



PERSPECTIVES

featuring the people and events of Calaveras County, past and present.



THE DISAPPEARANCE OF MONTE WOLFE

PART ONE

BY MARY MATZEK

Mountain man Monte Wolfe chose the rugged canyons of the Sierras as his home where he could range unhindered over several hundred square miles, hunting, trapping and fishing. He prided himself on his ability to live off the land and he loved the grandeur of the mountains, the privacy and the quiet. He liked people, too, on his terms. Some people swore he was a wanted man, avoiding criminal charges by his hermit lifestyle. Others were annoyed by his petty thievery but were afraid to report him for fear of retaliation. Others loved him for his unique lore of the woods and his willingness to share it. Monte disappeared in 1940 and those who knew him speculate that he would have enjoyed the controversy and mystery his disappearance caused.

"I knew him over a four year period of time, just before he disappeared," said Art Schimke.

Our brothers and I came up in 1936 and camped at Lake Alpine. We were doing a bit of ranching and built a cabin at Tamarack. Art (Schimke) and I wintered there in 1937, 38, 39, 40 and 41. We took care of the lodge, regulated the gates on Alpine Reservoir and took care of Utica Power Company's cabin at Pacific Heights. In 1940 I was working for the U.S. Forest Service, measuring the snow pack. The point I'm trying to make is I learned to know that rugged high-country pretty well.

"When I first met Monte he had a tent at Tamarack with a sign on it that read GUIDE. He took hunters and fishermen to remote spots that he knew in the canyons. When he wasn't out on a trip, he'd have a campfire for the summer people. He liked people and he was quite a snowman. He'd tell stories with a lot of flourish and it was of course he loved to entertain."

but he was tough. He could walk and hike miles, up and down hill, through rough country with a 100 pound pack on his back like it was nothing. One thing that would amaze you was his calf muscles. He had huge calves from all that hiking. He was strong for such a slight man and he wasn't young. I remember him talking about being in World War I so at the time, I had him figured to be in his forties when he disappeared but he was older than that. He was in such good shape he just looked like he was in his forties.

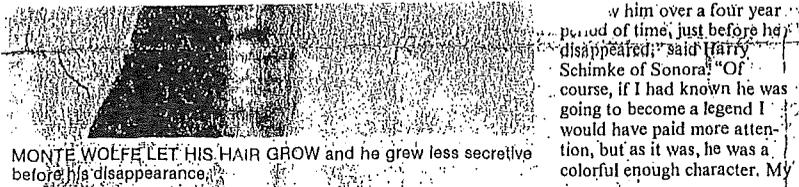
"I've learned a lot about Monte since he disappeared, but at the time, rumors about his disappearance and about who he was were flying across four counties. He had a habit of disappearing for months and then he'd just pop in on you. I think he liked the idea of being a little mysterious and not telling anybody

law so people were a little afraid of him. He had a temper if you got him riled up. At the time, no one was sure what his real name was; he was just Monte Wolfe. Someone even said he was an Englishman wanted for murder. Veda Linford knew him well and she wrote a book on Monte that cleared up a lot of questions that I had about his past. (MONTE Lone Wolf of the Mokelumne). It's pretty accurate and a good book for anyone who is interested in Monte.

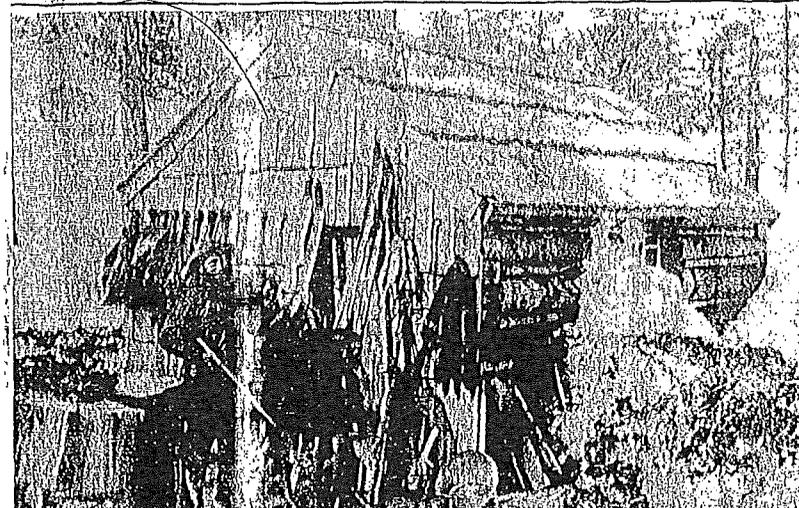
"I was probably the last one to see him alive. He stayed with us one night at Alpine. He'd do that every once in a while; come into Alpine on his skis or snow shoes, stay overnight and take off again. It was in January, 1940. I got up and dressed and for months and then he'd just saddle up at 2 a.m. He got up with me and took off and we never saw him again. That was typical for Monte because he

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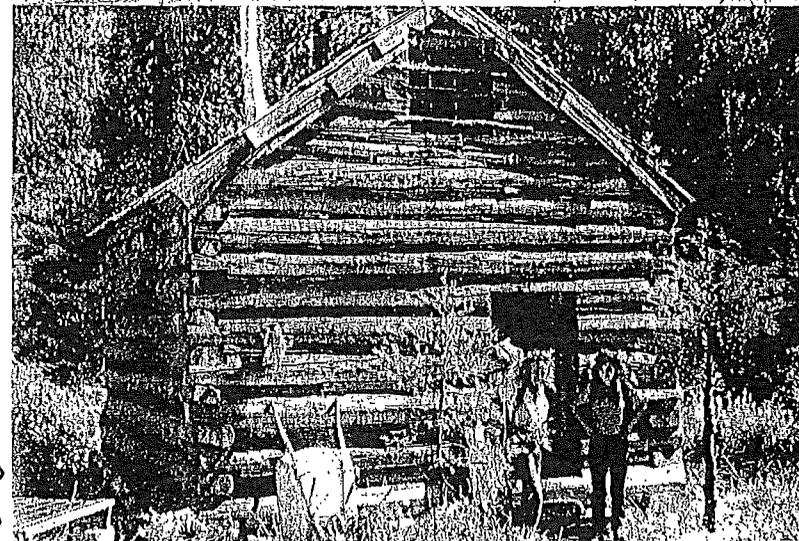
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MONTE WOLFE LET HIS HAIR GROW and he grew less secretive before his disappearance.



MONTE AT HIS SMALL CABIN with his skins, rifle and furs dried and ready to ship. This cabin was burned by the Forest Service in 1975.



MONTE'S MAIN CABIN was kept in repair by his friends, the Lindfords, for many years. It is now maintained by a group of interested citizens from Calaveras County. Here the Schimke girls stop for a

show him over a four year period of time, just before he disappeared," said Harry Schimke of Sonora. "Of course, if I had known he was going to become a legend I would have paid more attention, but as it was, he was a colorful enough character. My

showman. He'd tell stories with a lot of flourish and it was obvious he loved to entertain. He was set up right there between Bauer's place and Phillips' Store (at Tamarack).

"That's where he met Retha and Louie Bauer. They were good friends for years but not when I knew him; Louie drank and drank. He'd sit all day with a jug and lace his wine with cayenne pepper to pep it up a little. That's all he did and he hated Monte. He swore he'd 'get' Monte and though I never heard him threaten to kill him, that is the impression I got. Others have claimed he threatened Monte's life several times and I believe he meant it. He was German and he'd get up an anger and he was vicious about it. He claimed Monte would never be seen sneaking around his place, and it was so. Whatever happened between them, Monte ever after avoided Louie. He would take great pains to circle around Louie's place and if Louie was around, Monte never went near him. It was rumored that Monte had an affair with Louie's wife and I believed it. It wouldn't surprise me if that was true because Louis was such a drunk and Monte was a normal, virile man. Besides, Retha was half Indian like Monte.

"Not long after I met him, Monte gave up his tent operation at Tamarack and led a pretty secluded life. He lived off the land, anyway. He didn't need much. He didn't drink or smoke. He'd have a drink with me at our cabin, but I never saw him inebriated and he didn't buy drink for himself. He lived out of two log cabins that he had built about seven miles apart, deep in the Stanislaus canyons. He had his own garden; he hunted and trapped and sold his furs. He had the complete run of the mountains and that's all he wanted.

Monte turned into a superman after he disappeared and became a legend, but he wasn't a superman really. He was a small guy; he was half Indian. He

the idea of being a little mysterious and not telling anybody too much about his past. He was like that. I liked Monte but he wasn't well liked by everyone.

For one thing he tended to take things that didn't belong to him. If something was left unguarded and unused, he'd take it and use it. It was his way, but it caused resentments. Then there was his problem with Louis Bauer which was well known to people in the area. He had a few scrapes with the law and there were warrants out for his arrest but the constable considered him harmless and didn't act on them. Some people said he was an ex-con and running from the

never saw him again. That was typical for Monte because he would hunt a few days, his furs all winter and take them out in the spring. On April 1st, I was doing snow surveys and I saw his tracks up around Wheeler Lake. That was the last sign of Monte Wolfe.

"Monte didn't come out in the spring and no one had heard from him. In June of 1940, Monte's friends, the Lindfords, went to his cabins. The lower cabin door was ajar. There was a dead cat inside, all skeletonized. At his upper cabin was another dead cat. His furs were still hanging; he hadn't shipped them. Usually, when the roads

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HARRY SCHIMKE was the last person to see Monte Wolfe alive. An avid camper and outdoorsman, Harry has searched for clues to Wolfe's

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were clear, he'd take his furs out to sell. It was obvious he meant to come back. The calendar in the upper cabin was marked off for April 20, 1940.

"Fred Day of Mountain Ranch knew Monte and he was convinced that Louie Bauer finally made good on his promise and killed him. Fred ran into Bauer at the Camp Connell Store and put the questions to him. What did you ever do with that rifle? (A missing rifle.) What happened to Wolfe? Bauer replied, 'I'll tell you what happened to Wolfe... but then someone came in the store and he clammed up. Although vague, people who knew Bauer, give that theory weight. Retha was dead by this time and Bauer was up in years. (He died in 1948.)

"The most logical conclusion is that he went fishing. Others that knew him said his fishing creel and his favorite fishing pole were missing. In April, when the snow is melting, the runoff in those streams can grind you up and tuck you away. The streams would be filled with pieces of broken timbers, boulders and really turbulent water. So, that is one reasonable assumption.

"However, Monte was in the process of building a new cabin. I can only assume he meant to move into it. Harold Lombardi and my brother, Art Schimke ran into it one time on horseback. He had the cabin already built up to head high. A fire was still smoldering. His saws and equipment were around. He wasn't there, but Monte was like that. He'd hear you coming and he'd hide and watch you before putting in an appearance, if he liked you. I think it's possible that Monte got trapped by an avalanche at his new cabin. I was drafted right after Monte disappeared, but several years later Bill Lunsford and I went in on foot to look for evidence of Monte Wolfe's new cabin. On several trips, we searched thoroughly from Grass Valley, around Grouse Creek, up around Camp Irene, down river to Grizzly ski area, every

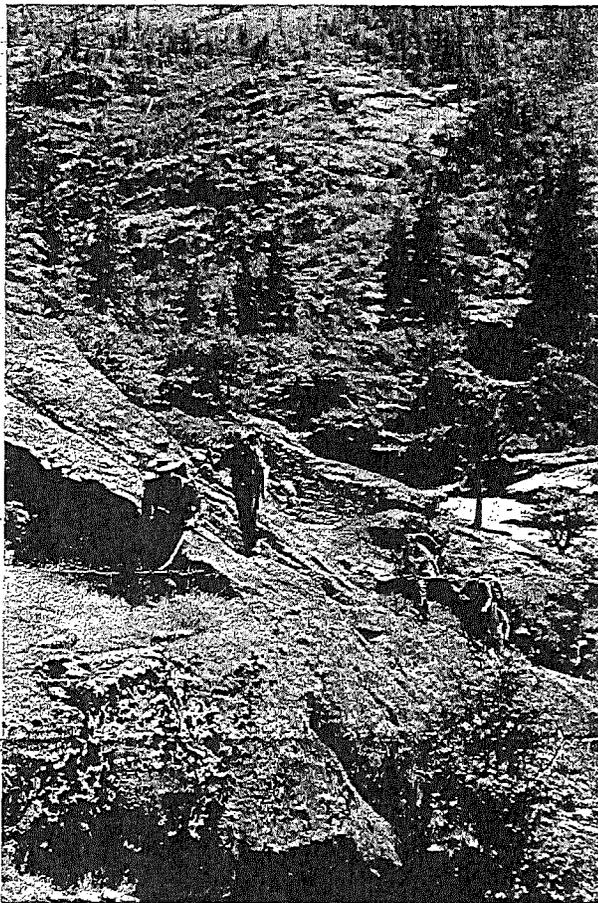
flat, every possible place one could locate a cabin. The spot that Harold and Art pointed out as his new cabin site sits below a 200-250 foot bluff. The river sits in front of it. Trees become airborne and are sheared 75 to 100 feet in the air. At the foot of the bluff is the debris typical of avalanche. Avalanches are common there, but when you look at the site, if you don't know its an avalanche area, it's the logical place to build a cabin. Still, there is no evidence of that cabin, not a rock, not a foundation, nothing. I've been over and over that country and I think it's equally logical that Monte got trapped in an avalanche.

"And, then, of course, there is

Louie Bauer's threats and I give some substance to them, too. There's no question in my mind that Louie hated him enough to do him in. In my opinion, Louie was capable of harming Wolfe; he was that kind of man. I think it's possible that Louie could have done away with him and thrown his fishing gear in the river to make it look like Monte went fishing. We'll never know for sure."

Monte Wolfe furnished plenty to talk about while he was alive and more of the same after he died. Who was the man called Monte Wolfe? A thief? Ex-con, or harmless hermit?

Next week: Lone Wolf of the Sierra.



THE SCHIMKE FAMILY enjoys hiking the rugged high country that was home to Monte Wolfe.

