcolm McFarland (kneeling). R-C photo

Historic Trail.

The plaque was cast by a

foundry, but the trail marker was cast at El Dorado High

School in Placerville, Calif., by a shop class.

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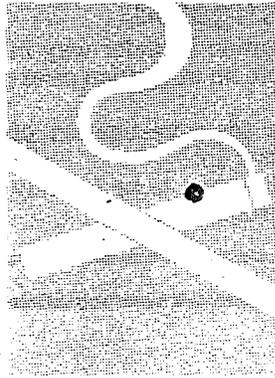
# Alpine approaches 'last puff'

By JIM DIPESO  
Tribune Staff Writer

Lighting up a cigarette in Alpine County won't be so easy starting June 3, when an ordinance outlawing smoking in most public places goes into effect.

The ordinance was passed May 3 by the board of supervisors on a 4-1 vote.

Dr. Greg Hayes, head of the county health department, said Thursday the "evidence against second-hand



smoke is as strong as the evidence against smoking itself."

Outlawed will be smoking in any "public place" or "places of employment" subject to the county's jurisdiction, with violators subject to maximum fines of \$500. In addition, signs will have to be posted in all areas where puffing will be prohibited.

A public place is defined as any enclosed area to which

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## Smoke

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the public is invited or permitted to enter.

Hayes said he plans to rely on education and voluntary cooperation, not harsh crackdowns, for enforcement.

"This is not a Gestapo exercise. We need a fair amount of cooperation and support," he said. Businesses will be on somewhat of an "honor system" when the county health sanitarian comes around to check on compliance, he explained.

The ordinance has exceptions, including bars, motel rooms that are open to smokers, jail cells and enclosed business offices used exclusively by smokers.

Special provisions are outlined for restaurants. Eateries that have a specified ventilation

system to blow fresh air around can designate a maximum of 50 percent of their seating capacity as a smoking area.

"Most of our restaurants are small, little restaurants. There's probably no easy way to have separate sections," Hayes said.

In places of employment, smoking areas would have to be kept in enclosed rooms, and would be banned in cafeterias, employee lounges and "any area necessary and essential to the employees' function." Employers will not be required to make structural changes to provide smoking areas.

The ordinance also allows businesses to close their establishments to smokers.

Hayes said he was "surprised there wasn't a great outcry" by the county's business community, but said that may come when the reality of implementation sets in.

Smoking is prohibited in one of Alpine's more noted tourist attractions, Sorensen's Resort in Hope Valley. At a March 15 public hearing, owner Patty Brissenden told supervisors that the policy has been effective.

Hayes said protecting non-smokers from tobacco makes business sense because "in reality, we're talking about the majority here."

Neither the city of South Lake Tahoe nor El Dorado County have ordinances regulating smoking in public places. Both California and Nevada state law prohibit smoking in food stores and during public meetings held in publicly owned buildings.

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## Cobwebs left

Editor:

The Alpine County Museum will be opening this Saturday (May 29).

Last weekend, the Campfire Kids and many parents swarmed all over the buildings and grounds and spruced up the little historical complex. We left a few cobwebs to blend in with the antiques tho'.

Mrs. Joyce Higgenbotham has been my right hand girl through thick and thin. Mr. Bud Munck helped with display preparation as well as loaning some items for exhibit work. Mr. Guy Morgan for just being available when I need help in hanging artwork. To Don and Frank for lifting heavy items at a moments notice.

My hat goes off to all of these invaluable people. It was a community effort and one to be very proud of.

When you as visitors come for a visit, your interests, your ohs and ahs will be a reward for jobs well done for all of us involved.

MARY SOUTHERLAND  
Director  
Alpine County Museum  
May 24

# Washoe awards given at MES

*Record Courier 5/14/88*

LISA WIXON  
staff writer

Several Native American children and their outstanding teachers recently were honored for their accomplishments at the annual Washoe Awards Night.

Several young artists from Alpine and Douglas counties were given awards for their participation in the Nah-Wah-Ee Native American Youth Art Exchange and Exhibit.

According to Lynn Walker, who directed the program locally, their artwork was displayed worldwide.

"It was an exciting opportunity for these kids," said Walker. "How many kids can say that their art has traveled the world?"

According to Walker, the art will be shown at Meneley Elementary School later this year.

Peace, religion and Native American art were the three categories.

Plans are being made to participate in the program next year, Walker said.

The award recipients were R. James Shoshone, Lydell Wyatt, Carolee Simpson, Jenny Smokey, Paul Simpson, Christina George, Curt Mayer, Stephanie Simpson, Sadie Jo Smokey, Mikaela Jones, Jamie Glynn, Jason Bryan, Manda Vann and Leland Joe.

Several Native American students were recognized for their academic skill, outstanding effort and class attendance.

From Alpine County 67 students were awarded and 80 were from Douglas County, according to Sherry Smokey, Washoe Tribe educational coordinator.

Two outstanding Douglas High School students from Douglas and Alpine counties also were recognized. Awards were based on teacher recommendations and grade point average. They were Daphne Emm and Danelle James.

Other award recipients included Joann Martinez and Teresa Jackson for their participation in 1987's Native American Cultural Arts show, Washoe Tribe tutor Barbara Garcia said.

The Washoe Tutoring Education Department and Up With Kids also awarded instructors Laura Lee Forbusch and Amy Barbar.

For entertainment, a play was performed by Dressler-ville students, directed by Garcia.

"We had fantastic participation on the part of the families," said Garcia. "It gives a boost to kids and their families. It's a boost to people who aren't normally recognized."

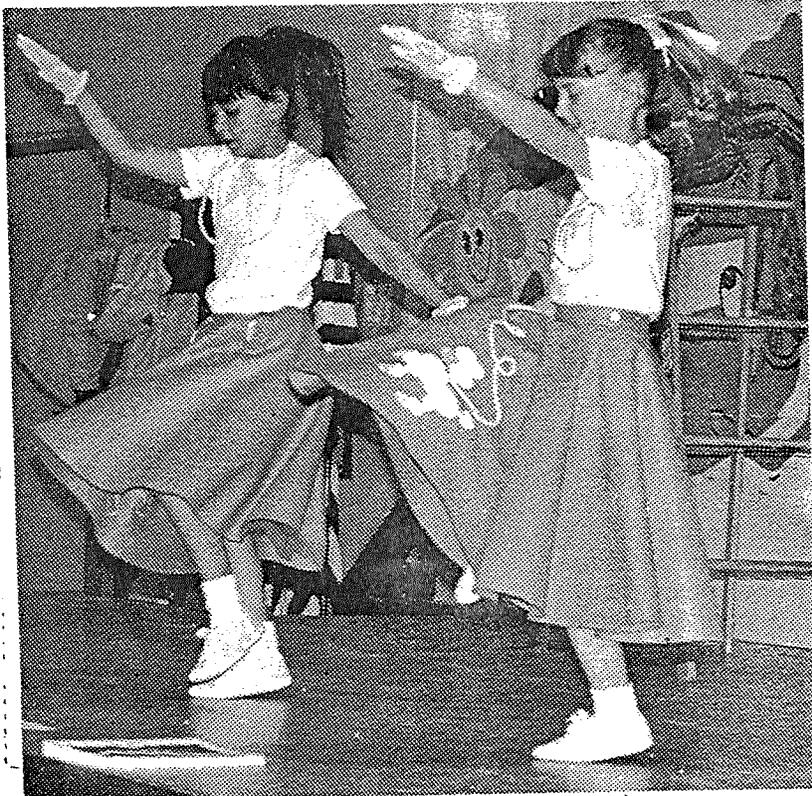
"It brings together the Indian community at a larger setting with the emphasis on education," she said.

Smokey stressed that the parental participation was appreciated.

"We had an excellent turnout, and we want to thank the parents for supporting their children in their academic endeavors," she said.

She also thanked MES principal John Soderman for providing the school facilities for the program.

"Awards are successful because recognition is very important to all of us," Walker said. "For a child doing their work well and being recognized by peers and the community helps them to grow mentally."



PERFORMERS. Dancing to a popular 1950s tune are, left, Kindra Raqueno, and Jana Martin, 3rd graders from Diamond Valley School in Alpine County. They

performed for an audience at the Washoe Awards Night held recently at Meneley Elementary School. Barbara Garcia photo

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## Alpine gravel

Editor:

I am opposed to the Alpine County School House Road asphalt and concrete plant.

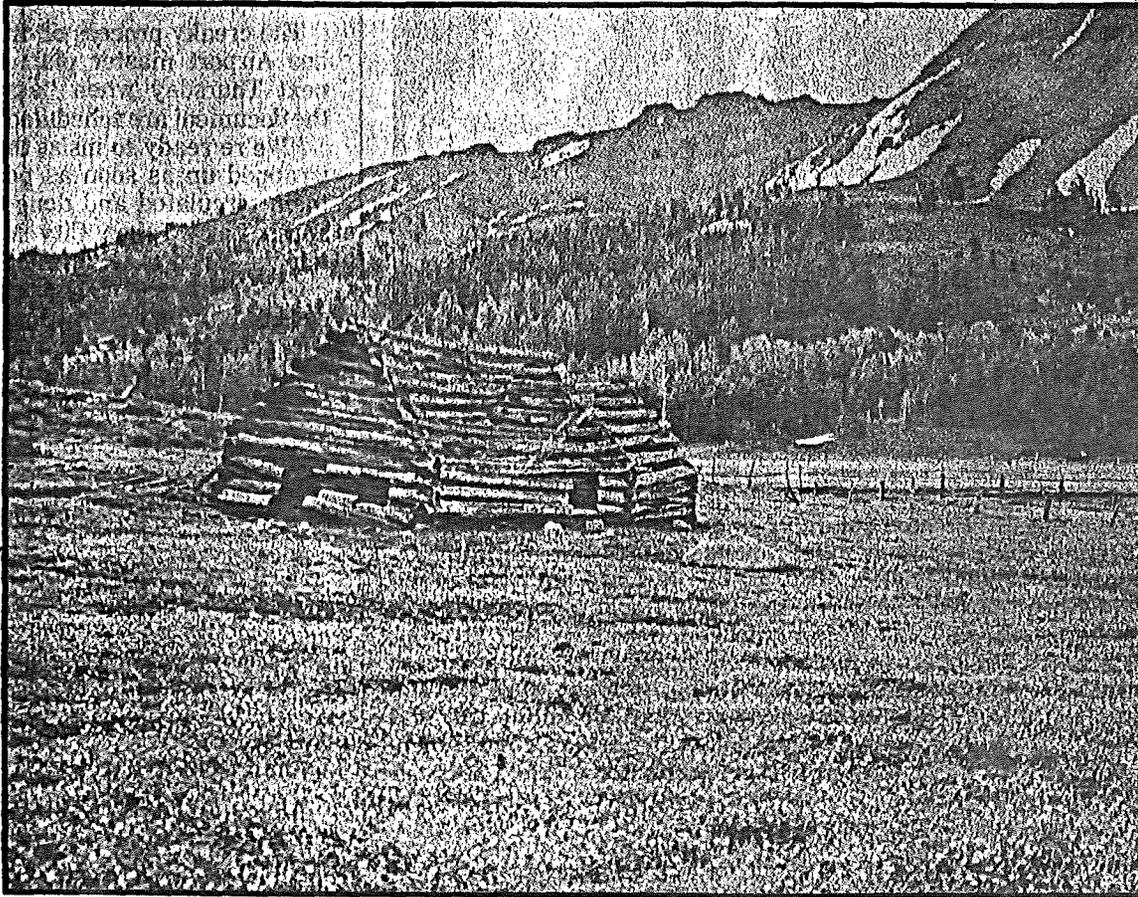
There must be a more suitable location for this plant that's primary purpose is to supply South Lake Tahoe with asphalt and gravel. We all enjoy Lake Tahoe but I feel we do our part down here. We have their effluent water and their garbage. I would prefer not to live downwind from the dust and odor of an asphalt plant.

Many property owners have expressed concern for the air quality, dust, truck traffic, noise, possible impact on the water table and property values.

I feel it may start a precedent of industrial zoning in this area. What a shame to scar the view in such a beautiful historic area with a 75-acre gravel pit!

Honestly, we do understand one's need to get the most value out of the land, but isn't there a better way!!

MARY CIOFFI  
Foothill Resident  
May 31



Tribune photo by Gregory Harbert

**A LOG CABIN** weathered through time sits in a flower-covered pasture in Hope Valley, one of the acquisition projects that would be funded by Proposition 70, a \$776 million bond measure on California's ballot Tuesday. Hope Valley is 10 miles south of Lake Tahoe.

# Prop 70 offers space

By **JIM DIPESO**  
Tribune Staff Writer

Within the \$776 million environmentalists' treasure chest known as Proposition 70, there seems to be something for almost everybody.

Half a billion dollars for land acquisition. More park land to protect ancient redwoods. Hiking trails. Free recreation money for local governments. An experimental wild trout hatchery. Wetlands purchases. Urban reforestation. Historic preservation. Sand dunes preservation. Protection of wintering sites for Monarch butterflies.

And Hope Valley, a splendorous place in Alpine County that is a favorite haunt for

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# Prop 70

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Tahoe's snow recreation lovers, fishermen and sightseers.

Proposition 70, which will be on California's June 7 ballot, is officially known as the California Wildlife, Coastal and Park Land Initiative. Sixteen statewide projects and 80 local projects would receive money if the voters approve it.

Although there are no specific Tahoe projects on the list, the basin is guaranteed local recreation funds and could benefit from the fisheries, historic preservation and state park development money included in the measure.

The initiative, organized by a coalition of environmental groups, has high-powered backing, including both the state's U.S. senators, former President Gerald Ford, congressmen, state legislators, businesses, outdoor recreation groups and environmental organizations. The backers span the political spectrum from state Sen. Ed Davis on the right to Assemblyman Tom Hayden on the left.

Backers say that because of California's rapid growth, there is an urgent need to expand parklands, and to preserve wildlife habitat and coastal lands.

Opposing it, though, is Gov. George Deukmejian, who said the initiative is a goody bag thrown together by "special interest groups" who bypassed "objective review by park experts" when drawing up the project list.

Other opponents include off-highway vehicle riders, farm bureaus and the state chamber of commerce.

If the most recent polls are accurate, Deukmejian is in the minority. Esther Feldman, Prop. 70's assistant campaign director, said a Field poll showed the measure has 75 percent support. "It's looking pretty good," she said.

The projects were drawn from suggestions given by environmental groups and had to be "non-controversial," Feldman said.

Local governments would receive automatic grants totaling \$120 million. The city of South Lake Tahoe is penciled in for \$70,000, El Dorado County would get \$184,000, the Tahoe City Public Utility District \$20,000, Placer County \$243,000 and Alpine County \$100,000.

Keith Gottschalk, city recreation director, said South Lake Tahoe's share probably would go toward the \$1.3 million Bijou community park project.

Local governments and non-profit organizations also could apply for funds from an \$11 million historic preservation pot and a \$5 million trails fund.

Tucked into \$81.3 million allotted to the state Wildlife Conservation Board is \$4 million to buy land in Hope Valley, object of intense preservation efforts by private groups, state agencies and the U.S. Forest Service.

Patti Brissenden, president of Friends of Hope Valley, said the funds could purchase Sierra Pacific property near Picketts Junction and the West Fork of

the Carson River. An initiative report estimates that the money could buy 2,500 acres.

But Prop. 70 funds are only part of the Hope Valley preservation picture. "We're talking about thousands and thousands of acres," Brissenden said.

The private Trust for Public Land has been busy buying options on ranch properties for future conveyance to a public agency, said trust project manager Scott Ferguson.

A total of \$15 million will be needed to buy up to 14,000 acres of ranch property, and the trust is lobbying for a \$5 million congressional appropriation to move the purchase along, he said.

Prop. 70 also sets aside \$98.6 million to buy land for 15 state parks, and \$54.7 million for state park projects, including Sno-Park snow play areas, trails, rehabilitation of facilities and resource care.

Grants to expand specified local and county parks would total \$185.4 million, while the state Coastal Conservancy would receive \$58 million to buy up beaches, dune formations and wetlands.

Other funding includes \$50 million to preserve or restore wildlife habitat. Another \$82 million would be allotted for fisheries, urban forestry, urban streams, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Big Sur.

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# Alpine County voters soundly reject inmate conservation camp

By JIM DIPESO  
Tribune Staff Writer

Alpine County voters decisively rejected locating an inmate conservation camp on the Sierra's eastern slope in a non-binding advisory referendum Tuesday.

Measure B was turned down, 274 to 195, a margin of 58.4 percent to 41.6 percent.

Tim Pemberton, a Woodfords attorney. "The management of the camp probably would be no better than management of the fire suppression. Those efforts speak for themselves."

He also pointed out that "to bring 120 convicted felons into a county that has only 1,200 residents, 10 percent of our population would be convicted felons."

'To bring 120 convicted felons into a county that has only 1,200 residents, 10 percent of our population would be convicted felons. The demographic effect would be very large.'

— Tim Pemberton, camp opponent

The vote probably means the county Board of Supervisors will withdraw the application for the camp that it sent to the state last January. "The board will be reluctant to try for it without the support of the public," commented Supervisor Eric Jung, one of the camp's strongest supporters.

"I have to feel people associated it with the kind of prisons you see on TV. Not enough people saw what (the camps) are really like," Jung commented.

"We're very pleased" with the results, said camp opponent

The demographic effect would be very large."

The 120-inmate camp was proposed as one way for Alpine County to boost its firefighting capability. The eastern county has been swept by three major wildfires in the last four years, with last year's Acorn conflagration destroying more than two dozen homes.

Inmates at such camps are on first call as brush fire hand crews. Other services they perform include constructing fire-

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## Camp

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reaks, clearing flammable vegetation, building park improvements, planting greenbelts and working on fisheries projects.

Inmates at an Alpine County camp also would be available for Tahoe Basin projects.