Youth basketball a positive experience

by LISA WIXON
Staff writer

Only two months ago, Roland Smokey hadn't more than dribbled a basketball. On this Saturday, Dresslerville's No. 32 displayed moves on the court that kept his taller opponents puzzled.

Ten-year-old Smokey played well enough that he was voted the outstanding player for his team during the first Dresslerville youth basketball tournament held Saturday and Sunday. He attributed his success to a positive attitude.

"I tell myself 'I'm gonna make this one, I'm gonna make it.' I guess my secret is playing a good game by helping the team," Smokey said.

A positive attitude led to a positive experience for Smokey and 159 other 1st through 6th graders from Schurz, Yerington, Nixon, Fallon, Bridgeport and Woodfords who gathered in the Dresslerville gym to play in a tournament they said they've been sweating over for months.

It was an idea that died years ago was rejuvenated by coach Becki Smokey, who saw a need for after-school activities more stimulating than watching "Brady Bunch" reruns.

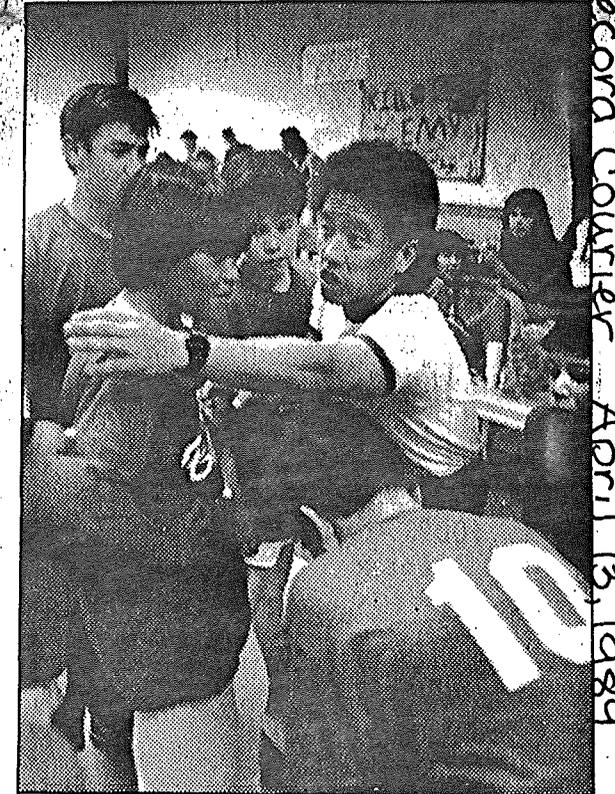
"We started it out with 20 bucks. Everyone came to our support, the community and the tribe. We have so many kids interested that we split into three teams," she said. "The kids are all jazzed about it. It really gives them something to look forward to."

Smokey says that players are required to finish their homework prior to practicing a hard two hours after school under the direction of volunteer coaches.

"The kids are always on time, gosh, they're never late," she said.

Even though team "D-Ville" didn't bring home a tournament championship, the sports program will continue this spring with soccer and baseball being organized in a similar fashion.

"We've had several people try to organize something like this. Why not? We have the gym, we have the kids who are interested. Nobody ever has gone all the way," Smokey said.



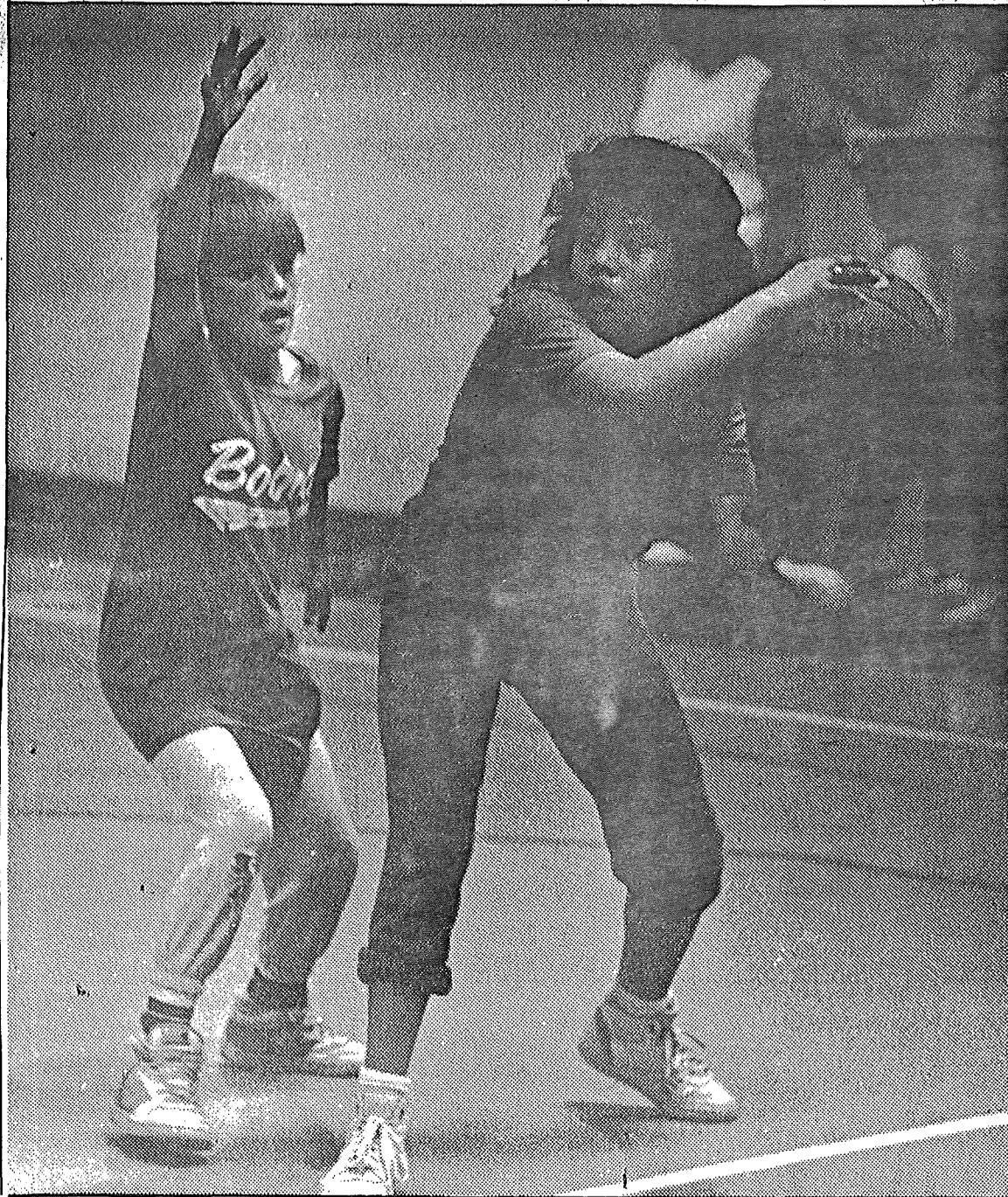
Bridgeport coach Perry Kishaba offers some pointers to his young charges Saturday.

This past weekend, the Dresslerville gym filled with parents across the state who took this basketball business seriously, cheering on their children during the 45-minute games.

"It really gets all the kids and parents involved. There's a lot of community support and family support. Watching the kids play keeps the kids out of trouble," says coordinator Eileen Mazy.

Winning was nice, but in the end, every participant in the tournament received a trophy. For those who were keeping score, Yerington won the 4th-through-6th grade boys competition, followed by Schurz and Dresslerville. In the girls tournament Nixon, Woodfords and Dresslerville were the top finishers. The 1st-through-3rd grade winners were Nixon, Dresslerville and Schurz.

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HOOPS. Patrick Maxwell of Bridgeport plays defense against Fallon's Yvonne Thomas during action in the first Dresslerville Youth Basketball Tournament. R-C photos by Chris Tumbusch

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ministrative Medical Center in Reno. He had been a Woodfords resident for the past 45 years.

A native of Hoaglin, Calif., he was born Aug. 9, 1918.

Mr. Bennett was a construction worker and served in the Army during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Flossie, daughters, Florence Bennett and Lynda Shoshone, sons, Phillip, Gregory and Dwight, all Woodfords; mother, Emma Laastad, and sister, Linda Suhreiner, both of Sutherland, Oreg.; sisters, Alice Valador of San Mateo, Calif.; Micki Felton of Ukiah, Calif.; and Evelyn Robinson of McKinnlyville, Calif.; sons, Gilbert and Milard of Carson City; and Willard of Sutcliff, Nev.; numerous grandchildren; one great-grandson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service and burial was held April 8 at the Woodfords Indian Cemetery with Pastor Ray Ramos officiating.

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

Pancho Sallee

Pancho Sallee, 41, died April 2 at the Veterans Administrative Medical Center in Reno. He had been a Woodfords resident for the past 15 years.

A native of Schurz, Nev., he was born July 2, 1947.

He served in the Marines during the Vietnam War and was a construction worker.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Faye, on Jan. 11, 1988.

Survivors include daughter, Karrey of Victorville, Calif.; brothers, Richard Valee of Gardnerville; Randall Mushrush and sister, Lin-

Gilbert Bennett Sr.

Gilbert A. Bennett Sr., 70, died April 4 at the Veterans Ad-

da Castro, both of San Bernardino; sister, Cheryl Woodall; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral was held April 7 at FitzHenry's Chapel of Faith in Carson City, followed by burial at Woodfords Indian Cemetery.

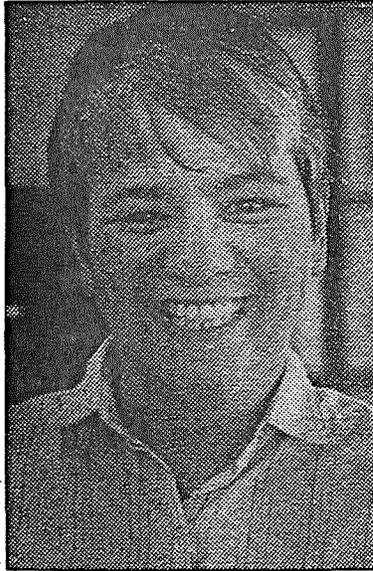
Veatch is honored for volunteer contributions

An individual from Alpine County will be honored for her voluntary contributions to community life at California Human Development Corporation's 18th annual Recognition Awards Dinner-Dance.

The event will be held at El Rancho Tropicana Hotel in Santa Rosa on the evening of April 21.

CHDC's board selected Edie Veatch of Markleeville for her energetic support of the Alpine County Blood Bank, Campfire program, the Alpine Children's Center and several other organizations.

Volunteering at least 50 hours a month, Veatch, mother of a preschooler and a



EDIE VEATCH

teenager, coordinated a toy drive, a pageant, and several blood drives in 1988, and wrote grant proposals to raise funds for Campfire and the day care center.

When her home was destroyed in a fire in 1987, she reportedly turned her attention to other fire victims and carried on with her volunteer duties.

CHDC is a no-profit organization which implements job training/employment and other human services throughout Hawaii, Oregon, Washington and 32 counties of Northern California. It was founded in 1967.

Monitor, Ebbetts, and Sonora passes open

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Monitor Pass (Highway 89) Junction 4 to Junction Highway 395 is now open, said Jim Borden, Caltrans District 10 Director.

Ebbetts Pass (Highway 4) is expected to open to the east end of Lake Alpine on the west side of the pass and to Nelson's Cabin on the east side of the pass, prior to the opening of Trout Fishing Season the week of April 24.

Sonora Pass (Highway 108)

also is expected to open to Kennedy Meadows prior to opening at the same time and to open from Kennedy Meadows to Junction Highway 395 prior to Memorial Day weekend the week of May 22.

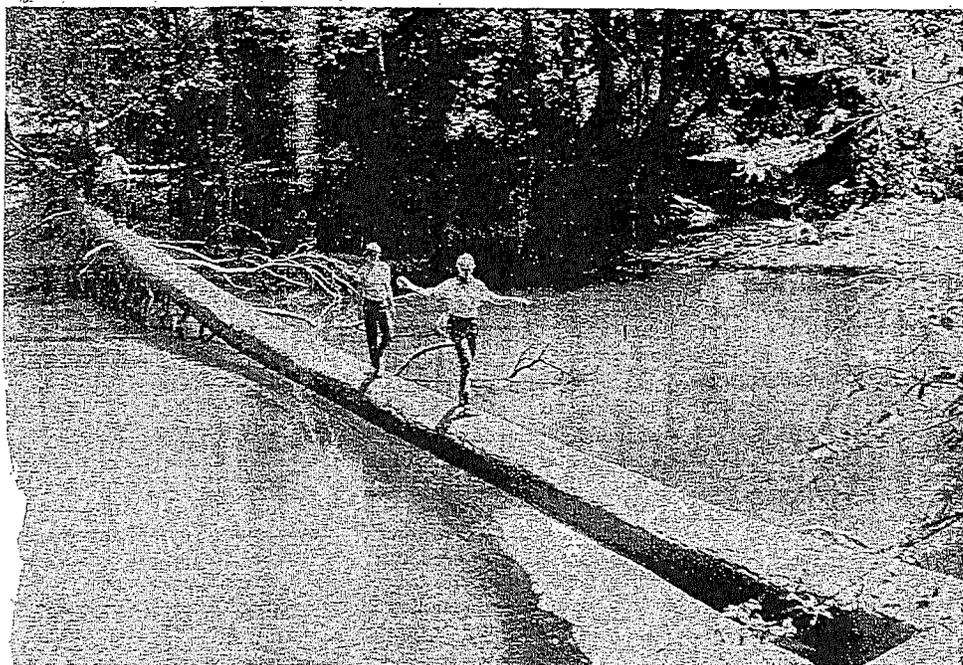
All openings depend on weather conditions.

Motorists should be advised that weather conditions in the Sierra's can change very rapidly and should always carry tire chains, Borden said.

WHO WAS THE **LONE WOLF** OF **THE SIERRA?**

PART TWO

BY MARY MATZEK



THE SHIMKES AND FRIEND, on one of their many forays into "Wolfe" country crossed the log bridge at Camp Irene. Monte was known for making log bridges over rivers and creeks he crossed frequently. (Not this bridge, however.)