In other Alpine County results, Claudia Wade was elected District 3 supervisor, representing Woodfords and Indian communities. John Bennett was re-elected District 1 supervisor, while John Brissenden and Warren Jang will meet in a Nov. 8 runoff for the District 2 seat.

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# Valley residents seek pot o' gold in Alpine County

by TREVA ZELLER  
Staff writer

It's quite a switch, admittedly, but some Nevadans go to Alpine County to take a gamble — whether a major California Lottery jackpot is up for grabs or not.

According to Cutthroat Saloon bartender Don Bellmer, patrons are motivated by more than possible millions. People from Carson City and Carson Valley enjoy the drive and make a day of it, he said.

He estimated that the saloon has about 100 steady Lotto

players who come from Nevada, usually each Wednesday and Saturday before drawings.

"It's a pretty drive and it's a fun place to be," Bellmer said. "people usually stick around and spend the afternoon here." It's a good thing, too. The

saloon in downtown Markleville, the sole source there of the Lotto 6-49 tickets, would do a poor Lotto business if it relied only on the town's population of 160.

"My husband goes twice a week and I think he does it socially," said Barbara

Gerber, owner of the Pipeline in Minden. "There's a group that meets here every Wednesday and Saturday. They empty out my bar and go down to their bar (in Alpine)."

Gerber said the Carson Valley group goes more for the fun of it, but they also hope to

win big. In a state in which they are surrounded by slot machines, they see a bigger pot of gold in California.

"It's a bigger purse and they think they're going to win big," Gerber said.

Carson Valley resident

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## Lotto: Residents take chance

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Dorothy Aguilar said she and her husband make the 20-minute drive every other week.

"We enjoy the trip and we know the owners of the Cutthroat," Aguilar said. "We've become friends with them, so we just spend an hour or two, maybe have a drink and then leave."

Unlike in a casino, the temptation to keep dipping into their pockets just isn't there, according to Aguilar.

"It's cheaper to go down and buy a ticket in California than to sit in a club here and have the temptation to spend more. There's always the chance if someone else does it (wins the lottery), why not you?"

The Cutthroat — like Lotto outlets in other California towns bordering Nevada — saw more patrons than usual this past weekend. The California Lottery jackpot had reached \$51.2 million, the largest Lotto prize in the game's 21-month history.

"This is the closest place for Gardnerville and Carson City people to buy lottery tickets," Bellmer said. "Usually on an average Saturday we do about \$2,000 worth. This Saturday we sold about \$7,000 worth of lottery tickets. That's a lot of lottery for such a small place."

Bellmer said people were buying five times more tickets than usual because of Saturday's drawing. The

Cutthroat is a large place, but it was filled to capacity with an overflow of customers lined up outdoors, he said.

Players can plop down \$1 per ticket and hope they pick six lucky numbers.

"You do this long enough you just know people were buying five times as much as they usually do," Bellmer said. "People who usually spent a dollar were spending five dollars. Some were spending \$200."

The saloon also offers the instant-fortune Lotto game with scratch-off numbers that can be instant winners, Bellmer said. In the Lotto 6-49 Saturday drawing, the odds of picking all six numbers out of 49 were about one in 14 million.

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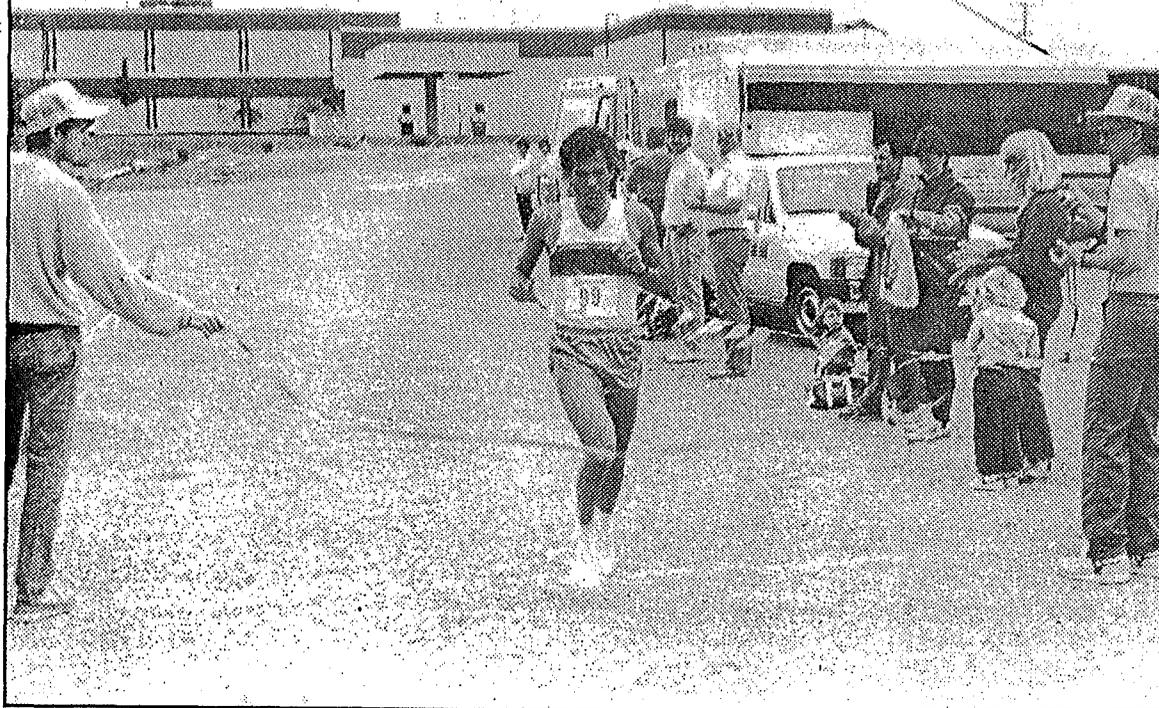
DEATH DUE TO EXPOSURE Leaving here last Friday morning, Joseph Willis, James Gilbert and Harry Hawkins went to the Detroit mine in Pine Nut, to again institute search for the body of Marian Gilbert. Stopping at the cabin, the search was started and the three men fanned out as they headed for a clump of willows about 250 feet from the cabin where it was alleged that the body might be found.

Nearing the point, Willis picked up a blue and white mitten that belong to the missing girl. He called to Hawkins and informed him of the find, and the latter then walked some distance and discovered the body of the missing woman.

Thus ended the search for Marian Gilbert, missing from the Pine Nut since February 6th. (An autopsy revealed that) starvation as well as exposure contributed to the young woman's death.

CELEBRATION PLANNED. A Carson Valley Day celebration, purely local in character and on a scale that will provide an interesting day without being overdone, will be sponsored on June 11 by the Carson Valley 20-30 Club, it was announced yesterday.

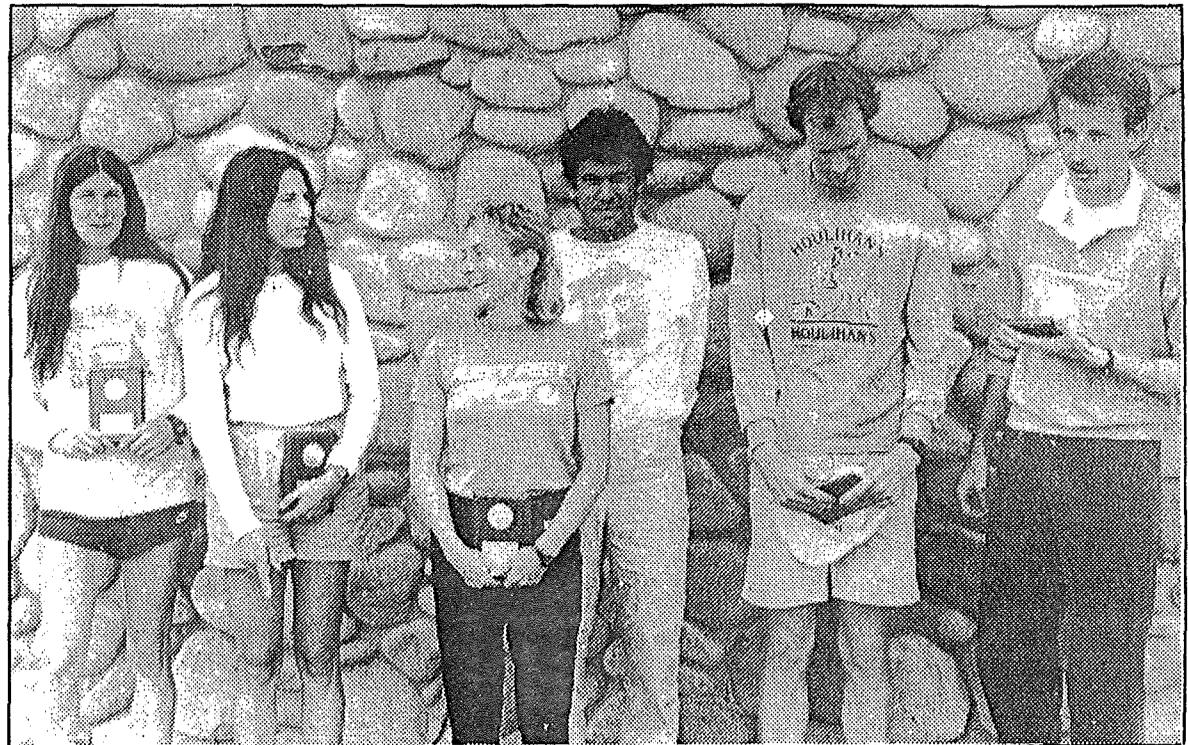
ACTOR FISHING. Wallace Beery, motion picture actor, spent several days fishing at Topaz Lake recently.



### Carson Valley 10-K

Rich McCandless of Reno was first across the finish line (above) among the 118 runners in the first Carson Valley 10-K race Saturday in Minden. McCandless, who also won the men's 30-39 age group, finished the race in 32 minutes, 10 seconds. Last to finish, but finish she did, was 75-year-old Isabell Lawrence (top right photo, center) of Sun Lakes, Ariz., who crossed the line in 1 hour, 35 minutes and 10 seconds. Her husband Phil, right, finished the six-mile course in 1:02.10. Congratulating them was

race director Butch Cattanaach. Six of the runners were over 60 years old. The winners, rested and well-fed, took time out to show off their plaques (right). From left, Kathy Ceragioli of Markleeville, third woman; Linda Mantynen of Markleeville, second; Debbi Waldear of Kirkwood, first; McCandless; Mark Hoefler of South Lake Tahoe, second man; and Jeff Parker of Carson City, third. R-C photos



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# Advisory vote

## Alpine County rejects conservation camp

Alpine County voters Tuesday rejected an inmate conservation camp for their Eastern Sierra community.

Ballots cast showed 195 "yes" votes and 274 "no" votes on an advisory referendum.

The Board of Supervisors voted Jan. 5 to ask the state for the camp. With the voter's rejection, board members are expected to withdraw the application.

Talk of a camp surfaced after the Acorn Fire last summer. Proponents said the camp would bring some much-needed fire protection capability to the area of mostly brush and timber.

Since 1984, three major fires have raced through the wildland near Woodfords. The Acorn Fire destroyed more than two dozen homes.

But opponents were worried about having 120 criminal offenders living in their midst. They said the inmates would make up a 10 percent portion of the county's population.

The supervisors supported the camp plan, saying it would provide workers for fire protection, public works projects, fish and game projects, parks, trail building, winter range, constructing firebreaks, among other

projects.

Supervisor Don Jardine said the California Department of Forestry supported the camp because of the critical shortage of firefighting crews in the area. The hand crews are crucial when the county mostly has ground-based firefighting equipment, he added.

Others said the camp would be another example of Alpine County getting "dumped" on, such as the South Tahoe Public Utility District's sewage effluent reservoir. The state only wanted another place to warehouse criminals, they said.

Opponents also said that

security risks would come from the element of people who would come to visit inmates.

Inmates in a conservation camp would only include low-security-risk criminals who are convicted of minor felonies.

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10 YEARS AGO  
June 8, 1978  
The Record-Courier

**DECISION POSTPONED.** The Douglas County commission decided to continue the second reading of a proposed ordinance raising gaming taxes after a heated debate by representatives of Harrah's casino and a number of small operators. The second reading will include a revised ordinance giving relief to small casinos.

**EDITORIAL STAFF EXPANDS.** Steve Falcone, the University of Nevada at Reno journalism department's "Outstanding Graduate" for 1978, has joined the editorial staff of The Record-Courier.

**ALPINE OK'S 13.** While the rest of the State of California was voting for Proposition 13 in overwhelming percentages Tuesday, Alpine County voters barely passed it, with a vote of 286-224.

Archie P. Wood, now a lieutenant in the sheriff's office, was elected sheriff by a vote of 521 to 12.

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## Alpine County seeks input on gravel pit

Yet another proposal for a gravel pit in Carson Valley has surfaced — this time in Alpine County near the Nevada-California border.

Las Vegas Paving hopes to mine and crush gravel as well as operate an asphalt hot plant in the Fredericksburg area of Alpine County. The company first proposed the idea about a year ago.

The plan calls for an open pit area with a possible 10-15 year lifespan. A concrete plant may be added later.

A similar request for a gravel pit operation near the Ruhenstroth area failed before

Douglas County commissioners two weeks ago on a tie vote when Commissioner Jerry Bing abstained because of a conflict of interest.

An Alpine County meeting was held last week for public input on the proposal. Officials are expected to take action in June after written comments on an environmental impact report have been received.

Written comments from the public will be taken until June 8, Alpine County Public Works Director and Planner Leonard Turnbeaugh said. A copy of the environmental impact report is available in the Alpine County Public Library in Markleeville.

As part of the California Environmental Quality Act, an environmental impact report identifies the significant impacts on water, air quality and land, among other considerations.

A deer range is located in the mostly agricultural area as are scattered homes.

Among concerns are whether a new well would be needed for dust control and the impact of an estimated 150 truck trips per day.

An independent study was conducted by Earth Metrics Inc., a company selected by Alpine County officials. Las

Vegas Paving paid for the study.

The site, owned by rancher Hubert Bruns, would include about 74 acres at the eastern base of the Carson Range. The Fredericksburg fire of 1987 swept through that site, leaving only scattered vegetation.

Brun's house is directly to the east and cattle are kept in pens southeast of his house. The site also is near a cemetery.

Gravel mining previously was undertaken just south of the proposed project site, but it has not been used in the past few years.

Tahoe Tribune 6/23/88

# Senate committee OKs Tahoe land buy

By JIM DIPESO  
Tribune Staff Writer

The Senate Appropriations Committee on Wednesday approved \$15 million to buy environmentally sensitive land in the Tahoe Basin next year, triple the amount the U.S. Forest Service received for the program this year.

Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nevada, who sits on the committee, is "pleased with that amount," spokeswoman Mary O'Driscoll said.

The bill also includes \$1.4 million to fund Tahoe erosion control projects and \$2 million to buy land in Hope Valley, about 10 miles south of Tahoe in Alpine County.

The bill now goes to the Senate floor. The 1989 federal fiscal year starts Oct. 1.

Wayne Shepherd, acting Tahoe Basin forest supervisor, said "if we got that amount, it would solve most of our anticipated

needs." But he also noted that the House's version of the interior appropriations bill contains only \$5.5 million for the buyouts. Any differences between the House and Senate bills will have to be resolved by a conference committee this summer. "I've seen it go both ways," Shepherd said warily.

The federal buyout program was on the brink of bankruptcy last month as a result of a \$16.5 million shortfall, but the California Tahoe Conservancy stepped in with a \$4 million grant that will be used to buy California side lots.

The shortfall resulted from reduction in the program's budget from \$7 million to \$5 million as part of a budget-cutting deal last December, and from high lot values on the Nevada side.

Since 1982, the Forest Service has acquired more than 2,300 Tahoe parcels worth in excess of \$56.2 million.

The Senate bill also provides \$1.4 million for erosion control grants to the basin's local governments. Shepherd said the

amount is the same as this year's appropriation. Since 1982, nearly \$6.8 million for 34 projects has been handed out by the Forest Service.

The \$2 million Hope Valley appropriation would come on top of \$1.7 million put into the budget this year for land acquisition.

Hope Valley is the object of intense preservation efforts by government agencies, the Friends of Hope Valley and the private Trust for Public Land. The valley features spectacular Sierra scenery, and is a favorite haunt for fishing, snow recreation and sight-seeing.

About 14,000 acres of ranch property in Hope and adjacent valleys are being eyed for purchase.

On June 7, California voters approved \$4 million for Hope Valley purchases through Proposition 70, a \$776 million parks and wildlife bond measure.

Tahoe Tribune 6/23/88

# Mountain Bike Classic scheduled at Kirkwood

Tribune Sports Staff

The second annual Ultima Mountain Bike Classic brings pro and amateur mountain biking to Kirkwood July 9 and 10.

## Local Notes

The weekend of mountain bike competition consists of three events; an 18-mile point to point race, a four-mile hill climb and a four-mile lap race. There will also be an observed trials exhibition by pro riders Saturday followed by a competition on Sunday.

The 18-mile point to point race starts at 7,900 feet and travels along ridges and mountain meadows at elevations

to 9,200 feet on the Mormon Emigrant Trail.

The hillclimb gains 1,200 feet in its four miles while the lap race will be held on ski area property at Kirkwood.

There will be divisions for men and women in the pro, expert and sport classes, as well as categories for veterans, first timers, beginners and juniors.

Proceeds of the event benefit Alta Alpina Cycling Club, a non-profit organization.

For more information, call (209) 258-7276.

RTC 7/19/88

## Committee approves Lake Tahoe buyout

WASHINGTON -- The Senate Appropriations Committee recently approved \$20.7 million in interior projects for Nevada, including \$15 million to buy environmentally sensitive land at Lake Tahoe.

"This is a high enough level of funding that the land buyout program will be able to continue," said Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nevada, a member of the Appropriations Committee.

Besides the money to purchase land at Lake Tahoe, the bill includes \$1.4 million for continued soil erosion projects at the lake and \$2 million to buy land in the Toiyabe National Forest at nearby Hope Valley.

The bill now goes to the senate floor.

Sacramento Bee 6/29/88

## Cyclists prepare for 'Deathride'

Bee News Services

Nearly 1,500 cyclists are preparing for their tour of the California Alps, affectionately known as "The Deathride," on July 9.

The 145.3-mile ride in the mountains just south of Lake Tahoe leads to the tops of five Alpine County peaks, totaling 15,000 feet of climbing. This will mark the eighth year for this grueling non-competitive endurance event.

Bicycling Magazine has named the Tour of the California Alps one of the toughest and most bizarre rides in the country.

Many entrants have already begun their high-altitude training by circling Lake Tahoe at an elevation of 6,227 or following the Deathride route to its highest peak, Ebbetts Pass at 8,730 feet.

Participants will be coming from as far away as British Columbia, New York, Texas, Georgia, Ala-

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bama, Ohio, Utah, Washington and Oregon, as well as throughout California and Nevada.

Event organizers have been receiving entry forms at a rate of 30 per day. Registration is expected to reach its limit of 1,500 participants.

Cyclists tackling all five peaks of the "Deathride" will begin their assault on the route at 6 a.m. Riders attempting three, one or no passes will begin at 7 or 8:30 a.m. The route offers terrain for all riding abilities, from the training-wheel set to racing experts. Past participants have ranged in age from 11 to 80.

For more information, contact the Alpine Chamber of Commerce at (916) 694-2475 or the Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority at (916) 544-5050.

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# 1888: Quake is severe

100 YEARS AGO  
Friday, July 13, 1888  
Genoa Weekly Courier

**S**CARCITY OF WATER. Never in the history of the country has there been so dry a season as the present. Streams in Alpine county which in past years have carried a good head of water, are now as dry as a powder house,

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## Remember when?

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and the Carson river has less water than ever was known at this time of year. Many of the farmers of the Valley have already cut their grain for hay because it was impossible to get water enough to mature it. What a pity to see a mower in a field of grain just headed out, that, with a reasonable amount of water, would yield upwards of a ton to the acre! Yet a number of fields in Carson Valley have already been cut for hay, and others must be served in the same manner, or the owners will lose all.

The rain which fell last Tuesday night did but little good, as it only wet the ground about an inch in depth, and the high wind which followed dried that all out again. So about all it accomplished was to spoil what hay the farmers had cut down.

**EARTHQUAKE.** The earthquake shock of last Friday night was very severe in Alpine county. People at Markleeville ran out of their houses, fearing the buildings would fall.

Genoa experienced a sharp earthquake shock about 6 o'clock last Friday night.

Record-Courier 10/30/88

# Native American kids travel to California

Twenty young Native Americans from the Carson Valley were elected to join kids from all over the world in the First Earth Games at U.C. Irvine in Southern California, July 1 to July 10.

Earth Games will be nationally televised, and Nike, Disneyland and Marriotts Hotel are the sponsors.

The president of the organization is two-time Olympic champion Bob Mathias. The students are from 6 to 12 years old only, and come from East and West Germany, Japan, China, Mexico, Cuba, and the USSR.

There will be two American teams, one a Native American team.

The idea came from Up With Kids Director Lynn Walker who was in contact with Earth Games 88 and discovered that there were no Native Americans yet on the roster.

With the help of Sherry Smokey, Tim Miller and Paul Riggs of the Washoe Tribe and Stacey James (new Assistant Director of Up With Kids) and Jusy Warren, president of Up With Kids, they managed to find the local kids that were outstanding in school and sports this year.

Lorie Motta, Substance Abuse Counselor from Yerington, helped choose outstanding students from the outlying areas to attend. The Inter Tribal Council donated vans to use for the trip and many local friends helped with donations.

Up With Kids raised \$7,500 to feed, house and clothe the kids while they were at Earth Games 88. "Our very special thanks goes to the Gardnerville-Minden Rotary

Club and also to Harrahs of Tahoe for two large contributions to help these kids get to the games," Lynn Walker said.

The young athletes will be very busy for 10 days and their motto is "Participation is Victory." They will spend a day at Disneyland where they will all be served breakfast and be honored in a very special young Olympic Parade.

Walker said, "This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for our young Native Americans in Northern Nevada, and you never know who may be inspired to go in and become an Olympic athlete. I want to thank everyone in our great community for helping make this dream come true!"

The participants are, from Dresslerville Marcel and Lydel Wyatt, Sadie Jo, Jenny and Rollin Smokey; from Woodfords, Leland Joe, Jason Bryan, Wendy Brown, DeAnn and Thurman Roberts, Neil Mortimer, Melissa Lewis, Mahlon Machado; Pyramid, Michael Lucas, Amber Bill, Jeffrey Thomas; Walker, Gabriel Hicks, Lacosta Summerfield; Fallon, Troy Filmore and Tanya Smith; Yerington, Brandon Roberts and Leona Munoz.

The chaperones are Sherry Smokey, Tim Miller, Stacey, Beaver and Eloise James, Delores Roberts and Judy Thomas.

Morris and Lynn Walker will set up the contacts and help coach. Kachinas Kutenai, Apache Medicine Woman of Reno, will give the opening prayer and tell Native American Stories along with her assistant Susan Nichols.

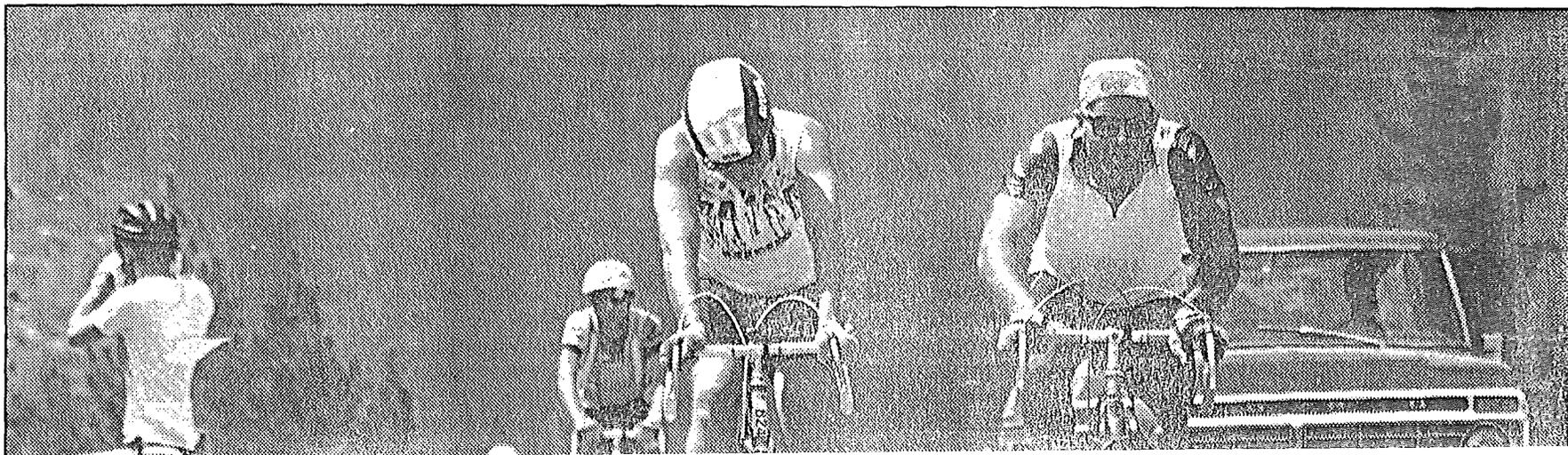
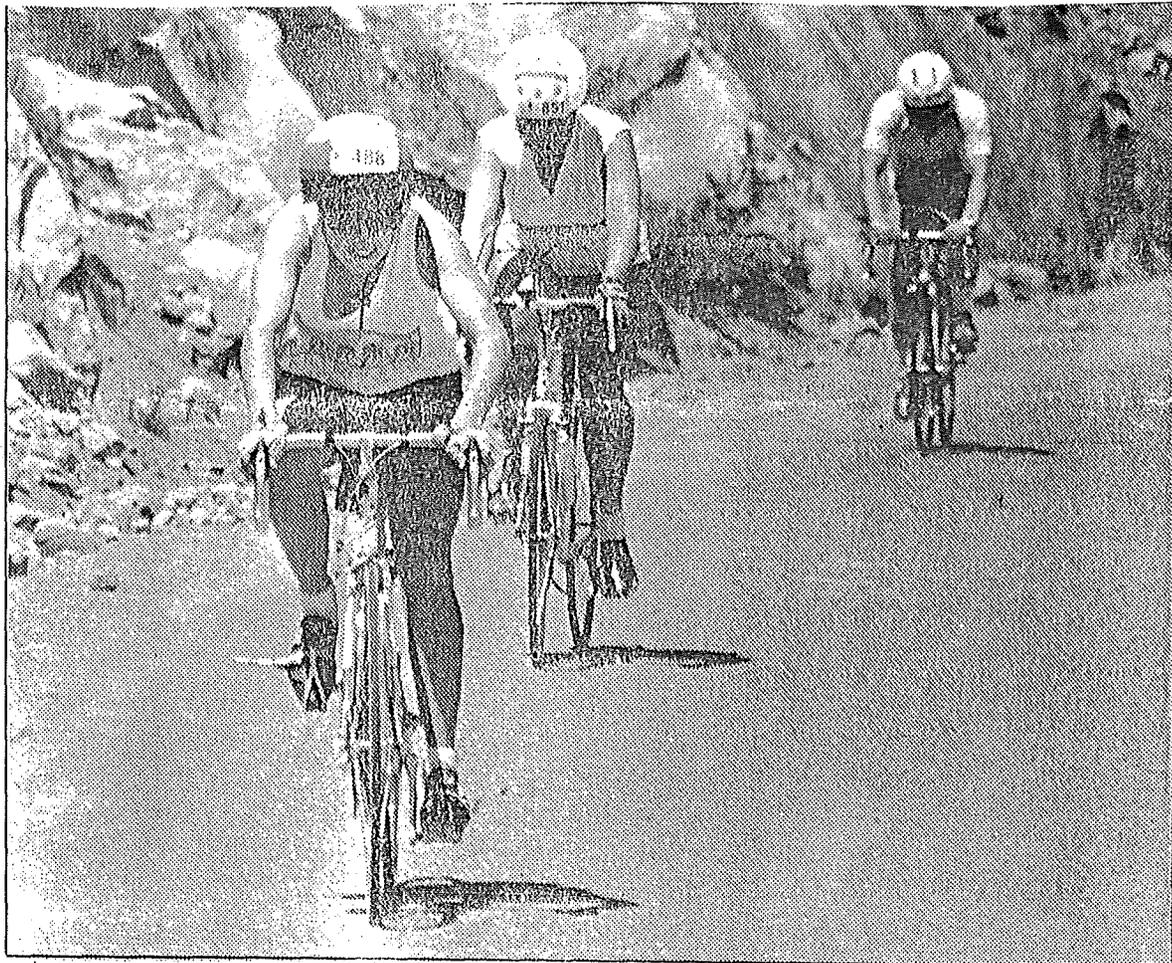
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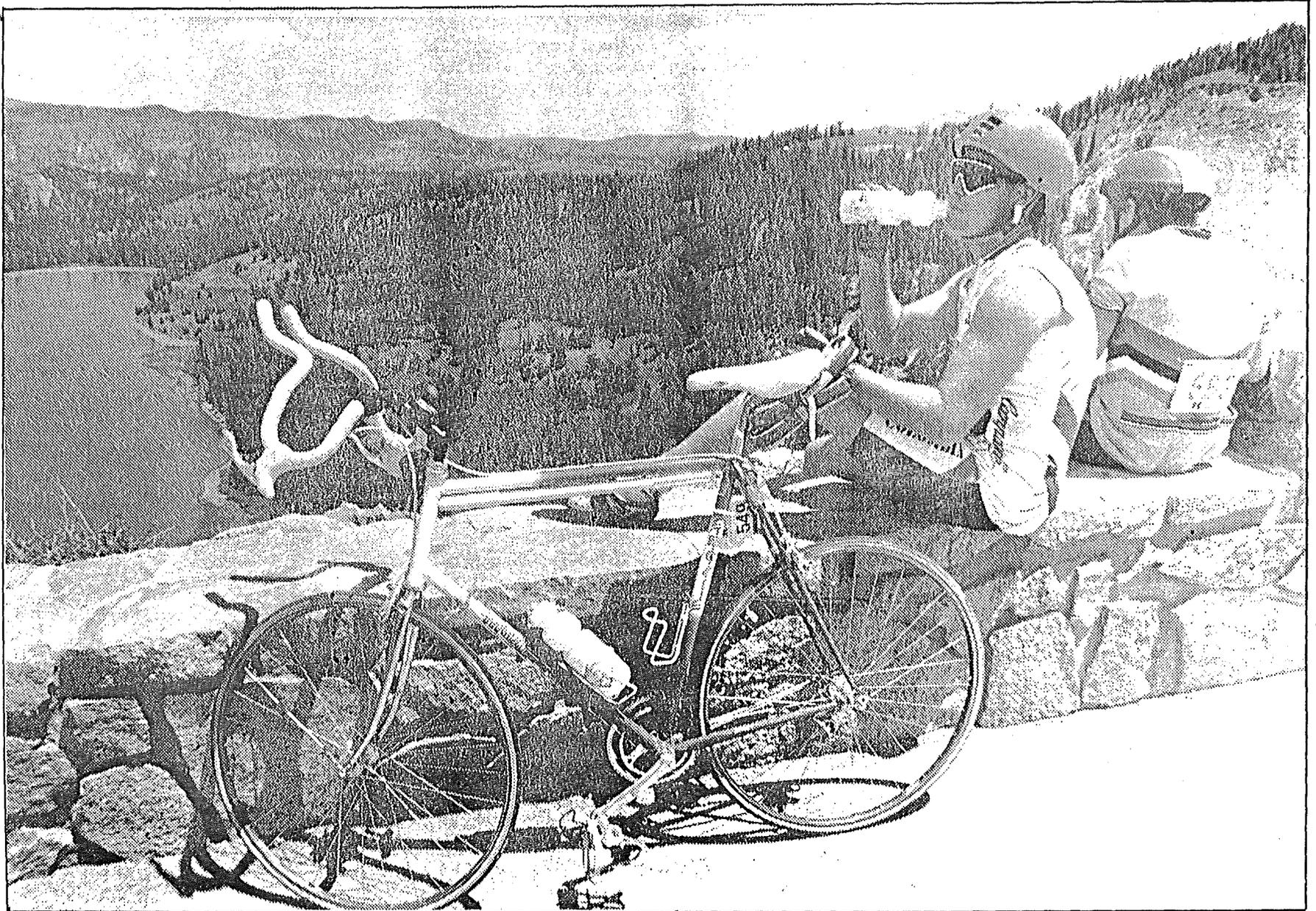
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## The Death Ride

More than 1,500 cyclists turned out for the seventh annual Tour of the California Alps, also known as the "Death Ride," Saturday in Alpine County. The event is staged as a tour, rather than a race, but this is no ordinary ride through the park. It's an endurance test that offers riders a chance to challenge any of four mountain passes over a span of 145 miles, including Monitor (8,314 feet), Ebbetts (8,730), Carson (8,573) and Luther (7,740). An event described by *Bicycling Magazine* as "one of the toughest and most bizarre rides in the country," it attracted participants from as far away as British Columbia, New York, Texas, Georgia, Alabama, and Ohio, as well as many Western states. The Tour of the California Alps was co-sponsored by the Alta Alpina Cycling Club, the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce and the Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority. R-C photos





REST STOP. Scenery is one of the major attractions of the Tour of the California Alps, and here, Leonard Walsh from Redwood City,

Calif. (taking a drink) and Rob Affeldt from Truckee take time to enjoy the view from the

top of 8,573-foot Carson Pass. R-C photos by Chris Tumbusch

# A year later, Woodfords fire victims still angry



Tom Spitz/Gazette-Journal

**RECONSTRUCTION:** Denny Doyal is helping rebuild his father's house, burned in the Woodfords fire.

## But Forest Service officials deny charges

By Mario Talkington/Gazette-Journal

Ed and Mary Schalbert walk through their sparse, newly planted shrubbery, only occasionally glancing down at the blackened tree stumps and piles of charred, rotting limbs that litter the yard behind their new home.

Once filled with manzanita and sprouting spruce, the yard is now scarred with burnt patches of earth and singed trees that stand as a reminder of the fire last July that completely destroyed their home of 23 years.

"The yard was always raked," Ed says. "No pine needles, nothing. This was like a park. We never figured it would burn."

"He just loves his yard," Mary says quietly. "It just made him sick."

They talk fondly about a bluejay that visited the ruins shortly after the fire.

"His feathers were burnt and the tip of his beak was singed. After the fire, the other birds ignored him," Ed says. "They chased him off."

They fed the abandoned bluejay and nicknamed him "Scrounge" because of his burnt, ragged looks.

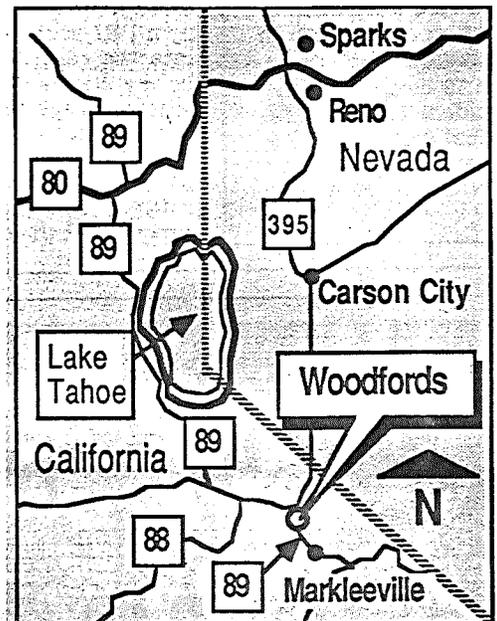
"He's back this year," Ed says. "By God, he lived."