When Monte Wolfe mysteriously disappeared in 1940, rumors spread through the mountain communities of Alpine, Calaveras, Tuolumne and Amador counties. Little was known about him, including his real name. He had a reputation for being a loveable hermit, a thief, an adulterer and a harmless mountain man of extraordinary strength. Some were sure he was murdered by a jealous husband; others believed he fell in the river while fishing or that he was wiped out by an avalanche. What really happened may never be known, but his friendship with the Linford family and their subsequent book about him — *Monte, Lone Wolf Of The Mokelumne* — provides us with an intriguing glimpse of the man called Monte Wolfe.

Jim and Veda Linford and their son, John, ran into Monte by accident while hiking the Mokelumne River in 1933. He halted their progress with a long rifle and the command, "Stay right there." Once he determined they meant him no harm, he relaxed and invited them into his quarters. He instructed his new found friends to always give the wolf call when approaching so he would know someone was coming.

His small cabin was hastily built of felled timbers and cedar shakes. It contained a bed, an iron stove, table and kerosene lamp. His food was tightly sealed in metal drums to discourage rats and other pests. As the day wore on, Veda decided the stories she'd heard about this Indian, Monte Wolfe, teller of tall tales, expert outdoorsman and thief on the run from the law, were probably exaggerated, at best. That he could hike extraordinary distances with a heavy pack, though, was proved to them that night when he shouldered both of their packs and led them out of the river canyon in the dark. Thus began an enduring friendship.

The Linfords delighted in learning more about Monte each time they met. He told them his father was a Scottish Indian agent named Ed McGrath and that he



MONTE WOLFE, or was it Ed McGrath?

was named for his father. His mother, daughter of a Sioux chief, called him Wolf. The name, Monte, came from some lumbermen he worked with who nicknamed him Monte and it stuck.

Monte admitted his cabin was illegally on forest service land, but he told the Linfords the forest rangers valued his service as an on-the-spot firefighter and therefore didn't complain about him.

He told them, "By cracky, I gotta have a place to live and I ain't botherin' nobody. Sheriff Barrett don't bother me neither, he's my friend."

He confided in them his newly found location for a permanent home; one that was far enough from the river to give him plenty of privacy, yet close to fresh water for his garden and laundry from a nearby spring. That summer, they watched and helped over several weekends while Monte built his second cabin. Monte had polished and waxed long skis to enable him to skid in the fallen timbers; during the winter months, timbers he had already cut and peeled and had waiting. This cabin would be weather tight and about 14 x 20, with two rooms and a loft. They noticed Monte was a talented builder and skilled with an ax. He made a log ramp and hoisted the 600 to 800 pound logs up the ramp by

roping each one on its ends and drawing it slowly up the ramp until it fit into place. Even after a day of heavy work on the cabin, Monte was undaunted by a five hour hike to escort the Linfords back to their car.

The cabin was finished when the Linfords visited in June of 1934. Monte had several metal framed beds with mattresses, given him by Mrs. Whiteside of the Calaveras Big Trees Hotel. He boasted a heavy cement mixing wheel barrow, his cast iron cook stove, cookware, an old Victrola and other heavy items that he had carried into the remote site.

Monte was obsessive about his new residence and his privacy, taking care to travel different paths to and from; he made it a practice to cover his trail by stepping carefully and avoiding crushing leaves and twigs. The Linfords attributed his self appointed lifestyle and endurance to his Indian background in which he gloried, always referring to himself as an Indian.

Monte spent his winters trapping, hunting, preparing his skins or visiting the few remote winter residents within his range. Harry Schimke was one of them and he remembers that the Alpine constable had a few warrants on Monte for theft, but he declined to serve them because Monte didn't really bother anyone that much.

During the long winters, Monte had the company of a cat

the river, fishing.

"Although Monte loved his cabin home and the mountains, he needed, even craved, congenial companionship," writes Mrs. Linford.

The Linfords began regular summer visits to Monte's and corresponded with him occasionally during the winter and spring. In Monte's first letter to the Linfords, he told them his hands were badly cramped so he was having a lady write it for him. He never named the lady.

For food, Monte grew about 500 pounds of potatoes each summer, which he kept buried in a pit of oak leaves under the snow. He had a stock of canned goods, he home-canned venison stew in Mason jars and he made jerky. And, while he enjoyed fresh fish, he never dried or smoked fish.

His mother was a Catholic and he described her as being "brought up proper and knew what to do." At one time when Monte got kicked out of church, he confided in the Linfords, his mother went to the priest and convinced him to let Monte back in church.

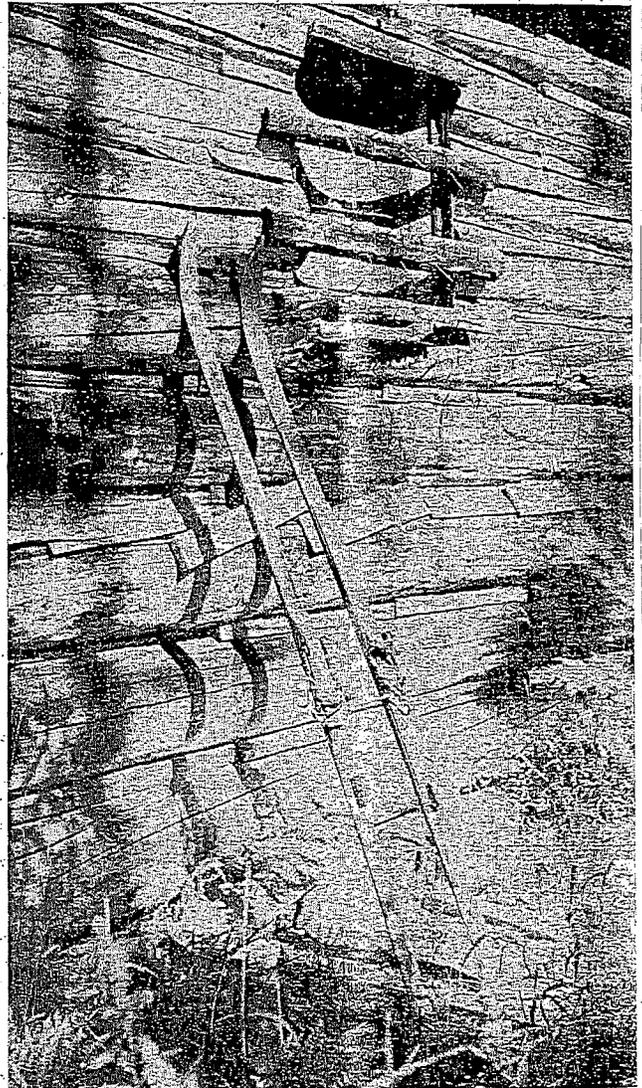
At one congenial moment around the campfire, Monte told the Linfords about his troubles in Tuolumne County. The story he told them was most likely pure fiction. He claimed he innocently guided some men from Sonora through the mountain short cut to Nevada. Then when he got back to Sonora, the Sheriff

“By cracky, I gotta have a place to live and I ain't botherin' nobody.”

he kept to help keep down the rodent population. For entertainment, he listened to his Victrola and read magazines and books that his friends left for him. His friends were a collection of people he met on the trail or on

tapped him for being in cahoots with jewel thieves.

A more accurate story was written by Judge J.A. Smith who presided over the trial of an Ed McGrath in Tuolumne County. Smith called him a "coyote," in



MONTE'S SKIS leaning against the cabin. He could ski from Alpine to Camp Connell, a distance of 19 miles, with great ease.

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 petty thief. He was once prosecuted in Stanislaus County under the name Ed McGraff and sent to state prison, according to Smith. In Sonora he was tried as Ed McGraff for being a felon carrying a pistol. It was as Ed McGraff he registered for World War I and it was as Ed McGraff he was acquitted, to everyone's satisfaction. It seems he was a war hero and the jury felt he deserved another chance. "There was no question that Ed McGraff and Monte Wolfe were the same person," claimed Smith.

Carl DeFerrari remembers the adults talking about Monte Wolfe when he was a kid. Wolfe used the name Wright for awhile and the gun incident, he remembers, was retold all over the county. Constable Billy Schmidt came to arrest him for stealing Alexander Chauncey's gun, but Wolfe got the drop on Schmidt and he was able to disarm him and get away. He disappeared up around Groveland for a couple years before they finally caught up with him and Judge Smith tried him.

It was shortly after the trial, in 1929, that Monte left Tuolumne

Tamarack working for B.R. Giannelli while he was putting Alpine together. B.R. and Monte had a dispute over wages and B.R. fired him. Monte got so mad he threatened to kill B.R.

He stayed at Berganz' cabin up by Hermit Valley and set up a mail box there but Ranger Bill Freer took his mail box away because he didn't have a permit for it. He got his mail legally under the name Ed McGrath in Nevada, after setting himself up as a guide in Tamarack. He charged \$3 to take one man or a party of six into the woods for a guaranteed limit of fish. He'd pack everyone's stuff and catch fish for them if they weren't getting their limit.

His Alpine and Calaveras County reputations were similar. After knowing Monte for awhile, the Linfords realized that Monte entwined truth with fiction, but they refused to believe he was a thief. They claimed he was honorable and always left a piece of venison, fresh trout or chopped wood to replace things he "borrowed." Conversely, Schimke

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reports he would steal things from camp and they'd go to his place and take it all back.

His strength was legendary and undisputable. A man named Clifford reported meeting Wolfe on the trail carrying a beastly heavy keg of nails and Wolfe stopped and casually chatted with him for several minutes without ever bothering to set the keg down. The stories about his feats of strength and endurance are bountiful. That, plus his showmanship, made him memorable.

After recuperating from a broken leg, Monte spent a winter in the mild climate of Camp Connell. There, he added to his fearsome reputation by swaggering in a menacing manner and playing a game with the cook (at the Camp Hotel) in which he chased her about running and squealing to escape him. If the audience was sufficient, he would jump on the bar and give hilarious pantomimes of skiers' hijinks on the slopes or tell stories of bravado.

One of the earliest records of Monte comes from Ira Shank, who ran into Monte in the Rail Road Flat area in about 1908. "He slipped out of the shadows one evening while we were watching the cattle near Schrack's Ford at Rail Road Flat," wrote Shank. The group Shank was with were not interested in him, they already had him pegged as a man running from the law. He seemed to range from Folsom to Merced. The theft rumor is of such persistence in every place he lived, it gives much weight to his fondness for lifting things he wanted. That, along with his mysterious lifestyle, certainly gave the impression he was hiding from justice.

Harry Schimke has been slowly tracing Monte's movements in Tuolumne County from Lumsden Bridge, Bull Meadows, a camp he found on Reed's Creek, to a concealed cache on the Tuolumne wired into a hollow tree. For a man who loved people, he was bent on being unavailable on a moment's notice, should he ever have need.

All of the little stories and contacts people have had with Monte help piece the man together. Veda Linford's book is invaluable in that it repeats much of Monte's speech patterns. His letters to the Linfords are faithfully drawn with his peculiar vernacular and spelling intact. Interestingly, the Linford's book adds to the mystery because the picture that emerges is heavily Canuck. His cabin building skills and his lumbering background fit a Canadian background, and there were people who thought him to be English or Canadian from stories and remarks he made to them. His mother's intervention with the priest and her "proper upbringing" do not sug-

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gest an Indian heritage. If his mother called him Wolf, in the Indian manner, why did he sign his name Wolfe with an "e" in the English manner?

His speech patterns, "by gar," "thar," the making of "Canuk" (Linford's or Monte's spelling) beds for the Linfords, again suggest a Canadian background.

He preserved meat by canning, a skill not common to Indian ways, yet, he didn't dry fish after the manner of Indians.

Carl DeFerrari claims that Monte had an almost inaccessible cabin below the Ned McGrath Ranch on Little Humbug Creek in Tuolumne County. The McGrath Ranch was located just below Big Creek Indian Camp. Ned McGrath! Ed McGrath! Ed McGraff! Could Wolfe have invented his name and his Indian background? Wolfe also used the names Wright and Rice, one time correcting a person and saying, "My name is not Wolfe, I'm Monte Rice."

The book suggests other inconsistencies, too. In 1935, Veda Linford makes a reference to Louie Bauer being mad at Monte over some missing items. The items were later found in a pack rat's nest. Monte writes a letter in May of 1936 in which he and Louie Bauer are apparently still on friendly terms, but by 1938, in a letter, he mentions that he thought Louie Bauer had put the cybosh on his friendship with the Whitesides at Tamarack. But such was not the case, because he received a friendly letter from Whitesides. Veda then assumes his problems with Louie Bauer

were trivial and related to the missing items. However, Schimke's and other's observations suggest that missing small items would not generate the anger Louie had for Monte Wolfe.

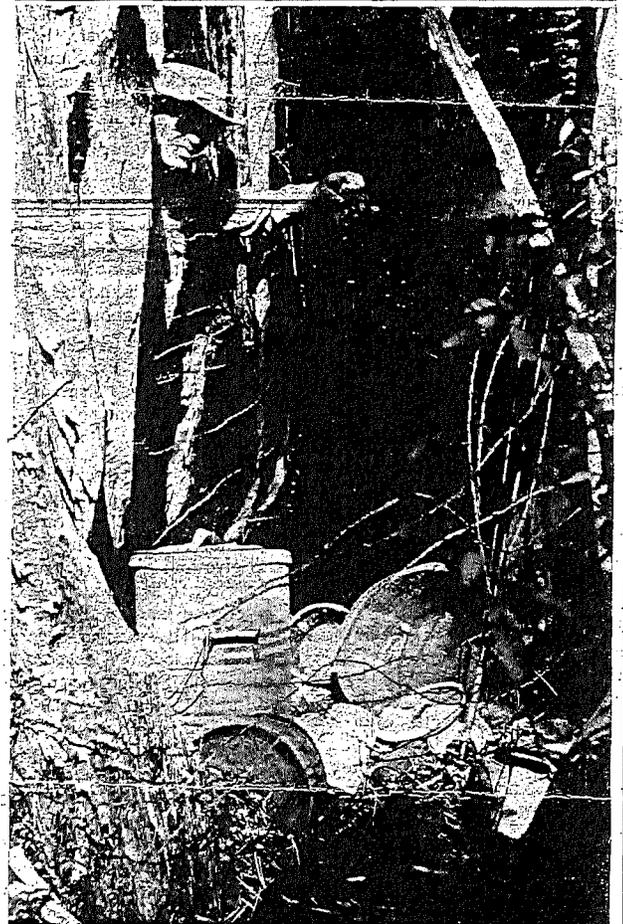
The Linfords last saw Monte in September, 1939. Schimke saw him the following January and he was assumed missing when the Linford's went to his cabins in June of 1940.