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It's been nearly a year since a devastating 6,550-acre blaze swept through this Alpine County village, and people are still rebuilding, still seeking compensation for their losses and still searching for answers.

On July 29, 1987, about 11:30 a.m., a

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# Court battles take shape as re

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motorist driving by the Woodfords turnoff at Highway 4 noticed a trail of smoke coming from the nearby Crystal Springs campground off Highway 89. Within 20 minutes, U.S. Forest Service firefighters were on the scene to fight the fire, which was reportedly the size of a hood on a pickup truck.

Forest Service officials thought they had the situation under control.

But by about 2 p.m., high winds had whipped the fire into a huge blaze that would eventually rip a devastating swath through Woodfords, turning 26 homes into heaps of smoldering wreckage.

Nearly a year later, the political fire still smolders.

Residents still talk angrily of what they call the negligence of Forest Service officials who they say botched the fight against the fire and should have been able to keep the blaze from reaching their homes.

Forest Service officials deny the accusations, pointing to five reviews of the fire that they say disprove the claims of the residents.

A court battle brews that will pit the Alpine County residents against the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management for millions of dollars in claims.

But even while the angry accusations and denials continue and the blackened trees stand along the scorched mountainsides, reseedling has begun and new patches of grass and saplings are beginning to appear.

## Residents accuse Forest Service of errors

"This fire was a farce that never should have happened," Ed Schalbert insists as he sips a drink in his new kitchen. "Before the fire got to the house, it had to cross Highway 88, Carson River, and Highway 89. Who's kidding whom?"

Like many Woodfords-area residents, Ed feels the fire could have been contained when it first started. The residents say Forest Service officials erred when they dismissed a crew of Woodfords volunteer firefighters in the fire's early stage. They say the scene of the blaze was chaotic, with different firefighting crews arguing about who should fight it.

And some say Forest Service firefighters stood by or left the scene altogether while their houses burned to the ground.

"The guys from the Forest Service say it was an act of God. I don't think God would've done this to me," Ed says. "It never should've happened."

"I kept telling Mary, 'It ain't going to get down here.' I didn't believe it (when the fire did reach the house)."

"The house went between 5½ and 7 minutes. We didn't salvage anything."

Ed and Mary say that although their old home has been replaced with a new, modern house, countless personal possessions were lost that can never be replaced.

"You'll be doing something and (need a tool) and say, 'I've got it in the garage,'" Ed says. "And then you say, 'Wait a minute, I don't have a garage.'"

"It's just the tiny things," Mary says. "We were having company and I wanted to make a cheesecake and I thought, 'I ain't got no recipe.' The grandkids come up and say 'Where is this game, granny?' and I say 'Hell, it's gone.'"

"I go to reach for something and it's not there. One night I just sat and bawled, all night. I still bawl."

Ed says he tries to ignore his anger about the fire.

"You lose a house, lose everything, damn right you're bitter. But what good does it do to pack a grudge? I'm not going to let it ruin the rest of my life worrying about it. I think they (Forest Service officials) were wrong, and so does everybody else up here, but what good does it do?"

Mary also says that she has tried to put the fire behind her and continue rebuilding her life.

"You start from toothpick up," she says. "We'll get over it."



**ANGRY:** Ed and Mary Schalbert rebuilt after the fire, which they

## Toiyabe forest fire restrictions issued

By Marlo Talkington/Gazette-Journal

Outside the Carson City offices of the Toiyabe National Forest, a Smokey the Bear sign warns passers-by of the fire danger for the day. Saturday afternoon, it read: "Extreme."

"Up and down the Sierra Front, we're in a very bad situation," said Ron Humphrey, the forest's deputy supervisor. "We've all worked extra hard to get the prevention message to the public."

Because of the continuing hot, dry weather conditions, officials issued fire restrictions effective last Friday. They prohibit campfires outside developed recreation sites, and allow smoking only in an enclosed vehicle or at a developed site.

Guy Pence, the forest's Carson district ranger, said officials are trying non-traditional methods to help spread awareness about fire prevention. "We're putting messages on bumper stickers, lapel pins, grocery sacks and milk cartons."

Here are some tips:

Remove limbs within 15 feet of the chimney and cut any dead branches or limbs that hang over the roof.

Remove all loose flammables, such as dry leaves, needles, paper and bird nests from roofs, eaves and rain gutters any time they accumulate to more than one inch.

Keep the area under the house free from any combustible materials. Stack wood piles away from any combustible materials.

Develop a fire plan with normal and alternate escape routes.

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Guy Pence, a district ranger with the Toiyabe National Forest, looks at the fire prevention posters of Smokey the Bear that decorate his office walls.

"I think it's important to note that the Forest Service has had a fire prevention program before Smokey Bear," Pence says. "It's been a tremendously successful thing.

"These are things we've done in the past. It takes an incident like the (Alpine County) fire to get your eyes open to them."

Pence sits at his desk and points to a review of last year's fire. The review was coordinated by Alpine County and conducted by an independent investigator hired by the county, he says.

The review's only major criticisms were that the fire agencies that fought the blaze were less than totally effective in their communication and management of the fire. There also were what the report called significant misunderstandings and debate between local volunteers and federal fire persons over suppression tactics and responsibilities.

The review also found that the actions taken by Forest Service officials during the first attack of the blaze were appropriate.

"When you and I look at the same thing, we don't see the same thing," Pence says, explaining the reason for the often contradictory views of the fire by residents and fire officials. "There were accusations like, 'A group of firefighters left a burning structure.' It was because the firefighters were out of water and people were looking and saying, 'Oh, they're leaving the fire!'"

Pence says he has heard countless accusations that the Forest Service mishandled the fire.

"There was an accusation that the federal government agencies didn't protect structures, but we've got pictures (of them doing it).

"There was an awful lot of speculation and Monday morning quarterbacking. I hear rumors all the time. The best word I can use to describe them is ridiculous."

One rumor, Pence says, was that all management personnel at the Forest Service connected with the fire had been fired or transferred because they handled the fire so poorly.

"Transfers happen in the Forest Service all the time. Those rumors are ridiculous. One of the individuals involved with the fire is a tremendous firefighter and he asked to be transferred because of the way he was being treated (by the residents). It's sad."

Since the fire, Pence says, his division of the Toiyabe National Forest has tried to improve relations with the Alpine County residents.

The Forest Service has developed a fire protection plan for Alpine County that identifies ways to improve and coordinate local and federal fire protection efforts.

"As a ranger, I've tried as hard as I can to work with government officials and the citizenry of Alpine County.

"There are probably some feelings that will never be mended."

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Lawyers John Squire Drendel of Reno and Tim Pemberton of Markleville represent more than 20 Alpine County residents who still believe the Forest Service mishandled the fire.

"The facts of the case are very strong and there is a clear legal precedent for the Forest Service being held responsible for its negligence," says Pemberton.

Pemberton says the claims, which will total well over \$1 million, will be filed within 60 days. Meanwhile, appraisers are documenting the losses of the residents.

### Despite ill feelings, some decide to move on

Alpine County assistant sheriff Skip Veatch says that even a year after the fire destroyed his home, he finds remnants from the house in his yard.

"You do a little digging and come up with parts of old dishes and old silverware," he says. "There's still more. There's another layer of debris left over from the fire."

Like so many other residents, Veatch says the fire could have been controlled when it first started.

"I was one of the first people at the scene of the fire. It was small," he says. "I honestly didn't think there was any problem whatsoever. If it had been attacked aggressively the first hours, it would have never gotten to Woodfords."

Despite his feelings that the fire was mishandled, Veatch says he and his family have tried to put the Alpine County blaze behind them and continue with their lives.

"We're in a new house and we're starting over. It's a slow process to rebuild your life from scratch.

"The only thing you can do to keep your sanity is to move on."

His father, former Alpine County Commissioner Jack Doyal, said last year that Forest Service firefighters did nothing while flames roared through the Woodfords area. Jack said he punched a firefighter to get a fire truck and douse one flaming house himself.

Denny says Jack is now staying in a mobile home until his new house is finished and does not want to talk to reporters about the fire.

"He just wants to be left alone and get back in his home."

### Forest Service official: charges unsubstantiated

"In a small community it's easy to spin yarns that sometimes get blown out of proportion," says Ron Humphrey, deputy forest supervisor for the Toiyabe National Forest, which surrounds the private land burned in Woodfords. "The reviews indicate that a heck of a job of firefighting was done."

Humphrey, who was on the scene of the fire last year, says the five reviews of the blaze deny the residents' accusations of negligence, including the charge that firefighters left the fire while houses burned to the ground.

"The fire would race through part of a subdivision and the engines would be there trying to save a structure, and once the head of the fire passed on, there would be hot spots all around," he explains. "But, the priority would be to move to the head of the fire.

"They may have pulled off and in some cases, maybe the hot spot grew and did some damage."

Other accusations by the residents were also based on a misunderstanding of firefighting procedures or were simply unfounded, Humphrey says.

"As far as firefighters just sitting around, a specific has never come forward as to where it was, when it was or what crew it was. Also, after you fight a fire for an hour or two hours, you're physically drained. You have to get out of the smoke and take a break.

"The guy who said he punched out somebody and commandeered a truck, that was never substantiated. I think that was grossly unfounded."

Morale among Forest Service firefighters working in the district fell after the Alpine County fire, Humphrey says. Rangers driving through Markleville or Woodfords were greeted with obscene gestures.

"It certainly did have an effect on morale," he says. "Some of those guys risked their lives for these people."

Humphrey says that despite residents' angry accusations, the reviews show the Forest Service didn't mishandle the initial attack of the fire.

"We were staffed adequately to handle it. The troops were working and we thought we could handle it.

"But then the winds started to blow and things just went to hell."

## Learning to accept the misfortune

"My question to all of these investigators is 'Why?' " James Shinn says. "I'll answer it for you in one word: negligence."

Shinn, a Woodfords resident, lost his home and the roof of his cabin in the fire. He now lives in the one-bedroom cabin with his wife, Carolyn.

"It's rough. We lost everything. There was nothing left," he says. "It's just a mess."

Shinn unhesitatingly blames the Forest Service for the loss of his home.

"The Forest Service burned our houses down.

"We had a half a dozen fellows right there (the volunteer firefighters) ready to put it down and they sent them home," he says. "I looked over on the highway and it was just lined with green (Forest Service) trucks and not one was working. They were just sitting there having a cigarette or just resting along the highway, waiting for some instructions."

For the first six months after the fire, Shinn says, he was upset about the damage wrought by the blaze and bitter about what he calls the negligence of the Forest Service.

"I couldn't even talk. I couldn't face anyone. I cried for three or four months."

Shinn's insurance company paid for \$112,000 of his losses, but more than \$100,000 in losses were not covered.

"We had a lovely home. We invested our life savings in it and it all went down the tubes."

Shinn says he and his wife have begun learning to accept the misfortune caused by the fire.

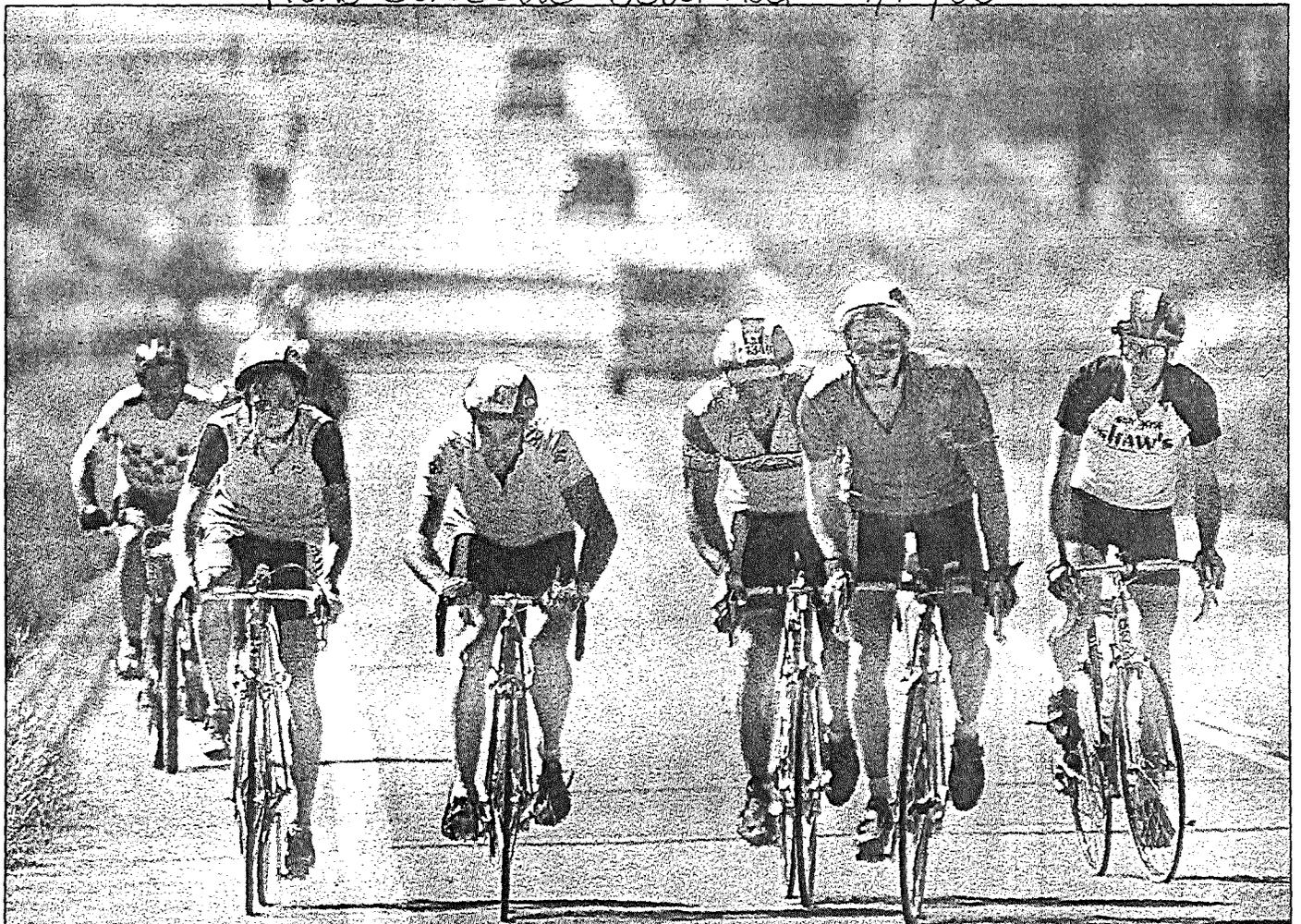
"I don't know if you can ever fully recover. It's hard when you're kicking 70, but it'll all turn out. We've got a little comfortable cabin and we're making out.

"We're just now beginning to harden up and deal with it. We get more calloused every day."



Denny Doyal labors in the hot summer sun, adding a trestle to the wooden frame that will soon be his father's new home.

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Tom Spitz/Gazette-Journal

**UPHILL CLIMB:** Cyclists head for Woodsford Canyon at Turtle Park, Calif., during the Tour of the California Alps.

## Death Ride: putting the mettle to the pedal

By Mario Talkington/Gazette-Journal

Mike Alamo struggled up the 8,573-foot Carson Pass in the afternoon heat, staring at the road ahead while he slowly, methodically pedaled his way up the steep incline.

Alamo gradually slowed to a halt and climbed off his bike, momentarily succumbing to his exhaustion from hours of biking through the California Alps. He pushed his bike a few more feet and finally stopped completely.

"I made an administrative decision to walk," he said, wiping the sweat from his forehead. "I'm just running out of air."

Alamo rested for a few minutes,

watching bicyclists battle the torturous terrain while others further ahead in the ride crouched close to their bikes and streaked down the hill.

"I look up there and it's very discouraging, but I know I'll make it," he said, looking at his distant goal at the top of the pass. "I'm just trying to survive."

Alamo was one of 1,500 bicyclists who tackled Saturday's Tour of the California Alps, an annual event otherwise known as The Death Ride. Cyclists traversed a grueling course that began in Turtle Rock Park and stretched up to 145.3 miles, taking some riders to the tops of five Alpine County peaks.

"It's a real passionate event," said

Laurie Armstrong, public affairs director for the Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority. "If there's anything that ever proved that cyclists are crazy, this is it."

As early as 6 a.m., cyclists began tackling the noncompetitive ride, which was recently named one of the five toughest and most bizarre bike rides by *Bicycling Magazine*. The cyclists could choose from courses with one, three or five passes up the different peaks, although none of the courses were timed.

"It's so difficult that just completing it is an accomplishment," Armstrong

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## Death ride

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said, explaining why the ride's first finishers don't get prizes. "At the end of it, you get to get off your bicycle."

Gary Leese, a cyclist from Loomis, Calif., had to get off his bicycle before the finish to check out a strange sound that was coming from his spokes.

"For the last 400 miles, it's been making this noise," Leese said as he examined the wheel at one of the course's water stops. "I don't want it to be blowing up going down a hill."

Leese was tackling three of the course's passes with several of his high school buddies, who are making the ride an annual summer tradition.

One of his friends, Craig Sanford, said that last year he rode up the course's highest peak, Ebbetts Pass, but wasn't trying it again this time.

"It (Ebbetts) just keeps going on and on and you don't know when it's going to end," Sanford said. "If I was in better shape, I'd do it. It's definitely miserable when you're out of shape and have to use the granny gear."

"You're only going about two miles per hour, but it hurts just the same."