She writes, "Mildewed remains of an uneaten meal lay on the table. A pan of bisquits were on the open oven door. Washing hung on the line." Why would a man cook his bisquits first, lay out his meal and then leave to go fishing? It's reasonably believable that someone called him and he stepped away from his meal and answered that call and never returned from whatever befell him.

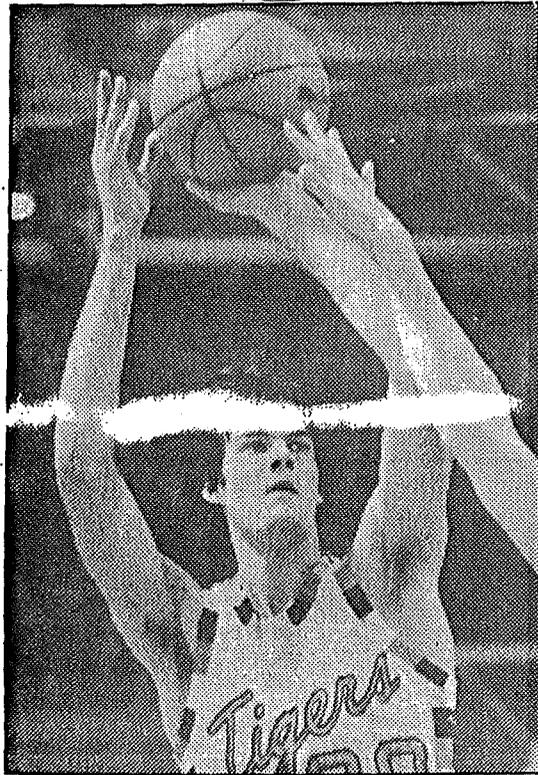
So who was Monte Wolfe? No one knows, for sure. However, that question will soon be adequately answered. Harry Schimke and George Hoepfer are researching birth, jail and service records in all four counties. They are collaborating on a book about their findings so we may learn who Monte Wolfe was.

Anyone with anecdotes or information about Wolfe are invited to send them to Harry Schimke, 414 N. Snell Ave., Sonora, CA 95370, or call 532-7078; or, call Mary Matzek at 728-3235.

CORRECTION: In last week's story about Monte Wolfe, Grouse Valley was incorrectly referred to as Grass Valley.



HERE A FRIEND of Harry's exposes the cache they found wired into a tree hollow.



TIGER GREAT. Gary Price, shown here as a senior at Douglas High in 1979, will be inducted into the Nevada high school basketball Hall of Fame next month. R-C photo

Nevada Hall of Fame

Gary Price receives honor

Record Courier 4/20/89

Gary Price is recognized as one of the greatest basketball players in Douglas High School history. Next month, he will be recognized as one of the greatest ever to play high school ball in Nevada.

Price, a 6-foot-6 center for the 1978-79 Douglas state AA championship team, will be inducted into the Nevada Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame on Saturday night, May 20. The induction ceremonies will be conducted at halftime of the third annual North-South all-star game, which will be played at Reed High School in Sparks.

The game, which features the state's top graduating seniors, is set for a 7:30 p.m. tip-off at Reed.

"This is a very honorable thing," said Price, a Gardnerville resident who has been confined to a wheelchair since a 1984 hit-and-run accident left him paralyzed. "I still don't know all that much about it, other than I'm going to be in there with some very distinguished company."

"That part of it is awesome," he added with a

laugh.

Price is only the third player to enter the state Hall of Fame and the first from northern Nevada. The previous two inductees were Las Vegas products who went on to careers in the NBA — Lionel Hollins, who played for Rancho High and eventually for the NBA Portland Trail Blazers and Philadelphia 76ers, along with Pace Manion, from Chaparral High then later at Utah and eventually in the NBA.

"The coaches wanted to pick someone from the North this year," Douglas coach Andy Hughes said. "They started talking about some pretty good players, then they took a look at Gary. He had a great career here and then he went on to set a record for most minutes played at the Naval Academy. He definitely has good credentials."

Price set a school single-season record by scoring 649 points as a senior for a Douglas team that went 29-4. He averaged 19.4 points per game, shot 62 percent from the field, and also led the team in rebounds and steals. He was honored as Nevada AA co-Player of the Year, along with 6-6 team-

mate Eric Reuter.

"I'm proud of Gary and the fact that he is being inducted into the Hall of Fame. He certainly deserves it," said Randy Green who directed Douglas High's boys basketball program between 1978 and '86. "Obviously I'm biased, but when I look around the state, both north and south, I feel Gary is one of the best post players I've ever seen. I never found anyone he couldn't play with."

"He was an essential ingredient of why we won that year," Green said in reference to a Douglas team that was 29-4 in 1978-79. "He had some impressive statistics, but he was an unselfish player who would do whatever he had to do for us to win."

After graduating from Douglas, Price spent one year at Navy's prep school and then went on to play as a four-year starter for the Midshipmen. He averaged 5.9 points and 5.0 rebounds during a career in which he played 108 games.

One-sided

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Editor:

Your one-sided article ("Are we due for a flood)," story in the April 13 Record Courier gives only the opinion of those who want to turn the Carson Valley into another San Jose or little L.A. Development is the reason that they want a dam on the East Fork of the Carson River.

To promote the dam and reverse California's designation of the East Fork as a wild and scenic river, they are trying to sell a 12-year study. At the end of that time the wild and scenic designation could be removed.

Neighboring Alpine County — where the East Fork of the Carson would be kept wild and scenic — has a different viewpoint. Alpine's Board of Supervisors wants the river and Alpine's economy protected. This, in turn, will protect the Carson Valley from the widescale development, congestion, and smog that a dam would eventually bring. It would also preserve the river for the many locals, Carson Valley residents, and others who enjoy its trout fishing and rafting down its scenic banks.

The Alpine Supervisors voted unanimously last month to recommend to the California state legislature that the East Carson be kept wild and scenic. Led by Supervisors John Brissenden and Ann Wade the Board turned down the provision which would allow the 12-year study. Brissenden stated, "A dam has been studied for 50 years and has not been found to be cost-effective." Supervisor Wade expressed the feeling of many on both sides of the California-Nevada border: "We must preserve the river for future generations," she said.

To preserve the Carson Valley, as well as to enjoy the East Fork's beauty and recreation, we the people need to have our voices heard. Write, in support of a permanent wild and scenic river (and no more studies for dams), to: Gordon Van Vleck, Secretary, Department of Resources, 1416 9th St., Sacramento, CA 95814; Senator John Garamendi, State Capitol, Sacramento 95814, and Assemblyman Norm Waters, same address.

WILMA RULE

Markleeville

April 20

Kirkwood ski team

Record Courier 4/27/89

Chandler places in giant slalom

Joey Chandler of Kirkwood skied to first place in his J-1 division and ninth overall last Wednesday during competition in Heavenly Valley's Silver Dollar Super-G.

Chandler, who races for the Kirkwood Ski Education Foundation, turned a time of 1:34.88 to crack the top 10 of a talented men's field.

Toni Standteiner, from Olympic Valley and the U.S. Ski Team, won the race with a 1:29.19 clocking. He was trailed

in the No. 2 position by Jeremy Purdy, a Douglas High product who now races for the Mammoth Ski Team, who was timed at 1:31.05.

Steve Wade also finished 12th overall for the Kirkwood ski team and John Crim in 22nd. Gardnerville's Greg Kudrna was 33rd overall and Dominique Etchegoyhen 54th.

Kirkwood Ski Education Foundation racers also gave a good account of themselves at

the recent Squaw Valley Spring Fling.

Liza Bitton of Gardnerville placed 11th in the women's giant slalom race on April 16 with a 70.69 clocking that put her just two seconds off the winning effort of Squaw Valley's Lisl Hauger.

Noelle Lamprecht of Genoa also posted a 30th place overall finish in the women's giant slalom on April 15.

On the same day, Greg Kudrna of Gardnerville turned in a strong performance in the

men's giant slalom. Kudrna, a Carson Valley Middle School 8th grader, started 84th in the race but moved up to 33rd overall in the final standings (third in the J-3 division) with a time of 72.82 that placed him less than eight seconds behind Andreas Rickenbach of the U.S. Ski Team.

Kirkwood's Kevin Moats and Jeremy Sheldon finished 123rd and 128th respectively in the same event, which boasted a field of 165 competitors.

Concert. The Celtic music of the singing group Scartaglen will herald spring in Alpine County in a special concert at Diamond Valley School in Woodfords, Calif. April 27, 7 p.m., sponsored by the Alpine County Arts Council. Tickets are \$2 adult and \$1 for senior citizens and children. Information, Garth McCormick, (916) 694-ARTS.

Awards. The annual Alpine and Douglas County School District Indian student awards assembly will be held at Diamond Valley School Thursday, May 4, 7 p.m. Public, parents and school personnel are invited, according to Sherry Smokey of the Washoe Tribe Education Department. Awards will be made to students for academic achievement. A cultural program is planned, as is singing, dancing, theater performance and refreshments. Information, call Smokey, 265-4191 or (916) 694-2339.

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Guest opinion

by NANCY THORNBURG

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Remember When?
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NOT INJURED. Mr. and Mrs. Duane Mack of Minden escaped uninjured in an automobile mishap near Lakeview on the Reno-Carson highway Saturday night when their machine left the highway and side-swiped a pole. The fender of the car was badly crumpled, but damage was nominal.

BOYS WARNED: Several local young men who have been driving automobiles equipped with open mufflers, this week were warned by officers to remedy the effects under penalty of the law which makes illegal the operation of machines so equipped.

* **COUPLE RETURNS.** Hubert Bruns and bride, who have been on the coast since their marriage at Sutter Creek, returned to Alpine county last week and will make their home in Fredericksburg.

VIRGIN HOME SOLD. The Virgin home at Genoa was sold last Friday by Joe Campbell, administrator of the estate of the late Lillian Virgin Finnegan. The purchaser was Percy Train.

Markleeville man arrested

Record Courier May 4, 1989

A 31-year-old Markleeville man will be arraigned Friday in East Fork Justice Township Court on charges of sexually assaulting a 15-year-old Gardnerville girl on May 2.

William Ransom Garner was arrested May 3 by investigators and is being held in the Douglas County Jail under a \$50,000 bail, according to

Judge Doug Struthers.

In addition to the sexual assault, Garner faces charges of kidnapping, false imprisonment and solicitation of a minor to engage in acts of pornography, according to Sgt. Larry Paul.

According to Paul, Garner was arrested yesterday (May

3) at a local casino following a late-night investigation by Sheriff's detectives. The girl said the incident occurred May 2 in Garner's vehicle parked in a residential area of Gardnerville.

Paul said no further details were available and the incident was under investigation.



Books and Beyond ends with pizza at Scarselli Elementary

About 435 students, parents and staff were given gold medals for their participation in the Scarselli Elementary School Books and Beyond program.

Sixty percent of the student body completed the reading program, according to reading specialist Peggy Reavis, and were treated to a pizza party Friday afternoon.

Books and Beyond is a

nation-wide reading incentive program where students move markers around a board as they finish a required number of books or pages in books. They earn prizes along the way.

Raffle prizes are also given to students for additional reading activities, Reavis said. The program is designed to encourage students to monitor

their television watching and to read books instead of watching TV.

Reavis thanked McDonald's, Meadowdale Twin Cinema and Domino's Pizza as well as the Minden Rotary Club, 20-30 Club, BPO Elks Lodge No. 2670, Carson Valley Lions Club and the SES Parent-Faculty Committee for support of the program.

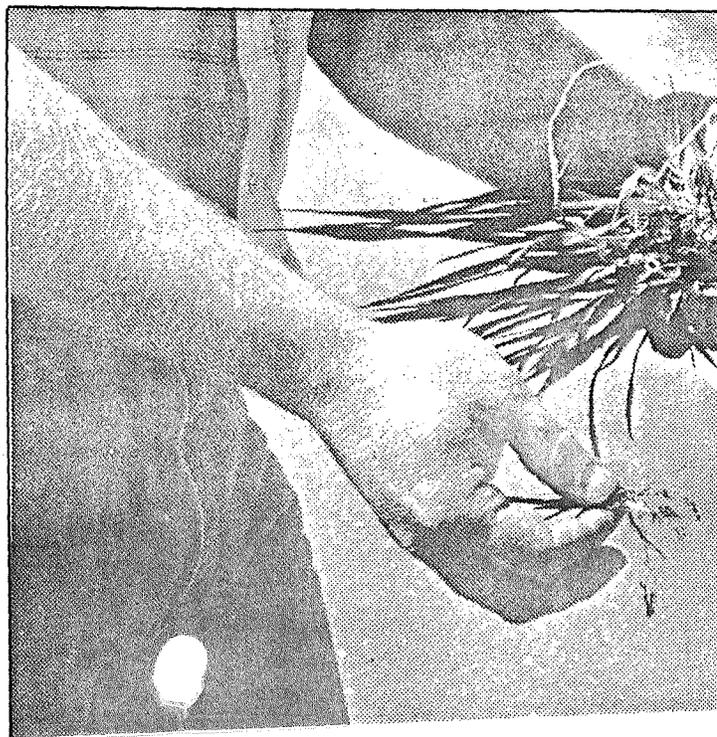


Waging a winning

Recovered Courier "MAY 11, 1989"



Skeletal remains of bitterbrush above will soon be surrounded by green grasses planted by the Soil Conservation Service. Shown is conservationist Steve Walker. In the photo at right, the long-rooted, lush wheat grass will eventually choke out the water supply of the less extensive root system of the cheat grass, in his left hand. Cheat grass is extremely fire-hazardous, says Steve Walker of the Soil Conservation Service.



war in wild, wild West

Conservationist takes
on battle of the brush





SUCCULENT. Rows of perennial wheat grass rise above the surface of the dusty acres that were torched in the Acorn Blaze in 1987. The

Soil Conservation Service, the Washoe Tribe and Alpine County pitched in funds to restore greenery.

by LISA WIXON
Staff writer

Waging one of the last wars in the wild, wild West, Steve Walker watches untamed acres burnt two years ago by the Acorn Fire battle to beat the odds of the notorious cheat grass from overpowering the newly-seeded wheat grass.

The result of wheat grass, which is succulent and fire-resistant, versus cheat grass, dry and flammable, is almost inevitable.

Like most Western sagas, the good guys always win.

"The chances are great, it looks like they're going to make it," says a hopeful Walker, a soil conservationist.

Tearing a fistful of the opposing grasses from the ground, Walker illustrates how the erosion-stopping wheat grass planted by the Soil Conservation Service last year has taken root and promises to replenish the barren ground.

"It is our mission, as the soil conservation service, to save soil. I hope this impresses you," Walker said. "If you think this cheat grass is fire prone, well you're right. It's a big enemy."

Starving the cheat grass by greedily sucking away its share of water, the soil conservation service hopes the competitor will squelch fire-spreading weeds.

Skeletal remains of thigh-high berry brush that once dominated the 5,000 acres on Highway 88 are quickly being surrounded by a new crop of lush perennial plants.

"If we don't manage the land and we don't reseed after a fire, then what are we giving to our children?" asks Walker. "These grasses hold down the soil and start the (plant) community back into its natural succession."

Seeding by helicopter proved largely unsuccessful due to high winds, Walker said, and ground machinery was used to seed approximately three

quarters of the burnt acreage. "It was blind luck," says Walker. "We had a great deal more precipitation than I expected."

However, it wasn't a cheap operation. The \$100,000 project was funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Washoe Tribe and Alpine County in a cooperative effort to wipe out effects of the fire that devastated the county in 1987.

"It's the first positive story since the Acorn Fire. There have been a lot of long-term hard feelings. This starts back the recovery," Walker says.

The chances of the various seeds taking root escalate if planted in the fall months, says Walker who began planting 5,000 acres Oct. 1, 1988. Machinery was used to puncture a hole in the soil and bury the seed to increase chances of survival.

"Smokey the Bear promotions are easy, but revegetation is not as dramatic as the man with the hose fighting the fire. Funds aren't as easy to come by. There's way more available for fire prevention than fire rehabilitation," said Walker. "It needs to be a community effort."

Walker hopes to generate interest in saving funds for replenishing and reseeding after a fire. But, because of bureaucracy red tape, the Walker says the money is not usually available until planting season is over.

"Then you have to wait another year and the cheat grass comes in and makes it flammable all over again," Walker says. "It's just smarter to get it done as soon as possible."

Walker, who says the cheat grass will eventually die and the wheat grasses and berry brush will dominate the many acres, feels a sense of urgency when it comes to fire rehabilitation.

"We've got to save the soil. We got to stabilize the soil and try to stabilize the sites that have been burned," he says. "Why? Because it's our mission to save soil."

50th anniversary feted

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Hubert and Merle Sheppard Bruns of Fredericksburg, Alpine County, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, April 16, with an open house held at their daughter's home in Sacramento.

The event was hosted by their three children, Shirley, of Sacramento, Linda, and Bruce, both of Alpine County. More than 100 friends and family members attended from throughout California and Nevada. Over 40 of the guests traveled from Carson Valley and Alpine County.

Bruns is a third generation Alpine County rancher, having been born in the family home in which the couple still resides. He took over the operation of the ranch in 1939.

In 1963 he was named "Farmer of the Year" by the Alpine Soil Conservation District, and in 1973 was named Carson Valley's "Man of the Year."

He served as a member of the Alpine County Board of Supervisors for 32 years, and was appointed to the California-Nevada Interstate Compact Commission which was formed in 1955 to divide the waters of the Lake Tahoe Basin between the two states.

Bruns also served as a director of the Lahontan Region of the State Water Quality Control Board, and has become a respected authority in the field of water legislation. He is a past-president of the Minden Rotary Club, and remains an active



MR. AND MRS. HUBERT BRUNS

member.

Mrs. Bruns was born and raised in Amador County and was working for the Internal Revenue Service in San Francisco when her sister introduced her to her future husband. The couple was married at the Sheppard family home in Sutter Creek, Calif. on April 16, 1939.

Special guests at the gold anniversary celebration were Elva Sheppard Busher of San Francisco and Mr. and Mrs. Herb Felten of Arcadia, Calif. Mrs. Busher is a sister of Mrs. Bruns and was her bridesmaid, and Felten, a former Carson Valley resident, is a lifelong friend of Bruns and was best man at the wedding.

Other special guests were

Gladys Loganbill of Fredericksburg, and Mervin Sheppard of Sutter Creek, sister and brother of Mrs. Bruns, and Mrs. Sheppard, and Vernita Bruns Smith of Los Angeles, sister of Bruns.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruns both remain actively involved in the day-to-day operation of the ranch. They were joined in the business by their son, Bruce, following his graduation from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, in 1977.

Their younger daughter, Linda, is also associated with her parents in the ranch, while their older daughter, Shirley, a registered nurse, works in the

Department of Health Services, State of California, in Sacramento.



Artist

Indian Artist Jack Malotte worked with special art projects at all grade levels at Diamond Valley School last week under the auspices of the Alpine County Arts Commission. He is

a well-known artist who has exhibited and won awards across the U.S. R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch

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PLAGUE EVIDENCE . Experts from the Nevada Department of Health, the California Department of Health, and federal Center for Disease Control at Colorado Springs will be in Carson Valley and nearby Alpine County for ten days beginning June 4 to conduct field surveys on the incidence of plague antibodies among rodents and other animals in this area.

YOUTH SHOT. A Carson Valley youth was treated at Carson -Tahoe Hospital for a minor wound on May 8 following an accidental shooting in the Johnson Lane area. According to Douglas County sheriff's reports, the youth was wounded when a gun he and another youth were fast-drawing discharged. The boy was reportedly hit in the left thigh by the .22 caliber bullet.

GENOA FEED. Last-minute preparations are being made throughout Genoa this week by townspeople and members of the Genoa Volunteer Fire Department for a fundraising dinner-dance this Saturday night.

Woodfords Head Start has new head teacher

Niall McGuinness took over the job of Head Teacher at the Woodfords about two weeks ago, and he says he's got some great kids.

"I have some great kids, some really good kids," he said. "And I have some very helpful aides that have really helped me with the transition."

McGuinness was a substitute teacher in grades kindergarten-6th in schools in Florida.

He came to the Woodfords area about six months ago. He and his wife Nancy and son Sean, 12, live in Woodfords.

The Woodfords Head Start program is directed by a parent advisory group, he said, and he has the help of several parent volunteers each day. It is operated under the auspices of the Intertribal Council of California.

The parent aides will be honored at graduation exercises May 25, which will include refreshments and special ceremonies.

Head Start, McGuinness said, is designed to give kids a "head start socially and educationally," and to prepare them for public school.

Fifteen students will be entering kindergarten at Diamond Valley School next year from the Head Start program, he said.

The program also offers social events for the kids, including outings to places like Lampe Park in Gardnerville and up to Lake Tahoe, where a end-of-year barbecue will be held May 26.

Recently, the nutritional coordinator of six Head Start programs in California visited the Woodfords site, and said she found the children were very well-behaved. McGuinness credited the work of the teacher-aides for the good behavior of the



NEW TEACHER. Niall McGuinness, shown here playing with a student at

children.

"I was kind of happy about that," he said. "I hold the aides responsible for their good behavior."

Head Start closes at the end of May and will resume in September.

Lampe Park, is the new head teacher at Woodfords Head Start. R-C photo

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An arraignment date was set for Monday, June 5 for a Markleeville man accused of sexual assault, battery, kidnapping and several other charges.

William Ransom Garner, 32, was indicted by the Douglas County Grand Jury on May 17. He faces two charges of sexual assault, one charge of battery with intent to commit sexual assault, first degree kidnapping, encouraging a minor to engage in pornography, attempted promotion of sexual performance of a minor, and possession of a controlled substance.

At the time of Garner's arrest, authorities seized a number of sexual devices, 60 pornographic magazines, and between 40 and 50 pornographic photos.

In a justice court hearing Monday, judge Norm Robison ordered the case turned over to the public defender's office.

The date to enter a plea was continued to June 5 in order for the district attorney's office and public defender's office to receive copies of the Grand Jury transcripts.

Record Courier May 25, 1989

Mantynen keeps fast
pace among masters

Age doesn't slow runner

by DAVE PRICE
Sports editor

Forty is an age when most active athletes have either retired or have at least considered the possibility of slowing down.

Not Linda Mantynen. One month shy of her 41st birthday, the Woodfords woman is actually stepping up the pace of her running career.

Her accomplishments of the past year include personal best

master women to break 38 minutes. I tried for it but I didn't quite make it," she said with a smile.

Just give her more time. Mantynen's goals for 1989 include staying injury-free and to improve her times.

"I'd like to improve my times, at least in the 5-K. I'd like to run in the low 17's or make break 17," said Mantynen, who runs up to 50 miles a week at the peak of her training.



times of 18:01 for 5 kilometers and 36:42 for 10 kilometers that rank her in an elite class in the world of masters (40-and-over) distance running. Fact is, she's fast in any age group — male or female.

Mantynen follows a busy racing schedule which, this year, will take her to California several times, including the U.S. Masters and Sub-Masters Track and Field Championships next month in San Diego, as well as the World Masters meet July 27-Aug. 6 in Eugene, Ore.

This weekend she will have an opportunity to stay closer to home and compete in the Carson Valley 10-K Saturday. She will be one of the favorites in the women's field when the race goes off at 10 a.m. from the Carson Valley Inn.

Mantynen was second in the women's division at last year's inaugural Carson Valley 10-K behind only training partner Debbi Waldear of Kirkwood, who blazed to a time of 39:47.

This past Sunday, Mantynen traveled to the Bay Area and ran 38:20 at the Pacific Sun 10-K in Kentfield.

"I never got to see the results so I'm not sure how I placed. It was the top 15, I imagine," Mantynen said. "All of the good runners were there because it was the TAC P.A. (Pacific Association) masters championships for both men and women.

"They had some good prize money, including incentives for

To put that goal in perspective, the 17-minute goal is close to Laurie Binder's American masters record of 16:54 (on the road) for 5-kilometers. The pace averages out to better than 5:30 per mile.

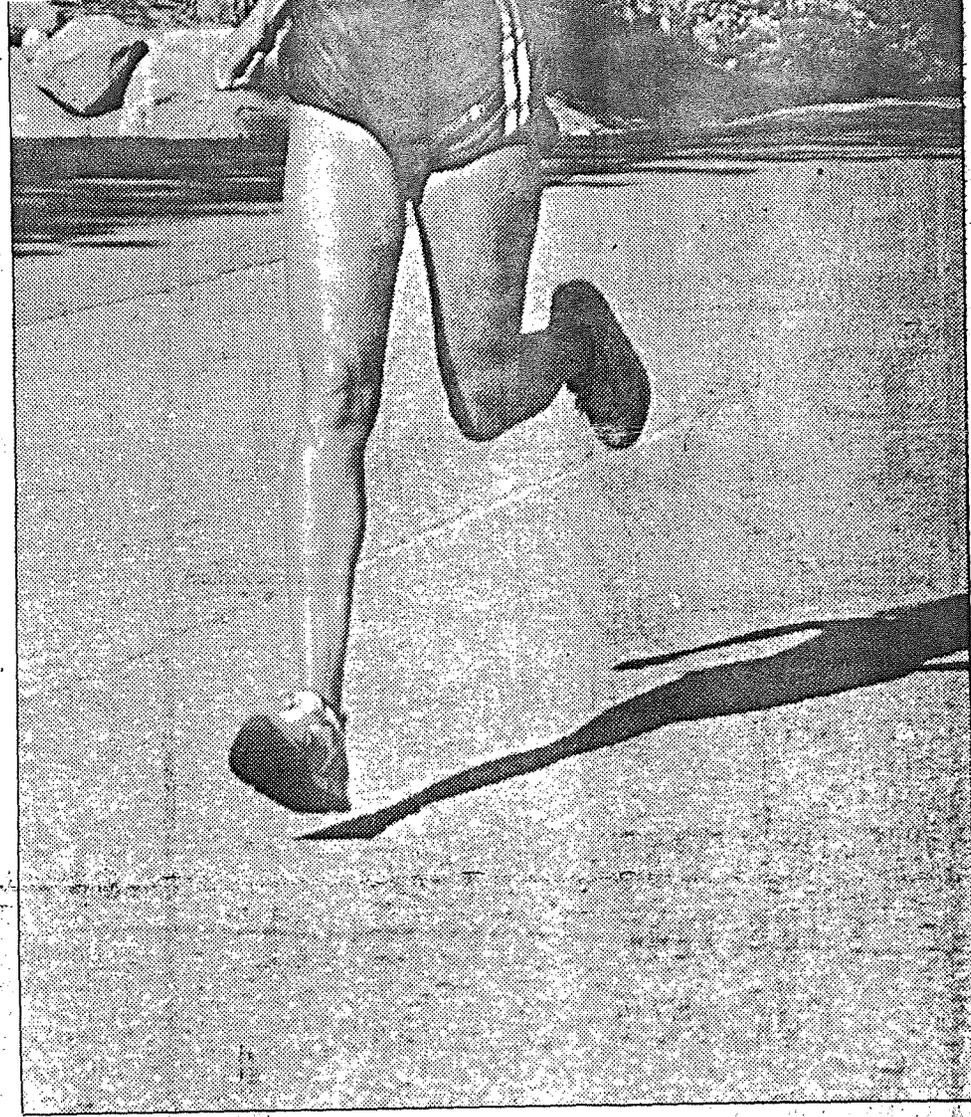
Six years ago, Mantynen wouldn't have envisioned any of this. That's when she took up running while living in Palo Alto.