Rick DeBenedetti battled the course's hills with the help of his wife, Kerry. The couple was riding on a two-seater bicycle they

purchased last December.

"I wanted her to start riding," DeBenedetti said. "This is the only way I could get her to do it."

"Any hill he goes up, I automatically go up too," Kerry said laughing. "I can't take my feet off the pedals."

"She tries it every once in a while and I turn around and tell her, 'Come on, I can't do it by myself,'" Rick said.

Steve Gerroles, a Sacramento cyclist, was trying to do all five of the passes with seven of his friends.

"We drank a lot of beer last night," he said, leaning against his bike parked at one of the course's checkpoints. "We're paying the price dearly."

Under a nearby tent at the checkpoint, bicyclists downed soft

drinks, bananas and oranges, applied suntan lotion, or just rested in the shade.

After his rest at the side of the road, Alamo made it to the top of Carson Pass, posing proudly for a picture next to a sign that listed the elevation at 8,573 feet.

Alamo said he would take the rest of the course slowly, concentrating on finishing the tour and not worrying about setting any records for speed.

"I'm in no hurry," he said as he bicycled towards Kirkwood Ski Resort, where lunch awaited the cyclists. "As long as they've got my sandwich."

Alamo said that after the tour, he would return to Turtle Rock Park to meet friends for the after-ride barbecue party.

"I'll eat dinner, have a couple of beers, and compare war stories."

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WINNERS. The winning 1987 Tug of War team represented the Markleeville General Store. Members will try for a second title at

this year's Alpine Country Faire, set for Aug. 27-28 in Markleeville. Nancy Thornburg photo

# Alpine County Faire promises fun for family

"Celebrate in '88" is the theme for the eighth annual Alpine Country Faire, and being honored this year is Jacob Marklee and other founding fathers of Alpine County.

They will be the "grand marshals" of the annual parade.

Bertha the elephant from John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks will be the honorary grand marshal, and a "village of artists and crafters" will set up in the middle of Montgomery Street, according to fair publicity director Paul Washam.

Another special attraction is the Capitol City Band, which recently represented North America at Australia's Expo. The band will perform on Saturday at the historical complex.

Washam said there will be lots of fun for the kids, too, with game booths, greased pig and pole contests, pie eating, muleskinner rides and treasure hunts.

The annual tug o'war will pit the 1987 winners, the Markleeville General Store team, against miners, ranchers, firemen and merchants.

The fair, held in Markleeville Aug. 27-28, will feature a number of events designed to

appeal to a variety of tastes. Among the offerings are 2-K and 10-K fun runs beginning Saturday at 7 a.m. for registration and 8 a.m. for the start of the races.

Cost is \$12 per entry, seniors half price, and families are encouraged to enter. Categories are men and women 14 and under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60 and over.

To enter, send check or money order postmarked no later than Aug. 22 to Alpine Country Faire Fun Run, Box 392, Markleeville, Ca. 96120, or sign up at registration.

The opening ceremonies begin at 9 a.m., with Gardnerville's Lloyd Higuera acting as master of ceremonies.

The arts and crafts, industrial, commercial, social and personal booths open at 9.

The Tug of War weigh-in and matchups will be held at 10 a.m. The Lucky "8" fortune-wheel game spinoff for prizes and entertainment will be held also at 10.

The Chili Cookoff begins in the morning at Woodfords Station, with judging at 2:30 p.m. and awards being given out at 3:30. For information and signup, call (916) 694-2930 or (702) 849-0223, or send entry

forms to Box 21356 Reno 89515.

The treasure hunt is set for 11 a.m. for ages 8-11 and 12-16 at the county library, Montgomery and Laramie streets.

Wine Country in the High Country wine tasting will be held 1-3 p.m. outdoors under umbrellas at Villa Gigli on Hot Springs Road. This is a fundraiser for a town renovation and beautification project.

At 3, a watermelon eating-contest will be held behind the bandstand.

The Capitol City Band performance will be at the Alpine County Historical Museum grounds at 4:30 p.m. The Country Faire staff is looking for a sponsor who will donate \$1,000 for the concert.

At 8 p.m. there will be a street dance, and the sidewalks will be rolled up at midnight, Washam said.

The fair will reopen Sunday at 9:30 a.m. with games, booths, and continuous entertainment.

The grand parade begins staging at 10:15 a.m. The parade begins at 11 a.m. The founding fathers are grand marshals and the Pony Express color guard will carry the flag.

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# People

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## 1888: Quake is severe

100 YEARS AGO  
Friday, July 13, 1888  
Genoa Weekly Courier

**S**CARCITY OF WATER. Never in the history of the country has there been so dry a season as the present. Streams in Alpine county which in past years have carried a good head of water, are now as dry as a powder house,

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## Remember when?

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and the Carson river has less water than ever was known at this time of year. Many of the farmers of the Valley have already cut their grain for hay because it was impossible to get water enough to mature it. What a pity to see a mower in a field of grain just headed out, that, with a reasonable amount of water, would yield upwards of a ton to the acre! Yet a number of fields in Carson Valley have already been cut for hay, and others must be served in the same manner, or the owners will lose all.

The rain which fell last Tuesday night did but little good, as it only wet the ground about an inch in depth, and the high wind which followed dried that all out again. So about all it accomplished was to spoil what hay the farmers had cut down.

**EARTHQUAKE.** The earthquake shock of last Friday night was very severe in Alpine county. People at Markleeville ran out of their houses, fearing the buildings would fall.

Genoa experienced a sharp earthquake shock about 6 o'clock last Friday night.

## Sing-a-long planned

The Alpine County Library in Markleeville, Calif. will host an Old Fashion Sing-a-Long on the library lawn with area entertainer Dan Murphy acting as master of ceremonies and director on Saturday, July 23.

Murphy, a well-known musician, balladeer, folk and contemporary singer, will begin the songfest at 5:30 p.m. Along with Murphy, several other Tahoe Basin and Carson Valley musicians and entertainers, namely, Lynn and Morris Walker, Jim and Barbara Moore, Linda Vaughn, John Payton, Chris

Bayer, Tina Fields and Roger Pierce have volunteered to appear.

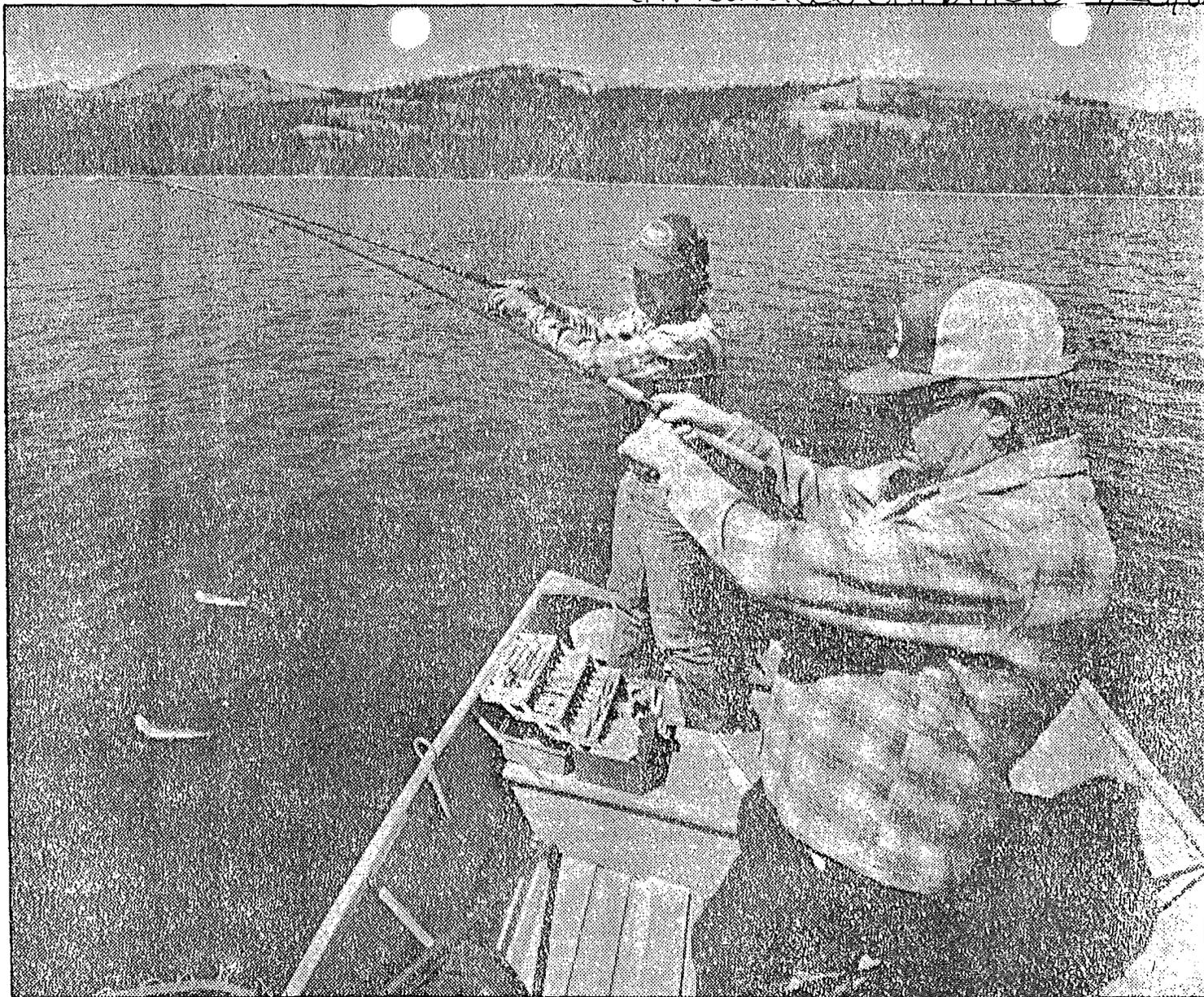
The public is invited to come, bring their best singing voice and listening ear; a picnic dinner, and join family and friends for a free, fun-filled evening of entertainment, said librarian Judy Reed.

"Remember the library is one of the last places you can go where travel, knowledge, instruction, and entertainment are FREE!" she said.

Call Alpine County Library in Markleeville (916) 694-2120 for any additional information.

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**Stunning alpine  
lakes, frisky trout  
and scenic hiking  
trails along  
Highway 88 offer  
uncrowded and  
easy-to-reach  
escapes**



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Bruce Huff, the manager of the Kirkwood Inn, and a fellow angler hit double hook-ups while fishing Caples Lake

# Carson Pass Getaways

BY JIM FREEMAN

CHRONICLE STAFF WRITER

## Kirkwood

Civilization has laid a heavy hand on the Sierra, leaving deeply cut signs of "progress" with denuded slopes, gouged mines and burgeoning towns.

But one area that has missed most of the change is Kirkwood, an all-seasons resort off Highway 88 a few miles southwest of Lake Tahoe.

When you drive into Kirkwood, you get an immediate sense of serenity from the mountain peaks surrounding this little valley, which, at a refreshingly cool 7,800 feet, is the lone settlement in the region.

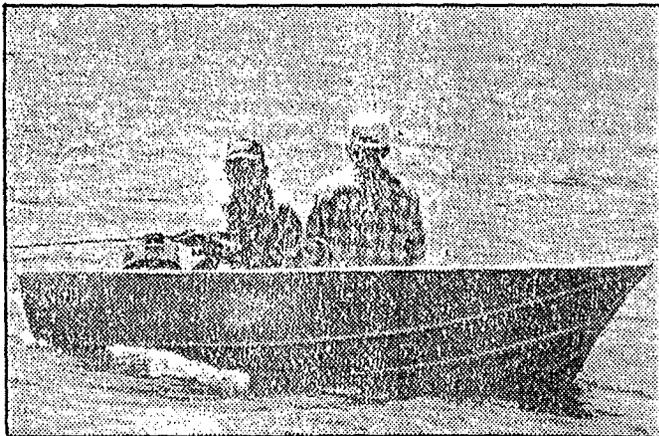
Nestled in a scenic meadow, the area is dominated by massive stone cathedral spires and surrounded by a number of mountain reservoirs, small lakes and ponds. Although it gets plenty of traffic during the snowy months when ski slopes come alive with thousands of winter recreationists, summer is uncrowded, unhurried and definitely brimming with possibilities.

One of them is hiking into spectacular wilderness on several easy-to-reach trails. Trailheads for the Mokelumne Wilderness, for example, are located near each lake and

off Highway 88. This is one of the few designated wilderness areas that does not yet have quotas, so there is plenty of room to roam.

Another diversion — my favorite — is fishing. You could spend weeks combing these remarkable waters for rainbow, brown and brook trout.

On a recent visit here, I met up with Bruce (Bruno) Huff, manager of the Kirk-



Anglers troll Silver Lake

wood Inn on Highway 88 and the "honorary" mayor of Kirkwood. Huff, 34, also is a trout fishing wizard, with a few tricks up his sleeve that would surprise even veteran anglers.

In general, summer fishing is best at dawn. So the first surprise he had for me was when he suggested meeting at the inn at 8 a.m. to dawdle over a leisurely break-

fast. On most high country lakes, I would be out on the water at least two hours earlier. That's the redeye school of fishing.

But in this case Huff seemed to be in no hurry, so we took our time eating a hearty meal of bacon and eggs. After that, we boarded a small skiff on Caples Lake and rigged up with top-water trolling outfits.

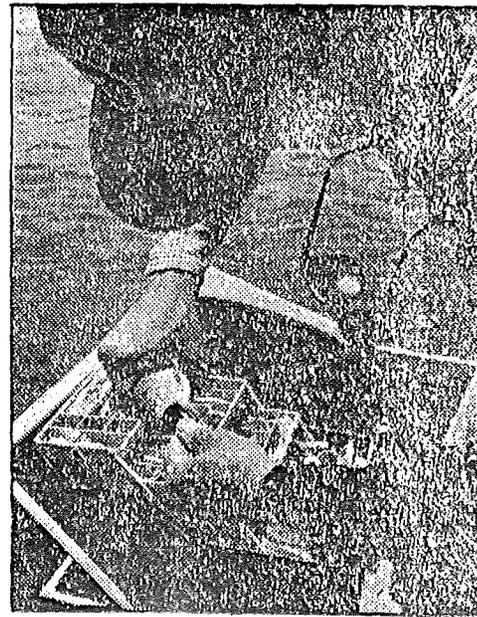
Caples, which has arms extending into thick forest, is surrounded by red and white fir and western and lodgepole pine. On the slopes and meadows in the area were wildflowers such as iris, elephant's ear, mule's ear, Indian paint brush, Mariposa lilly, larkspur and mountain heather. The meadows and rock crevices were masses of lavender, red, pink, blue and white flowers — a delight to behold.

As we motored out from shore, the summer sun was hammering the clear water, and there was just a touch of pine pollen on the surface film to break the glare.

"It never pays to fish these high mountain lakes from a boat until the wind comes up around 9:30," Huff said. Just as he predicted, at mid-morning an up-canyon breeze started to break the shining top layer of water.

Now we were in for another surprise. For most anglers, the normal way to fish in clear water is to work very deep and slow, with the smallest of lures. But as we were beginning to discover, Huff's way is not the norm.

For our lures, he tied on Triple Teasers

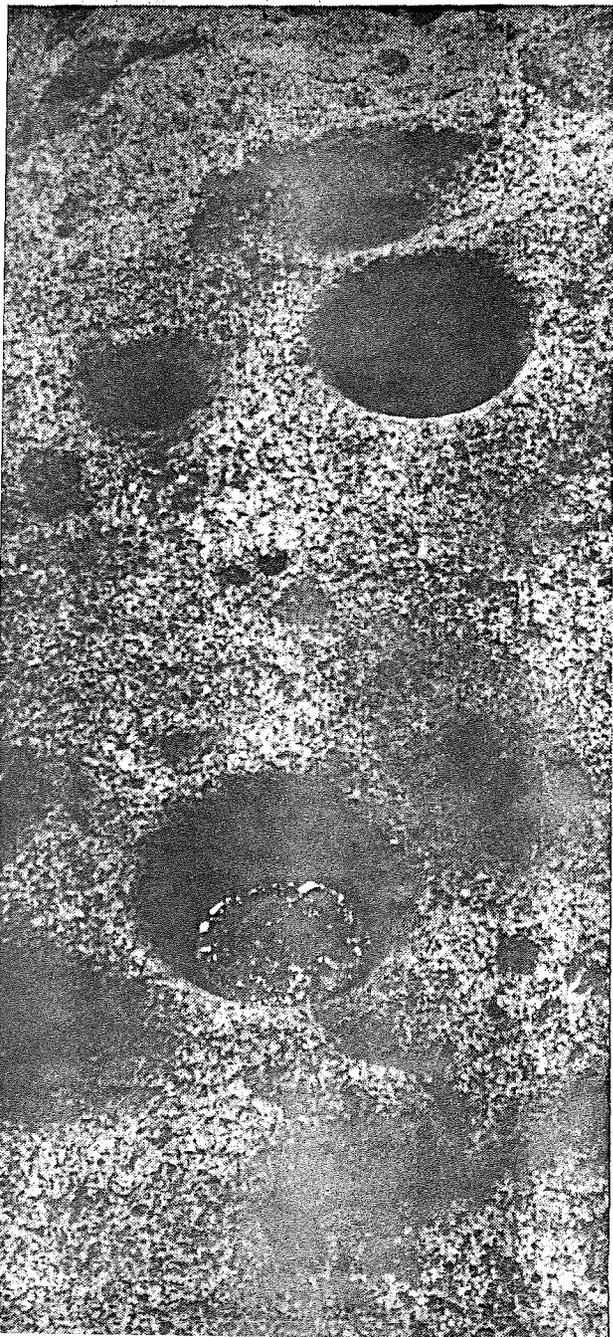


Huff prepares to release a trout he caught on Silver Lake

and Canadian Wonder spoons — models that are guaranteed to travel only a few feet below the surface. All he added to the line was a 1/8-ounce beaded chain keel sinker which would just manage to keep the spoons from spinning and twisting the line.