"We went down to run at Foothill College one day. It wasn't anything serious, we were just trying to stay in shape for our mountain climbing," recalls her husband, Robert Mantynen. "The college kids were out there running and the coach, Peanut Harms, saw Linda. He came over and asked if she had any college eligibility left. He thought she was a lot younger.

"She ended up running for Foothill. It was interesting to see because to some of the girls on the team, Linda was old enough to be their mother," he added. "After she finished up her eligibility at Foothill (a community college), she received a lot of letters from four-year schools to come tour their campuses. The only problem was that Linda was too old to run for a Division I school."

Everything has worked out just fine, though.

"I'm running faster times now; I feel good about that," Linda said. "I like running. I work hard at it and it takes up a lot of time between training and traveling to races on weekends, but it's something I enjoy doing."



ON THE RUN. Linda Mantynen, 40, of Woodfords has seen her running improve with age and she has hopes for even more progress in 1989. R-C photo by Dave Price

Locals place in J.O. meet



JUNIOR OLYMPIANS. A group of local athletes fared well at the TAC Junior Olympic qualifying meet in Reno this past weekend, including from

the left here Rollin Smokey, Robby Jones, Chrissy Mendivil, Gregg Massey and Daniel Crawford. Photo by Sherry Smokey

Robby Jones claimed two victories to lead a local contingent of athletes who competed at the 26th annual TAC Junior Olympics qualifying meet held this past weekend in Reno.

Jones, a Diamond Valley Elementary School 6th grader, won the midget boys age group division shot put and discus during competition Saturday at the University of Nevada-Reno's Mackay Stadium. He posted throws of 22.68 meters in the discus and 8.82 meters in the shot put.

Another local winner during the two-day Junior Olympic meet was Diamond Valley 3rd grader Daniel Crawford, who took the bantam boys shot put Saturday with a throw of 6.41 meters. Several other local youngsters earned ribbons, including Jennifer Simpson with place finishes in three distance vents. Simpson, a 5th grade student at Scarselli Elementary School took second in the midget

girls 800 with a 2:53.45 clocking and second over 3,000 meters (13:19.99) Saturday and then placed third in the 1,500-meter run Sunday (6:09.80).

Rollin Smokey, a 3rd grader at C.C. Meneley Elementary School, was a second-place finisher in the bantam boys 800-meters with a 2:40.5 clocking Saturday and came back the next day to place third in the 1,500 in 5:26.3.

Two other distance runners earned ribbons during the weekend, Chrissy Mendivil and Meghan Buscay. Mendivil, a Diamond Valley 5th grader, ran to third in the midget girls 3,000-meters with a time of 13:52; Buscay, a Carson Valley Middle School 6th grader, placed fourth in the youth girls 3,000 in 12:55.70.

The Douglas High quartet of Chris Ovid, Jon Danckwerth, Bryce Nebe and Jason Deem ran to second place Sunday in the young men's 400-meter relay in 47.62. They trailed only the Rite

of Passage quartet of Robert Higgs, Henry Hunter, Demetrius Allen and Kevin Terry that broke the tape in 46.00.

Danckwerth and Deem placed second and fourth respectively in the young men's 100 Sunday with times of 11.76 and 11.9. Deem also clocked a personal best time of 23.44 for third place in the 200-meter dash the day before.

Greg Masse, a Diamond Valley 3rd grader, sped to third place in the bantam boys 200 (30.8) and third in the 400 (1:12.93).

Elliot McLaughlin was a second place finisher in the youth boys javelin, plus he took fourth in the discus with a throw of 19.46 meters.

Colleen McLaughlin, also posted a third-place effort of 11:04.10 in the 1,500-meter race walk.

By placing in Reno, the local youngsters qualified to compete at the Junior Olympic regionals this weekend in Hayward, Calif.

Debbi Waldear shatters 10-K course record

by DAVE PRICE
Sports editor

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A faster time would have been nice, but otherwise Debbi Waldear complain about her performance Saturday at the second annual Carson Valley 10-K.

All the 39-year-old Kirkwood runner did was shatter her own women's course record, as she completed the 6.2-mile distance in a first-place time of 38:04. The effort took nearly two minutes off her own women's course record of 39:47 established last year — good but not perfect by Waldear's standards.

"I would have liked to run a little faster," she admitted. "My fastest 10-K time is 35:30 and I was hoping to be somewhere in that ball park, but this still wasn't bad for running at altitude. I was happy about improving my time from last year."

The race, co-sponsored by the Carson Valley Inn, Gardnerville Fleet Feet store, KGVM Radio and The Record-Courier, attracted a field of 167 runners and raised an estimated \$600 for Douglas High School athletics.

Andy Takaha, 33, of Stateline was the overall winner with a 34:55 clocking. Takaha, who boasts a best of 31:50 for 10-kilometers, forged to the front early and then held off late challenges from Tim Minor of Reno and Craig Wanner of Gardnerville to break the tape in a race in which the top five finish 33 seconds apart.

Minor finished second with a time of 35:00, Wanner was third in 35:08, Dave Carlsen of Carson City was fourth in 35:16 and Tim Powell of South Lake Tahoe ran 35:28 for fifth place.

Waldear, who manages the Kirkwood Ski Touring Center during the winter, had an easier time on her way to first place among the women and 10th place overall. She led all the way and crossed the finish line nearly three minutes ahead of the second woman, Mariane Zerebko from Tahoe City. Zerebko checked in with a time of 41:02, ahead of a close pack led by Ruth Fredericksen of South Lake Tahoe in 41:32, Sharon Balerviez of Reno in 41:36 and Linda Mantynen from Woodfords in 41:37.

"I felt good. I was strong and steady the whole race and I was able to pick up my pace over the last two miles," said Waldear, who will be in the Bay Area this weekend for the renowned Dipsea Run.

Waldear said she enjoys the Carson Valley race.

"I like the race. I like the community spirit of it, the local turnout is real nice. I like the course, too; it's flat and straight, yet it's still interesting. It's a little windy, but I imagine you're always going to have that," she said.

The list of age group winners included Ken Adams of Reno, first in the men's 40-and-over division and eighth overall at 36:28, along with Fred Kiddy, 55, from Bishop, Calif., who ran 38:45 to lead the men's 50-59 class.

Jerry Van Sickle, a Douglas High School graduate

10-K: Waldear, Takaha winners

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who just completed his two-year cross country and track career at Diablo Valley College in Concord, Calif., won the 19-and-under category in a time of 39:07.

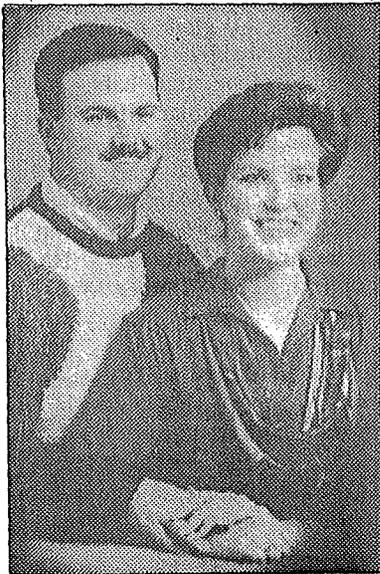
Other women's winners included Fredericksen in the 20-29 division, Mantynen in the 40-49 division and Sandra Kiddy of Bishop in the 50-59 class at 44:20.

Medals were presented to Jim and Gerry Sullivan from Cool, Calif., for being tops among the 60-and-

over crowd. Jim Sullivan, 65, ran 52:07, and Gerry Sullivan, 60, ran one hour, six minutes and 36 seconds.

The oldest entrant in the race was 79-year-old Frank Demers from Bishop, who crossed the finish in 1:01:27.

"Isn't that amazing?," said Carson Valley Inn spokesman Bill Henderson. "It's something to see someone that age finish the race, let alone run just over an hour. I want to be like that when I'm 79."



JEFF COLESCOTT AND
CATHY CADIGAN

Colescott-Cadigan engagement told

Jeff Colescott of Woodfords and Cathy Cadigan of Palm Springs, plan a July 15 wedding at St. Margaret Mary's Church in Oakland, Calif.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Carol and Don Cadigan of Palm Springs.

The bridegroom-elect is the son

of Margaret and Bill Colescott of Minden.

The bride-to-be graduated from Palm Springs High School in 1983 and from California State University, Sacramento in 1987. She is a senior accountant with waste management in Santa Clara,

Calif.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Douglas High School in 1982 and attended California State University, Sacramento. He is a petty officer in the United States Navy, and works as a qualified nuclear operator on board the USS Enterprise.

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Markleeville man pleads not guilty

A 32-year-old Markleeville man faces life imprisonment on charges various sexual crimes involving a teenage Douglas County girl.

At a June 5 hearing, William Ransom Garner pleaded not guilty to all charges.

He is charged with two sexual assaults, battery with intent to commit sexual assault, first degree kidnapping, encouraging/enticing a minor to engage in pornography, attempted promotion of sexual performance by a minor and possession of the controlled substance methamphetamine, according to Deputy District Attorney Harry Kuehn.

In addition, Garner could be found to be an habitual criminal and the penalties he faces could be enhanced, Kuehn said.

The allegations are that the crimes occurred on May 2 and 3.

Numerous sexual devices were seized from his vehicle following a May 3 arrest, Kuehn said.

An indictment against Garner was signed after a May 17 hearing. Garner was convicted twice previously of crimes which either are felonies in Nevada or would be considered felonies here, thus he may be deemed an habitual criminal, Kuehn said.

On June 29, 1988 he was convicted of sexual battery and on Nov. 9, 1988 he was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon. Both crimes occurred in California, Kuehn said.

Garner is in custody without bail.

A July 18 trial is scheduled.

Alpine commissioners open bidding for roofing projects

If all goes well, the Alpine County Museum, historic school house and jail will soon have new roofs.

At its meeting June 6, the

Alpine County Board of Supervisors voted to open the bidding process for the reroofing of several buildings and set July 5 as the bid opening date.

The board also set July 18 as the bid opening date for the Hot Springs Road repair and overlay.

In other business:

- The board adopted ordinance

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498-89 which establishes a 15 mile per hour speed limit zone for various roads in Bear Valley and a 5 mph speed limit on Blue Lakes Road from Lower Blue Lake to Upper Blue Lake.

Alpine parents workshop set

A workshop on ways parents can build their children's self-esteem through activities aimed at their level of development will be held June 15 at the Diamond Valley School gym.

The workshop, sponsored by Choices for Children resource and referral agency and the Alpine Children's Center After School program, will be held 7-8 p.m., with a potluck dinner beginning at

6 p.m.

Cathy Willis, director of the Parents and Children Together (PACT) program of the Family Support Council of Douglas County, will present the workshop.

"We would like to invite teachers, family day care providers and persons working with young children to attend this informative workshop," a spokeswoman said.

There is no fee.

The Diamond Valley School is located at 35 Hawkside Dr., off Diamond Valley Road in Woodfords. Free child care will be offered at Alpine Children's Center (on the school site), 6:45-8:45 p.m.

For more information about the workshop, call Choices for Children at 694-2129 or Alpine Children's Center, 694-2390.

Williams, Jones strike gold

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Lea Williams of Gardnerville and Robin Jones of Diamond Valley led a local contingent of athletes who competed at the Pacific Association Junior Olympic track and field championships held last weekend in Hayward.

Both were gold medal winners during competition that attracted young athletes from two states to California State University-Hayward.

Williams, a freshman at Douglas High School this past year, sped to first place in the young women's age group 400-meter low hurdles.

"Lea ran a good race. She was in about third place at the 300-meter mark and then she destroyed the field," said Douglas track and

cross country coach Lyle Freeman.

Jones, a Diamond Valley Elementary School 6th grader, won his gold medal in the midget boys shot put with a mark of 31-feet, 5 inches. Jones also placed second in the discus with a throw of 66-4 1/2.

Kevin Freeman of Gardnerville placed sixth in the same discus event with a personal best throw of 52-2.

Another Diamond Valley student, Daniel Crawford, placed fourth in the bantam boys shot put with a toss of 20-10 1/2.

On the track, C.C. Meneley Elementary School 4th grader Rollin Smokey earned a bronze medal for his third-place effort in the bantam boys 1,500-meter run.

Smokey checked in with a personal best time of 5:12.6 and also placed sixth in the 800-meters in 2:41.

Chrissy Mendivil, a Diamond Valley 5th grader, turned personal best times of 6:00.98 in the midget girls 1,500-meters and 13:41 in the 3,000. She placed ninth and seventh in the respective events.

Greg Masse, a Diamond Valley 3rd grader, was a sixth-place finisher in the bantam boys 400-meter dash and he took eighth in the 200. He also posted a non-placing mark of 11-0 3/4 in the long jump.

Place finishers in Hayward qualified for advancement to the Junior Olympic regional meet the weekends of June 29-30 and July 1-2 in Fresno, Calif.

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People

1889: Horses run away

100 YEARS AGO

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HORSE-POWER RUNAWAY. C.M.

Henningsen had a narrow escape in a novel runaway last Monday. He was cracking barley at the ranch of Chris Dangberg with ten horses attached to the

Remember when?

power. The sieve in the cleaner becoming choked he left his station on the power to remove the difficulty and during his absence the driving belt flew off and the horses started in a mad run around the circle. Mr. Henningsen rushed to his place and seizing the brake endeavored to stop them, but without in the least checking their speed. He then bethought him of his own safety, and tried to get out of the whirligig by an arm which had no horses attached to it, but was struck and knocked down by the arm. At this critical moment one of the horses broke his halter and turning out was thrown to the ground, thus bringing the whole machine to a stand-still. Mr. Henningsen crawled out, bruised but not seriously hurt. The escape was miraculous, indeed. Carston says, "There was no harm done — well, the flywheel was broken in three pieces; but that was nothing." "So say the all of us," considering the close call he had.

* **FISHING.** Hope Valley is always the boss place to go fishing. L. H. Bell, J. C. Harlow and George Richards caught 400 trout there one day last week.

Cycling clinic at Sorensen's Resort

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Former Olympian George Mount will direct a cycling clinic next Saturday, June 24-25, at Sorensen's Resort in Hope Valley.

The two-day workshop will feature instruction in various phases of riding such as training, gearing, equipment, diet and race tactics. Classroom clinics will be conduct-

ed the first day to be followed by a group ride on Sunday.

Mount's accomplishments include gold medals in the 1975 and '79 Pan-American Games, a sixth place finish at the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal. He was a 10-year veteran of the U.S. national team and competed

professionally three years in Europe.

Cost of the workshop is \$50, which includes lunch on Saturday. Lodging and other meals will be available through Sorensen's Resort. Contact Sorensen's at (916) 694-2203 for further information.

Nevada wants to keep Carson dam options open

by JIM DIPESO
R-C News Service

Nevada Gov. Bob Miller on Monday signed a resolution urging the California Legislature to exempt any Nevada dam project on the Carson River from a California proposal to designate its east fork as wild and scenic.

But last week the California Senate's Natural Resources Committee amended the bill to dump a "12-year window" requiring a study on whether a dam is needed on the east fork.

The window was written into the original bill because Nevada water supply officials say a dam, and possibly a bistate reservoir, will be needed in the future to provide water and flood control for the fast-growing Carson Valley, Carson City and Dayton areas.

The population in Douglas, Carson and Lyon counties is expected to nearly double in the next two decades, from 60,000 today to about 110,000.

California environmentalists, including Friends of the River, oppose the 12-year window because it would leave the door open to damming the river. Friends of the River and angler organizations say the east fork is valuable for river rafting and fly fishing. In addition, the Alpine County Board of Supervisors is on record in favor of wild and scenic

status to boost the county's outdoor recreation business.

Under the window language, the wild and scenic designation would take effect immediately upon enactment of the bill, but the California Department of Water Resources would study the need for a dam and report back to the legislature in 12 years. Another legislative act would be necessary to remove the wild and scenic designation.

The window language was in the bill when it was approved by the California assembly last month. The bill now goes to the Senate Appropriations Committee. If the amendment throwing out the window language passes the Senate, the bill would go back to the Assembly for concurrence. If the Assembly does not concur, the bill would go to a two-house conference committee to resolve the conflict.

The wild and scenic designation would cover a 10-mile stretch of the east fork from Hangman's Bridge, on California State Route 89 in Alpine County, to the state line. The designation would prohibit dams and water diversion on that stretch of the river.

The Watasheamu dam, under discussion in Nevada for decades, would create a 160,000-acre-foot reservoir backing water into California for flood control and agricultural irrigation. Nevada

officials say they want to retain the option of building Watasheamu, but in 1987 a study mandated by the Nevada Legislature recommended against building the project.

An alternative proposal, the Bodie dam, would not be affected by the California wild and scenic designation, because its reservoir would stop at the state line. The Bodie proposal would store water for domestic consumption.

But the proposed Bodie site may not pan out, said Ira Rackley, adviser to Nevada's Carson Water Subconservancy District. In that case, the Bodie dam may have to be moved to the old Watasheamu site upstream, and create a 50,000 to 60,000 acre-foot reservoir that would flood river stretches in California.

A bill is moving through the Nevada Legislature to fund a feasibility study of the proposed Bodie site. "It just happens to be a particular area of the canyon that's never been studied before," Rackley said.

Any dam would be forbidden if the river is added to the federal wild and scenic system. Later this year, the Toiyabe National Forest plans to begin studies to determine whether the entire east fork is worthy of such a designation. Congress would have to approve adding the river to the federal system.

Markleeville race scheduled for Sunday

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As many as 200 participants are expected for the Markleeville 10-K Run Sunday.

The race, being held as a benefit for the Alpine County Emergency Medical Team, is scheduled for a 9 a.m. start from the Cutthroat Saloon in Markleeville.

"The race has gotten a good response; we've had inquiries from Texas, New Mexico, Arizona,

Southern California and Oregon. I'd like to see 200 to 250 runners. That would be a nice sized field," said race director Robert Mantynen.

Runners will face a challenging 6.2-mile out-and-back course to Grover's Hot Springs.

"It's an enjoyable, yet challenging course. You have a deceptive elevation gain; it's not obvious,

but you do gain about 400 feet going up to the Hot Springs," Mantynen said.

Medals will be given to the top three finishers in eight different age categories, ranging from 14-and-under to 70-and-over.

A \$12 donation is asked for entry. More information may be obtained by calling (916) 694-2475.

Alpine County resident John S. York died June 22 at Grover Hot Springs.

York, a Chicago native born in 1944, resided in Raymond Canyon for the past 10 years.

He was employed by the Carson City School District as a teacher of high school subjects at the Medium Security Division of the Nevada State Prison for the past six years.

He recently obtained a master's degree in education from the National University in Sacramento, Calif., and was working toward a doctorate degree in education from the University of Nevada-Reno.

York is survived by his widow, Virginia, and son, Benjamin.

A memorial service is scheduled to be held July 8 at 9 a.m. in Pleasant Valley. People wishing to attend should meet at the end of County Road.

Donations for the York Children's College Fund can be made at the deposit box in the Alpine County Library or direct deposits may be made at the Valley Bank branch in Minden.

Please make checks payable to: Virginia York for the children of John York.

For more information call Lisa Embree (days) at (916) 614-2303 or Dianne Deadrich-Rogers (evenings) at (916) 694-2133.

Flossie Bennett

Minden native Flossie Jeanette Curtis Bennett, 61, died Sunday at Washoe Medical Center in Reno.

She was born March 13, 1928, to James and Winnie Jo Pete Curtis and had been a lifetime Woodfords resident. Mrs. Bennett was a homemaker and member of the Mount Sierra Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gilbert Sr., April 4.

Survivors include: son, Willard of Sutcliffe; sons, Dwight, Phillip and Gregory, daughters, Linda Shoshone and Florence Bennett, brother Lawrence Christensen, and sister, Dinah Pete, all of Woodfords; stepsons, Gilbert Jr. and Millard Bennett, both of Carson City; 13 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives.

John S. York

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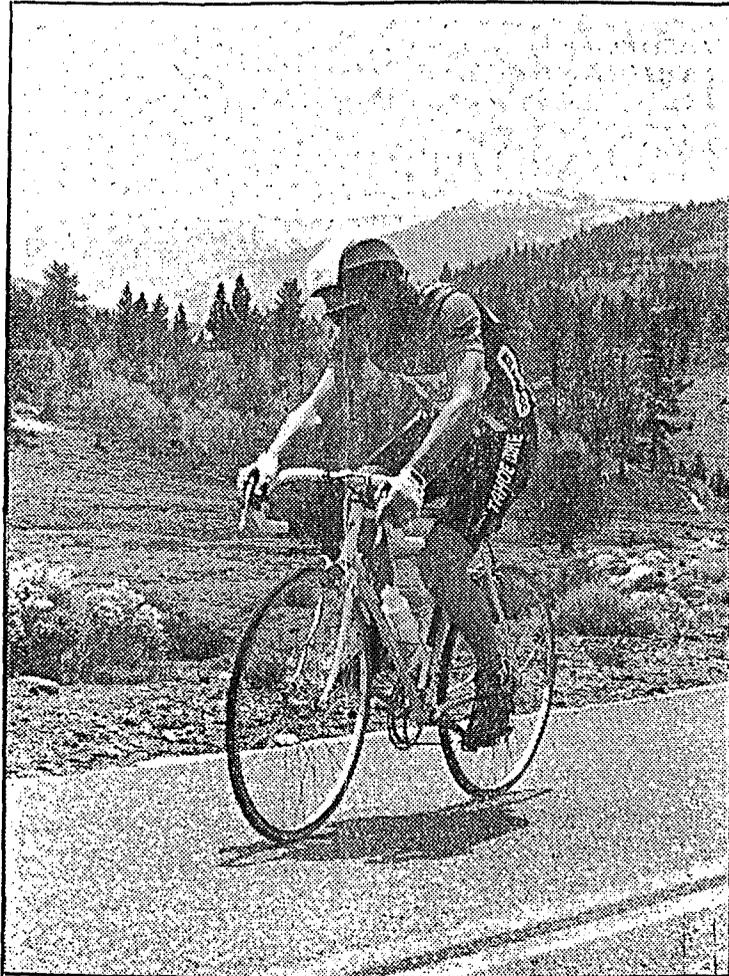
Markleeville fire

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A tanker drops fire retardant on a blaze south of Woodford's Monday. The fire was started in the Curtz Lake area by a lightning strike about 3 p.m. and was contained around 4 p.m. after burning between one and two acres. The Nevada Division of Forestry left an engine company and hand crew at the scene overnight. R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch

'Death' Ride, Run Push Athletes to Limit



BY GORDON HIERMERER/SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

A Death Rider climbs Monitor Pass, one of five peaks

Ride Climbs 15,000 Feet

BY DAN GIESIN

CHRONICLE STAFF WRITER

The Tour of the California Alps" is too lyrical a name for such a gruesome endeavor.

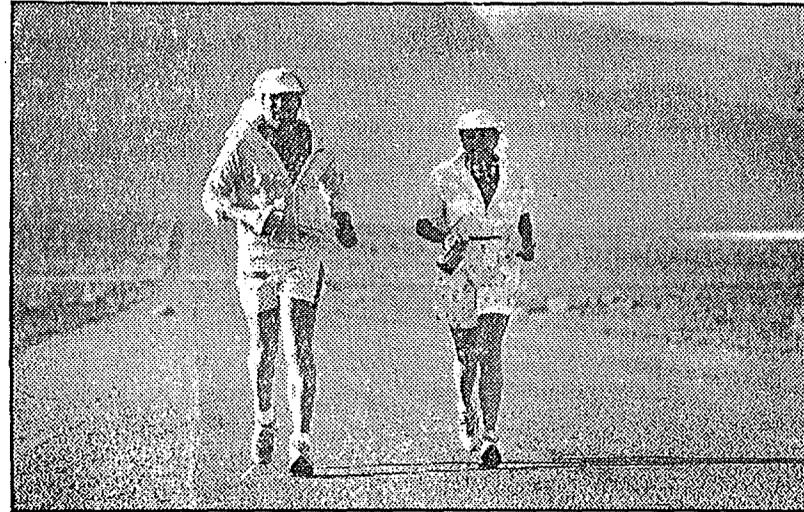
Best to call it by its more common moniker: the Death Ride.

Each summer more than 1,500 otherwise sane cyclists put their lungs, legs and common sense to the test over some of California's most scenic — and grim — terrain.

Encompassing five passes in the heart of Alpine County — 8,314-foot Monitor (twice), 7,740-foot Luther, 8,573-foot Carson and 8,730-foot Ebbetts — this ride is not for the faint of heart. If all five passes are completed, the rider will have climbed more than 15,000 feet and traveled about 154 miles. There also are options for three passes (10,051 feet of climbing, 108 miles) and one pass (3,264 feet, 54 miles).

"No one has died on the route yet," says Curtis Fong, director of

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BY RICHARD BENYO/SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Tom Crawford and Jean Ennis of the Death Valley team

Desert to Mt. Whitney Run Covers 292 Grueling Miles

BY RICHARD BENYO

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

I have a little slice of desert hell in my Napa Valley backyard. It's a simple plywood hotbox, equipped with a bench, an electric space heater and a heavy hunk of firewood for doing arm curls.

On a given training day, I can move from an ambient Napa temperature of 95 degrees and 35 percent humidity to an environment of 140 degrees and 10 percent humidity.

The hotbox is a necessary training tool toward my goal of becoming

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Sierra Outdoors



THE ROUTE. Curtis Fong of the Alta Alpina Cycling Club leads a group of cyclists through downtown Markleeville, part of the route for Saturday's The Tour of the California Alps — The Death Ride. More than 1,500 riders are expected to turn out for the eighth annual event. R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch

The Death Ride

Cycling challenge doesn't actually live up to its name

by DAVE PRICE
Sports editor

Formally, it's known as Tour of the California Alps — the Death Ride.

It's more popularly known among cyclists as The Death Ride, although this is a case where the name is misleading. Just consider that on Saturday, some 1,500 riders are expected to be on hand for the eighth annual Death Ride, beginning at 6 a.m. from Turtle Rock Park. The event is co-sponsored by the Alta Alpina Cycling Club and the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce.

They'll be on hand to tackle one of the toughest bicycle challenges in America, a ride that puts participants up against five Sierra mountain passes on a route that scales Monitor Pass (elevation of 8,314 feet), Luther Pass (7,740), Carson Pass (8,573) and Ebbetts Pass (8,730).

Riders from across the country, and even one participant from Switzerland, will tackle The Death Ride. Why the popularity?

"We really don't know what it is draws people to this ride," said tour director Curtis Fong of the Alta Alpina Cycling Club. "We have received more national press the last couple of years, and anyone who has done this ride has probably told 10 friends about it. And, just the number of people who ride bicycles has really increased in the last 10 years."

"We like to think a lot of people come up here to enjoy the scenic beauty of Alpine County, getting out of the inner-city and seeing blue skies. It's more than a ride, it's a whole experience."

The Death Ride is not a race. No awards are given for speed. Participants, who have the option of riding one, three or five of the passes, are encouraged to ride at their own pace and everyone receives a patch for participating. Anyone who reaches the top of Ebbetts, the fifth pass of the 150-mile Death Ride, will receive a special commemorative pin.

"It's a leisure ride and one of the interesting things is the variety of people you see out there. You see everything from 12-year-old kids to 70-year-old men



Paul Washam, left, from the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce, and Curtis Fong display

T-shirts that will be given to Death Ride participants. R-C photo

and women; you have 300-pound guys on mountain bikes, you see tandems, even people pulling trailers with kids in them," Fong pointed out.

There still is a matter of difficulty.

"There are lists and lists of tough rides all over the country, rides like the Hotter than Hell 100 (miles) in Texas. This one is listed in that type of company.

"It is very challenging just because of the amount of climbing involved. The climbing, the altitude involved, and at times there's heat and wind. When you combine all those things, it can zap your energy.