The next unlikely combination of tactics came when Huff trolled the spoons at a very fast speed, just below the point at which lures would spin out and cause line tangles. Finally, he trolled right along the shore where we could see sunken granite

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"Lake Tahoe...has become a great monument to a modern affluent society...the view of the lake is blocked by elaborate casinos...neon signs...on the slopes along the lake, real estate developers compete fiercely for land on which to build vacation homes...the beaches [are] crowded with funseekers... Lake Tahoe, however, is the center of another world...the Washo world. These people view the lake as a precious and indeed a sacred spot... In the eyes and hearts of the Washo this is the real world. The vacationers, the casinos...are merely evidence of the latter day intrusions of powerful, numerous and unknowing strangers."

—James Downs, *The Two Worlds of the Washo*

**B**efore the arrival of the "unknowing" strangers, the Washo people had occupied, for as far back as 5,000 and perhaps even 10,000 years, 13,000 square miles of territory, extending from the Pine Nut and Virginia Ranges to the east, to the western slope of the Sierra Nevada on the west, north to Honey Lake and south to Sonora Pass. The Washo were without agriculture, domestic animals, metallurgy or pottery making, and subsisted through a yearly cycle of hunting, fishing and gathering. The seasons took them from the sagebrush and pinon pine-dotted hills of the Carson Valley in winter to the verdant slopes of Lake Tahoe in the summer. Working in extended family groups, the Washo used their lands to the fullest, yet, as Joann Nevers noted in the chronology of her people's history, *Wa She Shu*, "when they left, the land was like they had never been there."

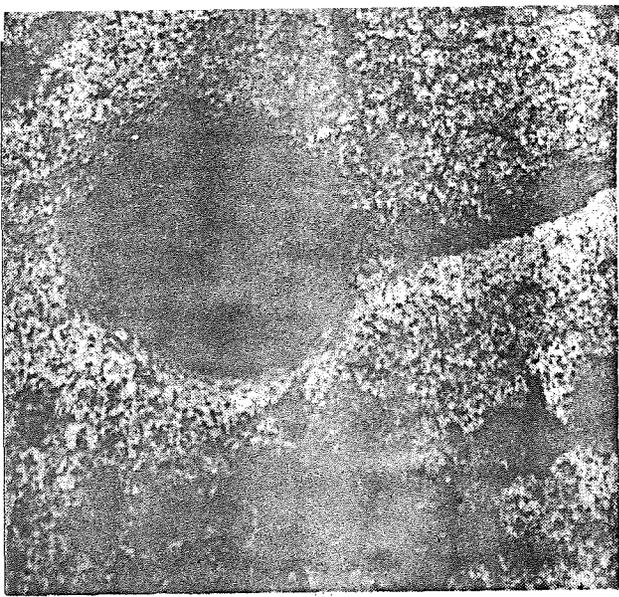
In 1826, Jedediah S. Smith and a party of white frontiersmen entered Washo lands for the first time.

now-dominant white society threatening to engulf them.

Under the General Allotment Act of 1887, small parcels of from 60 to 140 acres were allotted to Indian families or individuals. The government, in this way, was attempting to break up traditional tribal units and thus weaken tribal identity, thereby more easily assimilating the Indians into the larger society. For their allotments, the Washo requested parcels in two sacred areas: the Pine Nut Hills and Lake Tahoe. "Because white people had already stolen and claimed [Lake Tahoe] for themselves," Joann Nevers asserts, "the authorities discounted the Washo's rights to this area. They offered the Washo a simple choice: accept the pine nut allotments or take nothing at all."

In 1917, the Carson Indian Colony and the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony were established. That same year, William Dressler gave the Washo Tribe in trust through the U.S. government, the 40 acres that form the present Dresslerville Colony. In 1924, under the Indian Citizenship Act, all Indians became U.S. citizens. In 1934, the "allotment" period, and government attempts to separate Indian tribes, ended. In 1937, under the Indian Reorganization Act, the Corporate Charter of the Washo Tribe was ratified and a tribal government, the Washo Tribe of California and Nevada, came into existence, with its own constitution and by-laws. Under this same Act, the Washo acquired an additional 795 acres in the Carson Valley between 1938 and 1940, which became known as the Washo Ranch.

In 1946, the Indian Claims Commission was formed to settle all claims for lands taken from Indian peoples without compensation. The Washo Tribe officially filed their petition in August



The Washo world changed forever. John Fremont led a government surveying expedition into the area in 1843 and 1844; gold was discovered at Sutter's Mill in California in 1848; by 1849, a Mormon settlement had been established in present-day Genoa, Nevada. In 1858, with the discovery of the Comstock Lode near Virginia City, 20,000 ambitious prospectors had streamed into the Sierra Nevada. The Washo were slowly, but inevitably, pushed off their traditional lands, their food sources scared away or destroyed, their nomadic, resource-dependent way of life now impossible. Living on the fringes of the emerging white settlements and ranches, the Washo adapted to survive, their lifestyles a combination of traditional Washo ways and accommodations to the

1951. The final settlement, not reached until 1970, was for \$5 million. As Dabert Wyatt, current Vice-Chairman of the Washo Tribe characterizes it, "We got very little. There were no water rights, no mineral rights, even though Virginia City was in our territory. They paid us what the land was worth in the 1800's...and they paid us only for the lands right around Lake Tahoe and in the Carson Valley, and that was it." Also in 1970, a special act of Congress granted eighty acres in Alpine County to the Washo, which forms the site of the current Woodfords Colony. Thirteen-thousand square miles of ancestral Washo territories had now become 4,000 acres.

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# THE WASHO TODAY

*Seeing Beyond the Stereotype*

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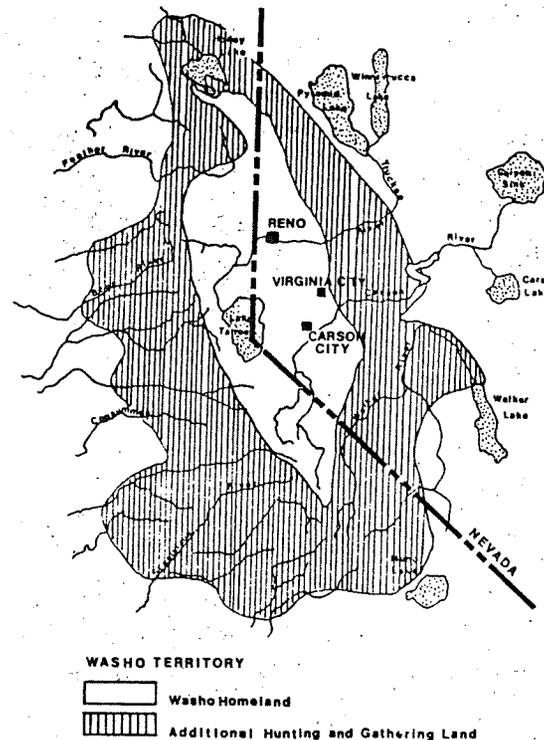
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Efforts to establish a Lake Tahoe land base for the Washo are not new. As far back as 1951, Burton A. Ladd, Superintendent of the Carson Indian Agency in Stewart, Nevada, petitioned John Beebe, then District Ranger for the Forest Service based in Meyers, for a favorable response to the establishment of a Washo campground — a place for tribal members to reside during the summers — on a portion of Forest Service land recently acquired from the Baldwin Estate, opposite Camp Richardson. In a letter dated July 10, 1951, Ladd noted, "We realize that the regulations of your service may not readily permit such use... There are, however, factors which... make it appear that this is a case in equity rather than in law and on that basis... the request could reasonably be granted. The federal government has recognized that the Indians of the United States have not always been properly treated in regard to the land resources which have been taken from them... it seems entirely fitting and proper that any government service could and should go beyond the strict letter of the law or regulations in giving them their moral and legal rights."

The same problem with acceding to that request exists now, as it did then, because as Forest Service Landscape Architect Frank Magary explains, "Our mandate is the general and public good... We can grant permits for special uses to serve in a larger sense, the whole public." The lands bordering Highway 89 in the area around the present-day Forest Service Visitor Center, Taylor Creek, extending back to Fallen Leaf Lake, constitute the one, relatively large, contiguous, flat parcel of land owned by the Forest Service in the basin, and as such, any private use that would break up those lands is seen by them as not in the public good. Prior to the 1950's, the majority of land in this area was privately owned. Magary explains, "The reason that the general public has as much of a toehold [on access to forest lands and beachfronts] as they have is because of a series of land purchases made in the 50's and 60's [by the Forest Service] right in this area... so what happens there is of key importance, because we don't have a lot of other [such] land here in the basin."

Forest Service Assistant Recreation Officer Keith Thurlkill reaffirms what city representatives learned in their March meeting with the Forest Service, that "The Forest Service does not have the authority to give land away. This is something Congress keeps to itself." Thurlkill adds that land can be acquired from public agencies, but the process is technically specific and complex, and out of the area of

Center now, and more importantly, what is their view of their "rightful presence" at the Lake and how it can best be achieved? Following a meeting between city representatives Neva Roberts and Joan Phillippe and Washo Tribal Secretary Lynda Shoshone in June, which Phillippe described as a "get-acquainted meeting," the city is in a holding pattern. Phillippe notes, "The tribe is going to have to say, 'Here's what we want you to do. Can you be involved with us in that way? Once they explain [their chosen direction] and we know [what it is] exactly, then we'll know better how the city can assist them, if we can assist them at all.'" Although she feels that efforts to obtain land for the



Washo would reap few results in Washington until the Washo had re-established their presence here, through a Cultural Center or in other ways, Neva Roberts noted, "I would hope that deeding land to the Washo would never be ruled out entirely, because in my opinion it's important. This basin was once all Washo land."

Tribal Chairman Vernon Wyatt is convinced "the feeling for the lake [among modern Washo] persists. That's one thing of our culture that [the younger generation] has carried

lence characteristic of Washo contacts with white society: "We're just playing the wait and see game... to see if it was just a puff of smoke." Of plans for the Cultural Center, Dabert Wyatt explains, "it is on the back burner right now. We have other priorities at the present moment such as establishing a firm economic base for the tribe. The cultural center will entail extensive fundraising and the tribe just doesn't have those funds right now."

The cultural center question, however, makes clear the complexity attendant upon a definition of the "Washo presence" at the lake. Some see the cultural center as focusing too much on the "ceremonial presence" of the Washo, 1880's style, leading to a stereotyping of them with an image that no longer fully describes them. While their historical connection to the lake is undeniably significant, there is also another side to the Washo, their contemporary presence, as heirs to that past, living in the modern world. Only by seeing both sides, will the true Washo "presence" be revealed.

If the sometimes convoluted events of the past five months teach us nothing else, hopefully we will begin to realize that despite all their commonalities with us as human beings, the Washo are in some respects essentially different. They have something we can never share, regardless of all our aggressive efforts to make it ours — a heritage, a sense of belonging with this place, and a resultant view of the world that comes from centuries of being, not doing. Recent public efforts to "assist" the Washo, while undeniably sincere, may have missed an essential point, that in our desire to help a people we haven't first taken the time to understand, all of us, both Washo and white, will inevitably be hurt. Ed Montanucci says, "The Washo have a way of doing things that's best left alone... If we leave them alone, they'll take care of themselves. They've done it for so many hundreds of years before we came, why can't they do it now? The only thing that hurt the Washo was the coming of the white man into their valleys. I think we ought to let the Washo make their own decisions, and quit trying to put words in their mouths... We're not letting the Washo call the shots. We're calling the shots, and saying, 'Look what we did.' They don't like all the spotlights on them. They're not meeting any timetable, we are. Time is not of the essence to them, but to us. We're trying to mold them into the white character. They do things at their own pace, in their own way. To understand them is to understand their way."

**AUTHOR'S AFTERWORD:**

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The Forest Service has, however, favorably received the Washo proposal, initially made in the early 1970's, for creation, under a 20-year Special Use Permit, of a Washo Cultural Center on forty acres across from the Forest Service Visitor Center site, near Taylor Creek. Its purpose, as the 1977 Cultural Center Development Plan notes, is to "benefit both the general community and members of the Washo Tribe...to reestablish a physical relationship between the first inhabitants of the Lake Tahoe area and the lands and water of the Basin, to maintain ancestral Washo traditions and to impart knowledge of the Washo heritage."

As Frank Magary notes, "If the Washo want to interpret their culture and spread the word... this is right in our line of work... In the negotiations [the Forest Service] went through we had no notion of granting any real autonomy. Real autonomy only comes when you own land. Ownership of the land was never considered... It's right up our alley to help the Washo, but in the sense that it helps everyone have a better understanding." The Cultural Center project went through the entire environmental process — an Environmental Analysis written to Forest Service standards, and the submission to TRPA (Tahoe Regional Planning Agency) of the same document with minor additions — and the Washo had begun fundraising efforts for the project two or three years ago. With changes in tribal leadership, and the massive funding effort required, emphasis on this project has diminished. The permissions the Washo received from TRPA were contingent on their having substantially started the project before October 1987, which, in TRPA terms, means construction of a foundation and the beginning of work on the buildings. The permit expired this March, and now, according to Forest Service Cultural Resources Manager Kathy Hardy, "they're going to have to go through another [environmental] review process under the new TRPA Plan."

What are the Washo's plans with regard to the Cultural

Tribal Chairman Vernon Wyatt is convinced "the feeling for the lake [among modern Washo] persists. That's one thing of our culture that [the younger generation] has carried with them...if nothing else, that's one of the things we'll never lose." Sherry Smokey adds, "They still view the Lake as basically theirs." Longtime local resident Ed Montanucci, who has spent over 15 years patiently learning about the Washo has gained a deep respect for the people, their history here, and their traditions. Of the significance of Lake Tahoe to the Washo, he explains, "They are spiritually connected to this area. Not only has the land given them what they wanted in prehistoric times, it is a comfort to them now as well, mentally, physically, in every way. I think they always want to be close to "Da ow." I don't think they're going to push the issue [of owning land] but the Washo still think of Lake Tahoe. If land was offered to them they certainly would not refuse it...They had the jewel of the Sierra. We pushed them to the other side of the pass and left them there."

While Dabert Wyatt does not totally discount the possibility of future efforts by the Washo to obtain lands at Tahoe or at least "to see the tribal membership paid for the original claim...including water rights, mineral rights, timber rights, [which] were not included in the [original Claims Case] settlement," he affirms that the tribal leadership is not actively pursuing such options at this time. Noting that they were approached by the city, and not vice versa, Wyatt concludes, "We would be satisfied with the use of the land for ceremonies for now. The Washo feel they have been completely excluded from Lake Tahoe. I remember [when I was a boy] we had almost free run of Camp Richardson. Now I feel both angry and sad. I remember when the lake was clear. Now I go up there and see beer cans floating and green scum all along the edges of the lake."

Although Wyatt does recall use of the words " 'get back your land,' when [Susan Evans] approached us, and we see that as ownership, to use it how we want," it is not entirely clear what his, or many of the Washo's actual expectations were. Vernon Wyatt, in an interview prior to the April 19th city council meeting, reflected the understandable ambiva-

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*The necessity of understanding the Washo as they are, not as we expect them to be, was brought home to me forcefully and personally while preparing this article. Interviewing the Washo was not the intense, question-answer process, a lively exchange of views, that I have usually found in my dealings with the subjects of most other studies I have written. Sharp, rapid-fire questions often engendered no response from Washo leaders. The desire to explain, and explain, and explain their views, something quite common to many people I interview, was, in the Washo's case, only thoughtful silence, sometimes followed by the briefest of sentences, permeated with the unmistakable sense that something was still being held back.*

*I was often frustrated, and confused. I had forgotten that day in the summer of 1986 — while preparing my first article on the Tribe — when I walked confidently, tape recorder and good intentions in hand, into the Washo Tribal Headquarters outside Gardnerville. No one was openly rude to me; in fact, everyone was quietly gracious and friendly. They talked to me, laughed with me, even shared lunch with me at their Senior Center. Yet something unspoken hung in the air. Not something directed at me, but something among the Washo themselves; a secret, a bond I could not share. I felt like an outsider. Good intentions, confidence in my own lack of prejudice, couldn't penetrate this invisible barrier — not consciously put up, but nonetheless as insurmountable as the mountain ranges in the distance.*

*It was, I realized some days later, the same feeling many of the Washo had told me they experienced the first time they had to go to school surrounded by whites, or attended a meeting in which theirs was the only dark face. While I will never know what it is really like to be a Washo, I probably came as close that day to understanding as I ever will.*

—Joann Eisenbrandt

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**E**xtensive studies have been made of the historical Washo, as well as of the process leading to their transition from nomadic hunter/gatherers to residents of narrowly-circumscribed tribal colonies. Understanding their modern-day descendants — their hopes, desires, fears, priorities — is much more complex. How, today, do the Washo define themselves, and equally important, how do they define their relationship with “*Da ow*,” the “life-sustaining water, the center of the Washo world...the sacred lake [which] breathed life into the land...and the people around it,” that white men now mispronounce “Tahoe”?

The nature of these relationships was what caused Councilwoman Neva Roberts to bring up, at a January 1988 South Lake Tahoe City Council meeting, the question of the current “presence” of the Washo at Lake Tahoe. Roberts’ remarks, and the events that followed, have been variously interpreted — by some as a “pledge” by the city to assist the Washo in acquiring ownership, autonomous control, of a portion of traditional Washo lands at the lake; and viewed by others as a generalized commitment by the city to research the situation and proceed in whatever direction that research indicated was best. In a recent interview with *The Tahoe Reader*, Roberts explained, “It caused me a great deal of alarm when I found out that the Washo were not going to be receiving the land outright to put their cultural center on. I thought that had been a gift from the Forest Service... [Looking back on the subsequent confusion], I would have rephrased what I was requesting [at the January council meeting]. At that point, I only wanted information... I didn’t see any problem with the Forest Service deeding the land over... In my naive conception of the process, I thought of it as a straight line from Point A to Point B. I have learned that it is rarely ever a straight line...but the goal, for me, has never deviated from day one, which is to see the Washo come back.” Assistant City Manager Joan Phillippe, notes, “I think that originally when [Neva Roberts] made the request of staff, it was simply a request to research it and...then bring a report back to the council to determine what would be their involvement at that point to assist [the Washo] in having access to some ceremonial lands.”

Immediately subsequent to the January city council meeting, Roberts was contacted by Susan Evans, former director of the Lake Tahoe Historical Society Museum, who had learned of Roberts’ interest in the Washo. Evans, as she herself phrases it, “expressed the desire...to help pursue this. On my own time, however I can.” Evans had first made contact with the Washo about a year earlier, and had

territory.” That report went on to detail a number of findings by staff following a meeting between Phillippe, Roberts and the U.S. Forest Service in March. The report indicates that: the Washo do not presently own property in the Basin; local USFS personnel cannot deed property to them; transfer of land ownership requires Congressional approval; the Forest Service can issue “Special Use Permits” of up to 20 years’ duration; the Tribe does currently hold an indefinite “foraging and gathering permit” to recover plant products for personal use from most Forest Service lands in the Basin; and that a Washo Cultural Center site had already been identified opposite the Forest Service Visitor Center on Highway 89.

The April 19th staff report notes further, “The Cultural Center site probably offers the best opportunity for the Tribe to utilize Basin land for ceremonial purposes... It appears that the best approach at this time is to...focus on the progress of fundraising for the Cultural Center.” Susan Evans insists that this was a complete turnaround on the city and Roberts’ parts, and the original concept was not for “ceremonial” lands under a Use Permit, something Evans views as showing off for white people and of much less benefit to the Washo themselves, but rather, for ownership for *whatever* purposes the Tribe chose — to camp, or just to sit and enjoy the lake. Evans adds, “I really feel kind of betrayed myself. They not only jeopardized their own relations with the Washo, but mine as well.” Roberts

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insists, however, “I don’t think it was understood on the part of the Indian tribe at all that there was an effort by the city to go out and get land deeded back... They had an understanding that we were offering our services as a resource to help them establish the cultural

efficiently-sized groups for the hunting of game and the gathering of herbs and pine nuts that formed the foundation of their existence. The strength of the Washo family persists today. Family cohesiveness and collective ancestral memories form strong bonds, bonds which as Washo Tribal Chairman Vernon Wyatt notes, “help but also hinder.” Vice-Chairman Dabert Wyatt observes that, “Washo have difficulty organizing or working together in large groups... Families will pull together as a group and if, say, they are displeased with another family will...try to pull that other family down... I’d like to see the Washo band together and pull together.”

As the family unit is a positive force in the passing down from generation to generation of Washo culture, it is also the main source of the younger Washo’s role models. Bernice Servilican, former education counselor for the Washo Tribe, noted in 1986: “So much depends on what the family offers the children as far as developing their own individual selves. Sometimes they’re not able to do that.” Current education counselor Sherry Smokey, herself white, but married to a Washo, agrees: “I think originally the cycle starts in poverty...in the families on the reservation. There are no role models; there are no people who have gone on to college, so [the children] don’t have those examples while growing up.” Through her work administering federal monies for higher education and scholarship programs, and the coordination of an after-school tutoring program at each of the three colonies, Smokey is attempting to expose Washo youth to positive role models, and “show them the importance of continuing in school.” Smokey has, however, a formidable job ahead of her, since “In the Alpine [County] area the dropout rate for [Washo] high school students is 90%. The problem we find on the reservation is that people equate education with being white. That’s the wall we’re up against.”

Tribal Secretary Lynda Shoshone feels, “it’s a good idea for our youngsters to get out, go to school, and learn how the other half lives. We are really limiting them by trying to keep them on the reservation.” When asked if educated tribal members had a strong incentive to return, Shoshone said, “I think a very small percentage [would return] because there are no opportunities.”

Despite the lack of local employment opportunities, some Washo are still drawn back to the area by their strong family/cultural ties. As Shoshone herself noted, “I was working in Sacramento and it was so depressing to me. All those people...I can’t imagine myself living there again...I think it’s that you feel more comfortable with your own...It’s just Washo country. It’s home.” The Gardnerville/Minden area offers only a small, non-industrialized job market, and few

encouraged a number of Washo elders to come to the lake to make cultural presentations and provide basketweaving demonstrations. Evans notes, "I had become very interested...in finding some way to locate some area for [the Washo] up here in their own tribal area to at least somehow re-establish themselves and have a feeling of place..." Evans, working in conjunction with, but not employed by the city, met with the Washo three times in February and March of 1988.

At the first meeting in late February, a resolution was drawn up by the Washo and subsequently confirmed by their Tribal Council, which noted in part that the Tribe: "requests the City of South Lake Tahoe's City Council to assist the Tribe in acquiring lands located in the Lake Tahoe Basin where the Washo people can at last re-establish their rightful presence on the great lake of their ancient territory." According to Evans, "much of the language of the [Washo Tribe's] resolution was dictated to me by Neva [Roberts]...She said, 'I'd like you to go down...and see if you can't get a resolution or some sort of letter from the tribe asking the city to assist them...and that is basically the wording you find in the document itself.'" Joan Phillippe, however, feels the resolution was "instigated by Susan [Evans]" and was "premature" since the city was still in the information-gathering process and "there was a misunderstanding of what it was Susan was supposed to do with the tribe. I think...possibly, she gave [the Washo] a misconception of what the city was attempting to do."

The staff report subsequently prepared by Phillippe and presented, on the consent agenda, at the April 19th council meeting, noted "that as a result of Councilmember Roberts' request to research this item, the Tribe did meet and adopted the attached resolution seeking the Council's support for the Washo to acquire lands in the Basin to re-establish ancient

neip them establish the cultural center and re-establish their presence at that part of the lake."

These strongly conflicting views were detailed in the press as they unfolded, with two articles, and a letter to the editor by Roberts in response to those articles, appearing locally in the *Tahoe Daily Tribune*. Speculations about whose intentions were most pure, what was promised, who misrepresented what, and who was betrayed are ultimately academic. The misunderstandings and cross-purposes do, nonetheless, serve to illustrate the more important point—the Washo, the focus of all this controversy, were virtually ignored.

Apart from having them sign a formal resolution, no one investigated first, and then presented, or asked the tribe to present, *their desires*. No one ascertained whether they would even want to see those aspirations played out in the public forum. As much as we may want to assist the Washo in re-establishing themselves here, in whatever form, we must first know who they are, or else the kind of lose/lose situation chronicled above will continue to recur.

**I**n a teachers' guideline entitled, "Now's the Time to Dispel the Myths About Indians," Lee Little Soldier, professor of education at Texas Tech University, explained, "The majority of Indians today...have 'acculturated' to varying degrees, taking on enough of the mainstream culture to survive in that environment, but holding to many of the values, beliefs, attitudes and behaviors of their own culture in order to retain some of their rich heritage." What, specifically, have the Washo retained of their past and how do they integrate it into who they are today?

From ancient times, the Washo extended family unit was strong. Those small, 5 to 10 person groups were the most

Washo have the reliable transportation to commute to more distant urban centers. "Inability to find work is hardest," Lynda Shoshone continues, concerning the young male Washo: "It's hard for our young men...to want to do what society thinks a man is supposed to do...and when they cannot get a job to support their families, it's hard. Maybe that's why alcoholism is at such a high rate among Indians, because it's an easy way out." Sherry Smokey agrees that "on the reservation alcoholism is a very strong role model for our young people." In this way, it affects more than just one generation, because "it teaches the young ones, 'this is how you cope,' and it becomes a vicious circle." Because the Washo are a homogenous group, their problems, such as alcoholism, however, receive greater attention than the same problems in the larger society.

Unemployed Washo, often the end product of such a cycle, are eligible for an Indian General Assistance Program which operates in much the same manner as Unemployment Insurance in the larger white society. Recipients do not automatically receive monies, but must prove they have attempted to secure employment or are attending job services training or education classes. Still, as Dabert Wyatt remarks, "There are individuals who have been on that as long as I've been here — eight years, [but] that's a lack of pride. I'd personally go out and cut grass first... It's a lack of motivation."

Such low motivation is traceable to a number of sources, two of which are the frustration engendered by the constant fluctuations in the level of funding of federal programs which frequently leaves the tribe, and its efforts at self-betterment, at the mercy of the latest Washington D.C. budget cuts; and the residue of all the years of past discrimination and prejudice, which, while less visible today, has left invisible scars. Washo elders still remember having to sit upstairs in the only theater in town; remember having to

wait to eat outside in back of the Chinese restaurant where they were fed, in the words of one elder, "out of a pan, like a dog"; remember rushing to leave town when the fire whistle blew at 6 p.m. each evening.

Such blatant racial hatred no longer exists, but a more subtle modern counterpart still remains. Sherry Smokey explains from her own experience: "My own children, riding the local buses to school, and they are very fair complexioned, say they hate the kids from the [Gardnerville] Ranchos, because when [the Washo children] get on the bus, the others say to them, 'Move over,' and take up the whole seat so the Indian kids can't sit down, and call them 'stinky Indians.'" Public school counselors notice, Smokey adds, the reluctance of Washo children to be identified as Indian or to admit to living in Dresslerville. "Our tutoring program tries to compensate for that, with strong cultural presentations, and I'm sure parents do too, but the peer group is very important for young people."

**A**nother product of this cycle — low self-esteem, frustration, bitterness — is an underlying mistrust of whites by the Washo. The extent of that mistrust, and the actual direction in which it is eventually channeled, depends, as in our own society, on each individual's particular family memories — the subtle lessons each child learns from observing the interactions of those closest to him with the surrounding society. Sherry Smokey feels "[the Washo] are very distrustful of white people in general. It's taken 15 years for people to start trusting me..." Lynda Shoshone feels that "[how a Washo feels about whites] depends on the individual and their upbringing, their family. I have a 15-year-old boy who is very talented artistically, and he doesn't want to go to Douglas [High School] because he hates whites. I can hear myself talking like that when I was his age."

Because the Washo feel this residual distrust of whites and of the manner in which the larger society affects and circumscribes their lives, they are consequently highly protective of their own culture, which has preserved their sense of identity, and are vigilant lest it become exploited. Lynda Shoshone notes, "I think right now the people my age, we know that we've lost [parts of our culture]. I never learned the Washo language and I didn't learn how to make baskets. Now I think there is a bigger push to teach our little ones... We are limiting our classes to tribal members only. We especially don't want our basketweaving to be taught to non-tribal members as they have a habit of exploiting it"

government...to be able to run our own programs. Self-sufficiency...is what we would like to see." Vernon Wyatt expresses the frustration of being at the mercy of agencies the Washo cannot control: "More times than not [the money we receive for contracting with the federal government] will depend upon funds available at the government level...and we don't control that. Since I've been here [those funds] have never gone up, but always down." The level of pro-

**A**lthough the Washo were not totally removed from their ancestral homeland, and although their connection to the lands they now occupy remains strong, the most central part of that once vast territory — "*Da ow*" — rests in the control of others. It was her fear over the possible loss of the Lake's Washo heritage that originally prompted Neva

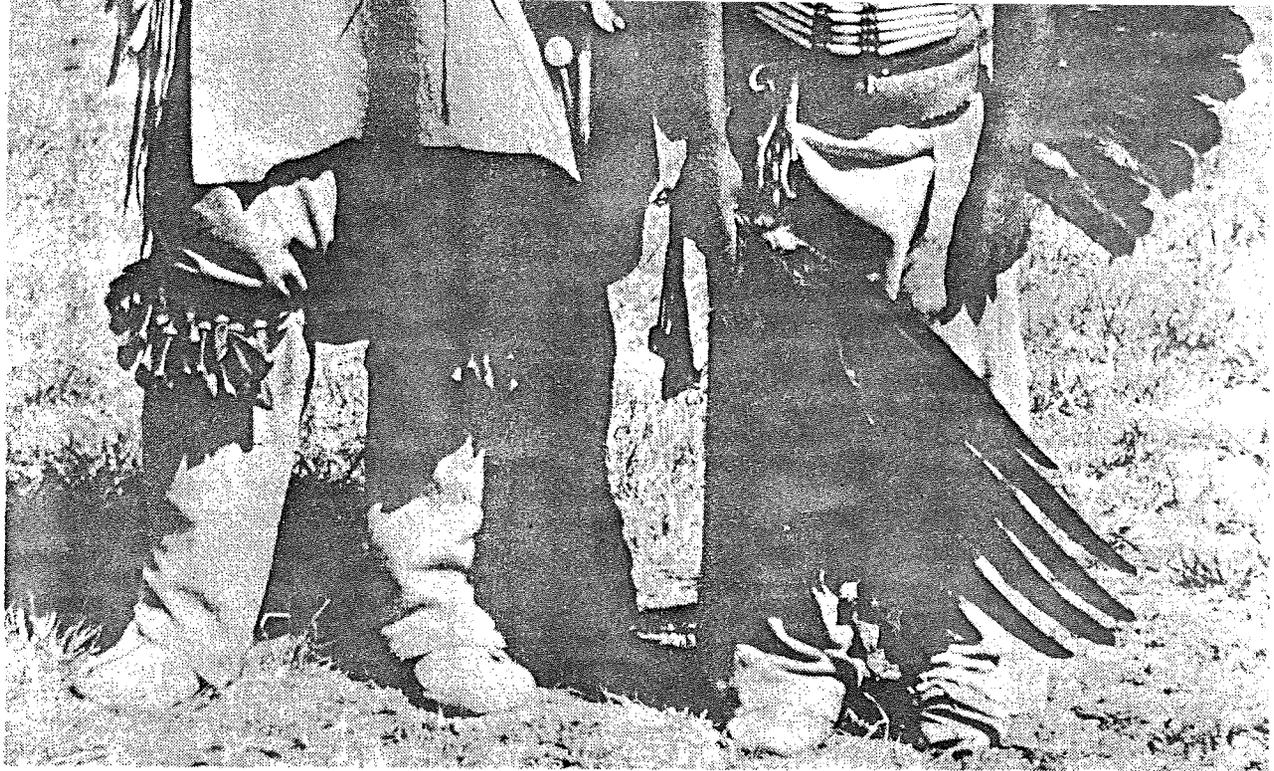


non-tribal members as they have a habit of exploiting it. "Connection with the past is still important to me," Dabert Wyatt affirms, "because I lived it. I used to sit for hours and watch my grandmother weave baskets. I remember how they used to make rabbit skin blankets. But when you're young you don't really pay attention. I remember these things, but the kids nowadays don't, that's the problem."

From her observations of the Washo, and a number of other Native American cultures, Susan Evans concludes, "As you get older there is more reverence for the past. By the time [the Washo] reach their late forties, there is a real appreciation, reverence for and interest in the old ways and the old stories...that is why so many [female Washo elders] are just now taking up basketweaving...the realization...is really starting to occur to the elders...'we need to touch our youth and grab them fast if we want to pass this culture on.'"

The Washo do not, however, pass their culture on in the aggressive, program-oriented manner that white society might, and a superficial evaluation of the seeming lack of highly organized strategies for preserving their language, basketweaving and other traditional beliefs and ceremonies, could cause one to doubt the seriousness of their commitment. Yet that culture is being passed on, in an even deeper sense, from generation to generation within strong family units, not only by doing, but also by being. As Brian Wallace noted several years ago, "It's a tradition, a lifestyle that you grow up with, that you're given... a sense of belonging. A kind of quiet, comfortable feeling that this is my place, this is where I'm from."

Since the Washo's sense of their own cultural identity does remain strong, and further because their interactions with the surrounding "dominant" culture have often put them in a dependent, "needy" role, they are now actively seeking ways to become more independent and self-sufficient. "Our main priority right now," Dabert Wyatt states, "is generating revenues for the tribe...the way the administration would like to go is complete independence from the



grams the Washo can offer and the extent of staffing they can provide is often in constant flux, with one program being established, and interest generated, only for the program to be cancelled due to lack of funding the following year. The Washo are now looking at ways to develop more fully the economic potential of the lands they do control so as to continue to reduce their dependency on outside sources, preparing for the day, which they see on the not too distant horizon, when federal funding will no longer be available.

Roberts to speak out: "If someone doesn't do something to preserve what the Washo had here in the Tahoe Basin, someone will come along a few hundred years from now and say, not even knowing there was a Washo civilization here and ask, 'I wonder who they were, did they think the way we think, did they feel the way we feel?' I don't want [the sense of who they were] lost."

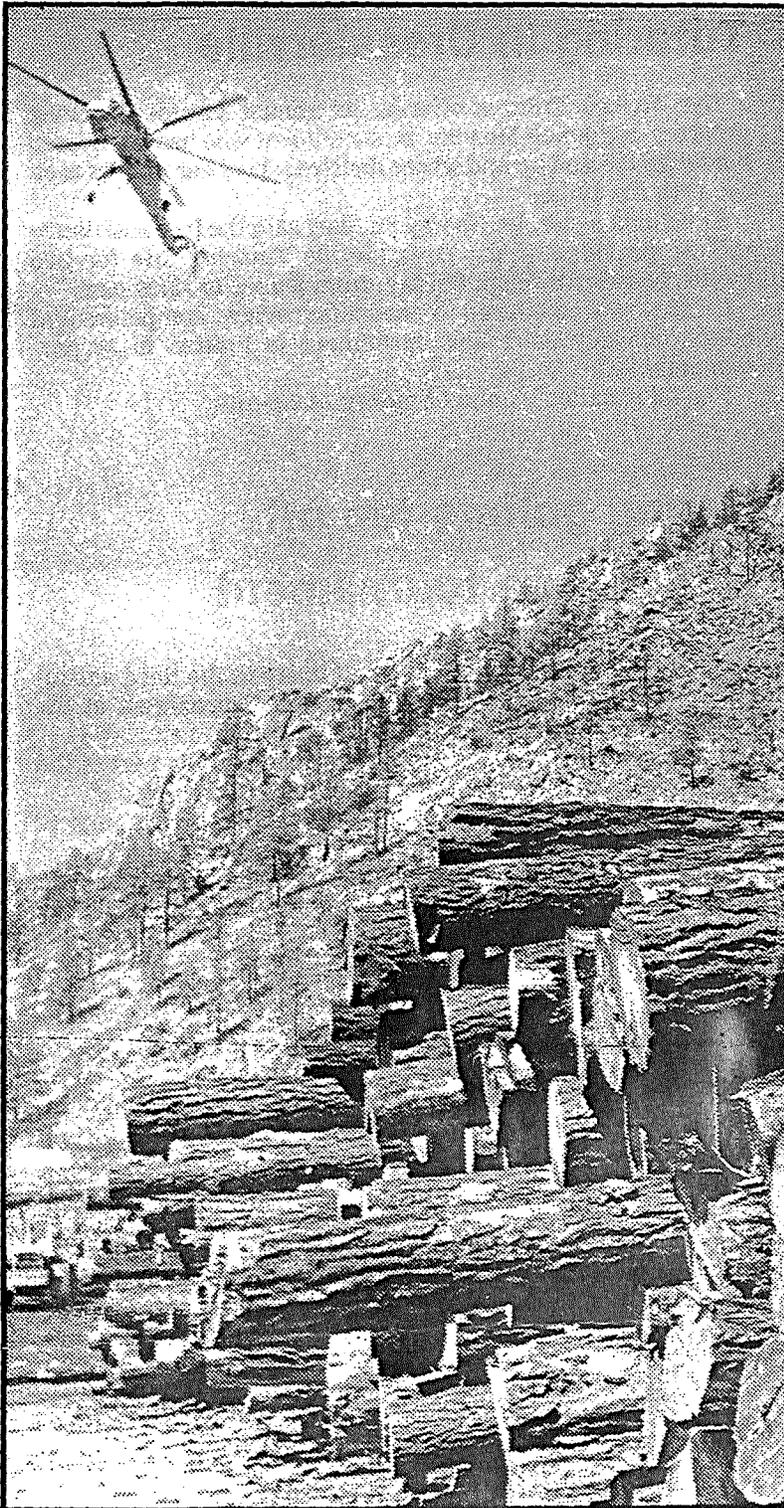
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NEW HOME. Bob Parker leaves the Acorn blaze behind and looks ahead. R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch

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that our firefighting skills (were incompetent). We've done follow ups and their accusations are unfounded," Pence said. "When the facts were known we dealt with that information in an honest and upfront manner."

Undaunted by bitter feelings, USF officials have cooperated with Alpine residents by forming a Fire Protection Committee (FPC) of fire chiefs, officials and citizens. Concerns

for fire prevention sparked interest in programs to promote unity among firefighters and householders.

"The forest service has shown a sincere effort to understand why we're so mad. But there are definite residual pockets of anger here, some people will never speak to the forest service again," said Nancy Thornburg, a FPC citizen representative.

Thornburg looks out the large windows of her home of

13 years, the lush greenery that surrounds it was miles from the Alpine blaze.

Yet a studied copy of the Bjornsen report sits at her table and concern prompted Thornburg to involve herself in the FPC.

"We're next, this place is so dry that it can combust spontaneously. People need to be prevention conscious or the same thing will happen again."

Pence hopes to see relations between Alpine citizens and

firefighters improve.

"It's going to take a hell of a long time to mend and I'm not giving up. It'll take time, honesty, and hard work but we're not quitting," Pence said.

"There are residents in Alpine County who realize what happened and where we need to go from here. They're helping to repair relationships. They seem to be more concerned about where we're going, they're not stuck on the past."

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Sifting through piles of wreckage that were once their homes and possessions, residents began rebuilding days after the destructive blaze swept through Alpine County. One year later the same determination is evident as they quietly, but resolutely, structure a new life.

The sting of losing irreplaceable items, photos and heirlooms has subsided, while bitterness towards forest officials still smolders.

Twenty-four houses and 6,550 acres were incinerated after high winds blew a small wildfire out of control on July 29, 1987. More than 100 other structures — barns, sheds and garages — were damaged or destroyed.

"Time wears on you and you get over the loss. Eventually you think 'big deal' and don't care about what's gone anymore. There's nothing you can do to bring it back," said Darlene Bennett, an 11-year Alpine resident.

Settled in their newly built home, Darlene and her husband, John, sadly reflect on their losses, but are glad they're alive.

"We're fortunate we got out, real fortunate. Material things don't have much value anymore, they're not very important. We've learned that what's here today can be gone tomorrow," he said.

The Bennetts found that replacing household items has been the most difficult adjustment.

"You go out to the garage to get something and it's not there, we have to go out and buy the damn thing. It's a real strange feeling reaching for something and not having it," John said.

Darlene admitted to feeling lost in their new house, surrounded by unfamiliar furniture, dishes and decorations. Even the scenery has changed.

"I felt like I was in a motel, I'd wake up and not know where I was," she said.

"We just hope it's not in vain (that we lost our home). I just hope it's taught the fire service

some things so it won't be repeated. Our house is long gone. We must go forward," John said.

His wife agreed.

"You can't look back, it's too painful. You have to look ahead, it's the only way to do it," she said.

Bob Parker smugly points out a crystal chandelier hanging over the toilet in his red-carpeted bathroom. He says, however, that he would gladly trade the luxuries of his new house for a wool sweater he bought in Scotland or the portrait of his wife, Catherine, when she was 6 years old.

These and other sentimental treasures, including a \$19,000 silverware set, were destroyed in the Acorn blaze, burning their home of 25 years.

Parker puts into perspective his loss, remembering when a man died in his arms while they were serving in the U.S. Navy.

"That's a tragedy," he said quietly. "Worldly goods and possessions are gone, I wish it didn't happen, but it did. There's no comparison, life is valuable. Oh, there were some pretty damn valuable things, but they were just that — things."

Parker blames bureaucracy for negligence in controlling the fire, saying the initial burn "could have been put out by a full bladder and a six-pack of beer."

In time for the first anniversary of the fire, Parker constructed a separate recreation room for "card playing" with his buddies.

"We made the most of our situation. We built the house we wanted with no intention of resale. We just decided what we didn't like about the other houses we lived in and built what was left. Insurance gave us a good deal so we can't complain."

Parker doesn't protest the sickly orange pines, the piles of burnt wood or the foundation of a neighboring house that encompass his view.

"It's still pretty, it's just a different kind of pretty," he said. "You can't be mad forever, you just have to go on and keep living."

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# Native American kids learn and enjoy at Earth Games

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"Good morning, Earth Camp!" was the phrase that over 150 youths heard first thing each morning.

There were 22 young Native Americans from Nevada that were elected to join kids from all over the world in the First Earth Games at U.C. Irvine in Southern California, July 1 to July 10.

The Earth Games will be nationally televised, and Nike, Disneyland and Marriotts Hotel were the sponsors. The president of the organization is two-time Olympic champion Bob Mathias.

The students are from ages 6 to 12 years old only, and come from Mexico, USSR, and Korea. There were participants from Dresslerville, Woodfords, Pyramid, Walker, Fallon, and Yerington, Nevada.

The participants from Dresslerville were Marcel and Lydel Wyatt, Sadie Jo, Jenny, and Rollin Smokey; from Walker, Gabriel Hicks, Lacosta Summerfield; from Fallon, Troy Filmore and Tanya Smith; and from Yerington, Brandon Roberts and Leona Munoz.

The chaperones were Sherry Smokey, Tim Miller, Stacey James, Beaver James, Eloise James, Delores Roberts and Judy Thomas.

The idea came from Up With Kids Director Lynn Walker, who was in contact with Earth Games 1988, discovered that there were no Native Americans yet on the roster.

With the help of Sherry Smokey, Tim Miller, Paul Riggs of the Washoe Tribe and Stacey James (new Assistant Director of Up With Kids), and

Jusy Warren, President of Up With Kids, they managed to find the local kids that were outstanding in school and sports this year. Lorie Motta, Substance Abuse Counselor from Yerington, helped choose outstanding student from the outlying areas to attend this event.

Their motto was "Participation is Victory!" During the 11 days the youths were split up into several teams to participate in table tennis, basketball, baseball, soccer, track and field events, water events, which included-relay races, inner tube races, pull and drag events.

During the children's slack time they were taken to Wild River Water Slides, Disneyland, the 4th of July party at Santa Anna Fairgrounds and the zoo for a picnic.

On these trips their Russian friends did not have spending money, so the Native Americans decided to share with them by giving each one some money to buy gifts from Disneyland.

The Native Americans held a Pow Wow for all youths in camp with everyone participating including the staff. They also gave away special prayer feathers. All nationalities danced for peace together.

During other slack times the kids got together and united into different games and activities, making new friends, learning other languages, trading gifts and having a lot of round table discussions. The youths also had water fights with the staff.

Sports kids had a raffle drawing each night for GTX Bicycles. DeAnn Roberts, Mike Lucas, and Sadie Jo Smokey

each won a new bike from the raffle drawing.

Each youth received several new sports outfits from Nike along with new tennis shoes. Coleman gave the youths new sleeping bags, 1-gallon water jugs, new travel bags by Nike and Molton Corporation. New friends and pen pals were made during the days spent together.

The hardest thing for all, was the last day when we had to say good bye to our new found friends. A lot of tears and heavy emotions were brought out, but all had a terrific time.

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Editor's note: Tim Miller is a probation officer with the Washoe Tribe Police.

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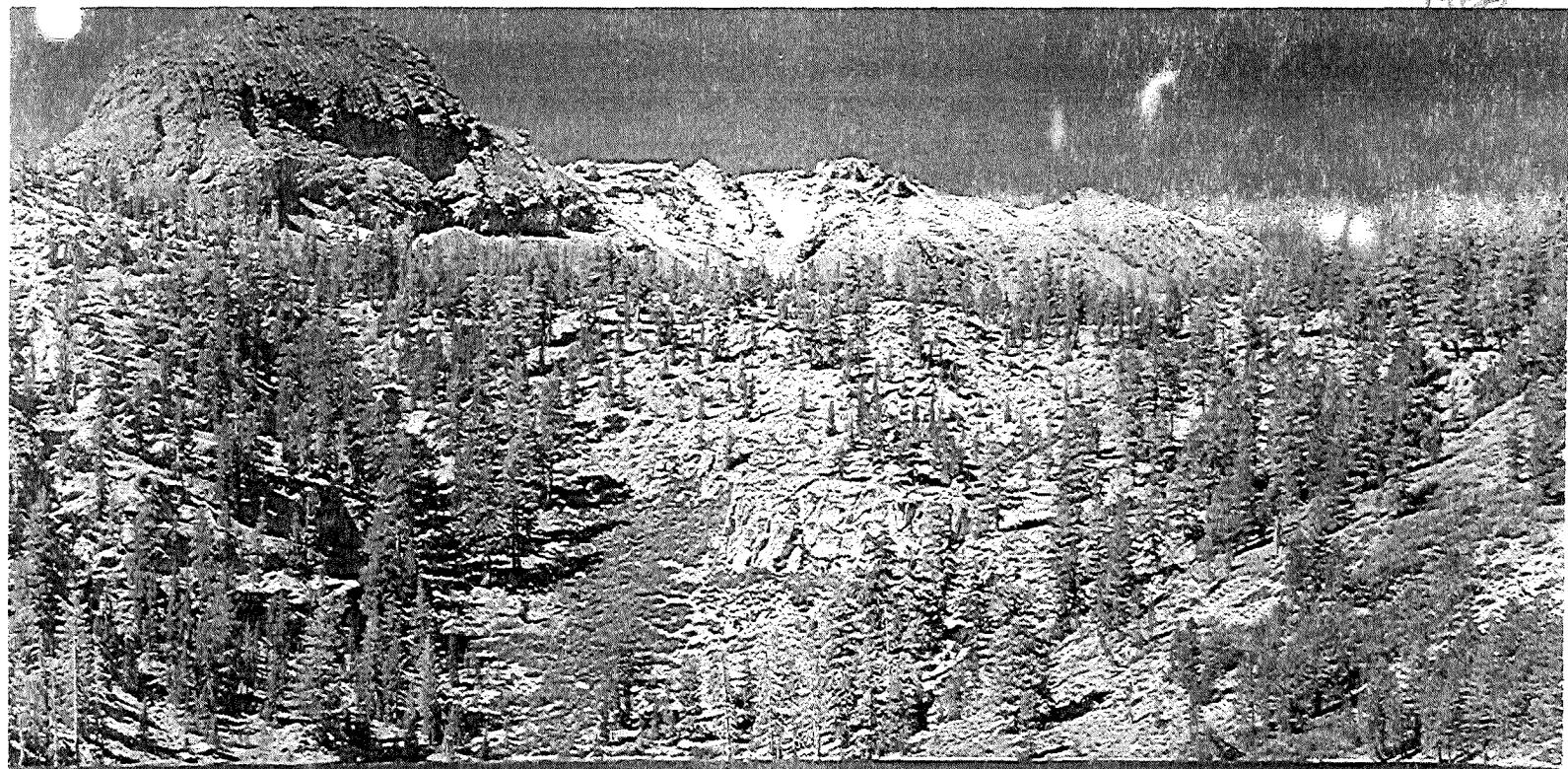


EARTH GAMES. Some of the youths taking part in the Earth Games are, from left, Leona Munoz, Thurman Roberts, Troy Fillmore, Brandon Roberts, Gabe Hicks Mike Lucas, Jason Bryan, Melissa Lewis, Neil Mortimer and Wendy Brown; back row, chaperone

Judy Thomas, Amber Bill, DeAnn Roberts, Mahlon Malchado, Jeffrey Thomas, La Costa Summerfield and organizer Lori Motta. Not pictured, Sadie Jo Smokey, Rollin Smokey, Jenny Smokey, Marcel Wyatt, Lydell Wyatt, Tanzi Smith and Leland Joe. R-C photo

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The Kinney Reservoir is on the Toiyabe National Forest side of Ebbetts Pass. Ebbetts Peaks looms behind the reservoir.

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# Ebbetts Pass

*From the goldmining towns of Calaveras to the silver mines of Alpine County, Ebbetts Pass offers scenic wonders and sites of historic interest.*

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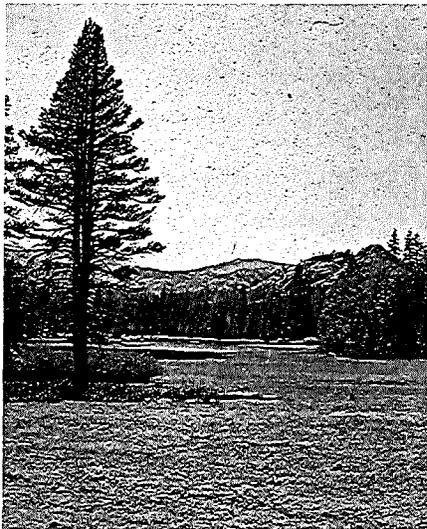
In May of 1827, mountain man Jedediah Smith, having become the first American to make the transcontinental journey to California, recrossed the Sierra heading east at what is now Ebbetts Pass. Twenty years later, gold enticed hordes of fortune-seekers over the mountains. The leader of one large group of prospectors was Major John Ebbetts, who crossed the pass that now bears his name in April 1850. The major was impressed by the fact that Ebbetts Pass had little snow on it, even though the mountains to either side were covered.

In the summer of 1853, Ebbetts surveyed all possible routes near the headwaters of the Stanislaus River for a trans-Sierra railroad. He published his findings in a San Francisco newspaper and declared that "Ebbett's Pass, between the Carson and Mokelumne River drainages, would be a good route for the rail line." His enthusiasm failed to convince the company, however, and no tracks were ever laid over the pass.

Eventually, though, Calaveras County built a road over the pass from the gold mining towns of Calaveras to the silver mines of Alpine County. This road, after some rerouting, became State Highway 4, the Ebbetts Pass Highway of today.

If you take Highway 89 west to

Highway 4, you eventually reach the Ebbetts Pass area. Heading north, you'll pass the gates that keep the Ebbetts Pass Highway closed through the winter. In a few miles this relatively uncrowded road takes on its high country character. In the



Above: The Carson - Iceberg Wilderness. Left: Ebbetts Pass looms above the Kinney Reservoir.

words of a friend of mine, "It used to be a deer trail until they narrowed it."

From the gates, the road continues to follow the East Fork of the Carson River, until it reaches the historic site of Centerville. Near here, about 2½ miles south of the Highway 4-89 intersection, you can turn left to

Wolf Creek Road. After traveling 3½ miles you come to a fork. Heading straight for about 1½ miles, you reach undeveloped campsites and the trailhead for the Wolf Creek Trail. It heads south, with firs, sagebrush, junipers, mountain mahogany, mule ears, and other plants decorating the area. You can drive to the north end of Wolf Creek Meadows by taking the left fork. Then, in 1000 yards, you'll reach a spur road that climbs to trailheads for the High Trail and the East Carson River Trail. Both of these trails lead into one of the newest wilderness areas—the Carson-Iceberg Wilderness—created by the California Wilderness Act in September 1984. The East Carson River Canyon, through which the High and East Carson River Trails pass, was caused by glaciers up to 19 miles long. Consequently, it is one of the longest and deepest canyons east of the Sierra crest.

Continue along Highway 4 next to Silver Creek and you'll reach another historic site—Silver Mountain City. This town, at 7000 feet elevation, was a famous silver mining town from 1860 to 1880. It was once called Kongsberg by Norwegian prospectors, after a silver mining town in Norway. It was also the county seat of Alpine County, until