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Monitor Pass to close

Due to "The Tour of the California Alps — The Death Ride" Monitor Pass will be closed to motorists driving through Alpine County Saturday morning, according to California Department of Transportation officials.

Highway 89 over Monitor Pass will be closed between 6 a.m. and noon to all motor vehicles, except for emergency, law enforcement and ride organizers.

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Death Ride: Tough

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"That's what makes this ride so tough."

Although difficult, the ride is designed to be an enjoyable experience, according to the 39-year-

old Fong, who lives in Gardnerville and is employed as sales and marketing director for KOWL Radio at Lake Tahoe.

"We hope this ride never lives up to its name," he said. "We take all the precautions we can to make this ride as enjoyable as possible. The club takes a lot of pride in this ride. We want to present it to people as one of the best cycling experiences they'll encounter."



SUMMER

20% OFF SALE

Bill would fund more public purchase of Hope Valley land

By JIM DIPESO
Tribune Staff Writer

Tahoe Daily Tribune 7/18/89

An appropriations bill moving through the House contains \$4 million that would allow the Toiyabe National Forest to buy an additional 5,000 acres next year in the Hope Valley area, the object of intense preservation efforts.

Since startup of a campaign to acquire about 25,000 acres in Hope Valley and areas adjacent to the Carson-Iceberg Wilderness

in the early 1980s, acquisitions have totaled 9,644 acres, said Scott Ferguson, Hope Valley project manager for the Trust for Public Land.

Lands acquired by the trust have been transferred to the Toiyabe and to the California Wildlife Conservation Board for preservation.

The trust is a nationwide organization which acts as a middleman to convey private land to public agencies, which ac-

quire the acreage through appropriations and land exchanges. The trust is working to acquire a total of 40 parcels in the valley and adjacent areas for transfer.

Acquisitions that recently closed include 160 acres "right above Wood Lake" near Carson Pass, Ferguson said.

Other acquisitions that recently closed escrow include 991 acres on the Walker

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River near Pickle Meadow and an additional 112 acres along the Walker River, he said.

Next month, the state Wildlife Conservation Board will consider taking over an 80-acre parcel at the north end of Hope Valley. Once that transaction is complete, the valley's north end

"will be pretty well locked up," he said.

The \$4 million Hope Valley fund from Proposition 70, passed last year, has been spent "and then some," Ferguson said.

The acquisitions are designed to forestall development pressures on Hope Valley, a largely pristine meadow surrounded by craggy peaks and traversed by the meandering West Fork of the Carson River. Past devel-

opment proposals have included a ski resort, gravel pit, condominiums and an electric intertie line.

The valley, at 7,000-foot elevation, is a prime outdoor recreation spot, with fishing and hiking in the summer, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling in the winter, and viewing of the flaming fall colors from the aspens that cover the mountainsides.

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Sports

Death Ride: No glamour, yet rewarding

It's a good thing the 2,000-plus cyclists who participated in The Tour of the California Alps — The Death Ride weren't looking for glamour because the ride doesn't offer much of it.

No screaming crowds greet the riders at the finish line. No shiny trophies are awarded to the winners. In

For the record

By BRAD MELIN

fact, order of finish is of no concern to the event coordinators and a winner is not declared.

After riding up to 154 miles and over some of the highest mountain passes on the West Coast, the only satisfaction participants get is entirely personal. But that is obviously enough to keep entries for the Alpine County event coming in.

"You get a great sense of accomplishment when you finish and you reached the goal you set for yourself," said Vicki Jacobsen of Mammoth Lakes, who completed the 108-mile, three-pass ride. "It doesn't really matter that a lot of people don't know you finished. As long as you know yourself, that's all that matters on a brutal ride like this. You get a feeling down deep that's hard to describe"

A total of five mountain passes were on the course. Cyclists had the option between choosing the five-pass (154 miles), three-pass (108 miles) and one-pass (54 miles) rides.

Starting at Turtle Rock Park near Markleeville, the five-passers rode Highway 89 to Highway 395 which included an ascent up 8,341-foot Monitor Pass. From Highway 395, the riders turned around and traversed Monitor again.

A ride back through Markleeville, Woodfords and Hope Valley put the riders at Picketts Junction where Highways 88 and 89 converge, and at the base of Luther Pass which has an elevation of 7,740 feet. That climb was followed by the 8,73-foot high Carson Pass on Highway 88.

The final obstacle was Ebbetts Pass on Highway 4, which has an elevation of 8,730 feet and grades that get as steep as 15 percent. A short jaunt back to Turtle Rock Park and the riders were finished.

Chris Mahannah of Reno was first five-pass rider to cross the finish line, but again, he didn't receive any special accolades because every one of the riders could be considered a winner.

"It used to be more of a race when everyone started at the same time," said Mahannah. "I started at 6:30 this morning but there were people who left more than an hour before I did. That makes it difficult to know where you're at.

"It's more of a training ride. We call them LSD rides or Long, Steady, Distance. It's much more beautiful than most of the training rides I do, though."

The biggest problem riders ran into was wind gusting to 25 mph. The wind, coupled with the altitude, made the ride live up to its name.

"Coming down Monitor, the wind was really tossing me around," said Jim Monroe of San Jose at a rest stop between Monitor Pass and Carson Pass. "You really have to hold on for some of the gusts. The climbs aren't too bad because then it's cooler than it normally is."

Monroe, who has done the ride four times previously, said that preparation is a never-ending battle.

"I train all year doing different rides and just living on my bike," Monroe said. "But I keep coming back to this ride for the scenery. I can't think of a more beautiful place for a bike ride. There's snow on some of the peaks and you want to stop and play in it. Where else but Antarctica can you find snow in July, and you can't ride there."

Not all of the participants had as good of a time as Monroe. There were a few crashes that caused minor cuts and bruises and a few cases of exhaustion. For the most part, however, these injuries and fatigue were taken in stride by the riders.

"I think I have some of the symptoms of mountain sickness," said Boyd Rardin of Montebello, Calif., a rookie to the ride. "Normally, I don't let people pass me without a struggle. But today, I'm letting them go by. It's like you're lacking about one-third of your power.

"In most mountain rides, you come down near sea level in some part of the course. But you're never below 5,000 feet on this ride. You get kind of a dry feeling in your mouth and you never really catch your breath. The hardest part is the altitude. If you train in the hills regularly, your legs don't really get that tired. But the altitude really takes it out of you."

The riders weren't the only ones who had to overcome a test of endurance. A large part of the 150 volunteers that supported the ride were out early Friday morning getting the course and aid stations ready. After finally finishing the course preparation at 2 a.m. Saturday, many of the volunteers, led by Tour Director Curtis Fong, stayed the night. They were up by 5 a.m. Saturday and didn't go home until late that night.

Like the riders, their jobs went unrewarded, except for a good dose of personal gratification. It seems like there's a lot of that going around The Death Ride



BARE BONES. Steve Lawton of Berkeley may be wondering how difficult The Death Ride really is after passing a skeletal landmark left by race organizers near Sorensen's Resort in Hope Valley. Mark Studyvin photo

Tribune photo by Mark Studyvin

Milton M. Sorensen

Milton Martin Sorensen, former proprietor of Sorensen's Resort in Hope Valley, died at his Fallon residence on July 11. He was 81.

Mr. Sorensen was born in Gardnerville on July 17, 1907 to Martin and Irene Rajah Sorensen. He was married to the former Irene Kincaid and had lived in Fallon since 1971 coming from Gardnerville.

He was the proprietor of Sorensen's Resort for 42 years.

Mr. Sorensen also was a member of the Douglas F&AM Lodge

12 of Genoa for 60 years.

He was preceded in death by his brother Douglas.

Mr. Sorensen is survived by his wife Marie of Fallon; a brother Marvin of Roseville, Calif.; a sister Myrtle Rich of Reno and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held July 15 at Walton's Chapel of the Valley, Cemetery and Mausoleum., which was in charge of local arrangements. Burial followed in Garden Cemetery.

Remember when?

50 YEARS AGO
The Record-Courier
July 21, 1939

RESORTS BUY PRODUCTS. Every morning, seven days a week, a four hundred dollar load of Carson Valley farm products, leaves the Minden Butter Manufacturing company plant for resorts and stores at Lake Tahoe.

In the load is three hundred gallons of market milk, principally from the dairy of Frank Settlemeyer, the balance of the load being made up of butter, eggs, and cottage cheese, the latter a product made at the creamery and in big demand.

IN THE WILDS. Three he-men of Gardnerville are camping in the wilds of Woodfords canyon this week, braving all the dangers of wild animals and mosquitoes. In the party is Jerry Neddenriep, Junior Meneley, and Jack Luhrs, grammar school pupils on their first wild fling into the lap of Mother Nature.

* **NO GAMBLING IN ALPINE.** Coming under a drive instituted by the attorney general of California, all slot machines in Alpine and Mono counties have been taken out of play. Officers in other California counties have been instructed to close all gambling devices and keep them closed.

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People

1889: Meteor strikes Alpine

100 YEARS AGO
July 26, 1889
Genoa Courier

 **EXCITEMENT IN ALPINE.** It is reported that Alpineites are greatly excited over the falling of an immense meteor in the vicinity of M.t Bullion. The ball of fire, which is described as larger than the Markleeville court house, struck with a force that made the earth tremble, giving a report like a cannon. The citizens of Alpine have been out scouring the hills in search of the areolite. Although many people

Remember when?

25 YEARS AGO
Thursday, July 30, 1964
The Record-Courier

 **ALPINE'S BIRTHDAY.** The colorful past of Alpine County, once home of the venerated "Snowshoe Thompson" will come to the forefront again this week end with the Alpine Centennial Celebration, third of the spectacular summer events in the area.

Located at the south end of Carson Valley, Alpine County is California's smallest, and perhaps most scenic county. It is comprised of 776 square miles of Alp-like terrain on the slope and crest of the eastern Sierras.

GASLIGHT CEREMONY. Natural gas for Minden-Gardnerville will be officially turned on Wednesday night, Aug. 5, with a gas lamp lighting ceremony on the steps of the Minden Court House. The ceremony, to be attended by city and county officials, takes place at 8:30 p.m.

If plans proceed as scheduled, the famed ox team from Genoa will drive Mrs. Lena Falcke and Gene Fetic, pioneers of Carson Valley, to the Courthouse grounds, as a particularly fitting tribute to the inauguration of natural gas service in the oldest valley in the state on its 100th birthday.

Not everyone in favor of Carson

by HUBERT BRUNS

Not everyone in Alpine County supports the idea of including the East Fork of the Carson in the Scenic and Wild River Act. In fact no one who knows anything about water supports the idea. I do not pretend to be an expert in the field of water but since 1940 when I was first appointed to a local committee to study future water supplies I have given between 3 and 4 thousand hours of my time toward that end.

In 1951 W. Coburn Cook, District Attorney for Alpine County at that time, and father of our present Judge of the Superior Court, convinced the Board of Supervisors that action should be taken to preserve water for the day that the growth in the County would need it. Action taken by the County under Mr. Cook's direction eventually led to the formation of the Calif. Nev. Interstate Compact Commission of which I was a member. This resulted in the division of waters between the two states, not only on the Carson but also Lake Tahoe and the Truckee and Walker Rivers. To make the East Carson a Wild and Scenic River would cancel the foresight and efforts of Mr. Cook and his desire to maintain the quality of life that we enjoy in this area today. He realized that to maintain that quality of life two things were of prime necessity. One was orderly control of the inevitable growth in this area, the other was an adequate supply of water. Without additional water new residents will have to share the water and other natural resources that we have until there is not enough for anyone. Lawns, flowers, trees and so forth will be the first victims.

I have the greatest respect for the Board of Supervisors and I realize that they felt that they were acting in the best interest of the County when they recommended to the State Legislature that the East Carson be included in the Scenic and Wild Rivers Act. They may not have realized that they were giving away the last bit of water available to our County as well as that of Douglas County. The water that Alpine and Carson Valley will be losing will end up

in the Fallon area. Reno and Sparks will eventually get the benefit of our water. It is a simple matter to transfer Truckee River water for Carson River water or vice versa. Under no circumstance would the California Legislature give water to another state from a more heavily populated area. They are apparently willing to give our water away because there is not enough votes to hurt them and they can gain Brownie Points from thruout the state.

Wild Rivers in other parts of the state generally discharge into the ocean or into larger rivers and the water is not lost from the state or from the area of origin. The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act allows development of water for local areas provided it is not transported elsewhere such as to Southern Calif. In the case of the Carson River, it discharges into one of the most water short areas of one of the drier states in the Union. It will be appropriated immediately and we'll never see it again.

Some of the contributors to your paper seem to feel that giving our water away will somehow control population growth. If it were that easy life would be great. One article suggested that the East Carson be included in the Scenic and Wild Rivers Act to keep this area from becoming a second Santa Clara Valley.

I do not pretend to be an authority on the matter but my years of study indicate to me that the article was partially correct. Only half of our area will become a Santa Clara Valley. The other half will become an Owens Valley with its share of abandoned farm land.

In order for the Interstate Compact Commission to reach an equitable division of water between the two states it was necessary to develop some type of population projection for the various areas. We had reason to believe that the Eastern slope of Alpine County will have a population of between 5,000 and 10,000 before 2050 A.D. Carson Valley will probably see a population of one hundred thousand or more by then. At the same time Reno and Sparks should have a population of between 500,000 and 750,000. As of today it appears that the

Tahoe Basin is the only one that will fall short of our projection and that is because the public is willing to spend the hundreds of millions of dollars to buy the land and keep the population down. Buying the land is about the only way to prevent development. Certainly, giving away water from a water short area is not recommended. Giving away water will only reduce the quality of life. An average community will use around 200 gallons per day per person. When water gets short we can exist on 50 gallons per day or less. Do we want our people in the future to live or just exist!

To provide water for the inevitable growth of the future this area has two choices. Either we develop new water or we turn to water now used for agriculture irrigation. If the East Carson becomes a Wild River then some of the larger land owners with good water rights will become multi-millionaires by developing their land while other land will be abandoned and the water used elsewhere. That is where the Owens Valley comes in. There the individual land owner did not suffer because generally they were paid pretty well for their land but the Valley as a whole was devastated. I must ask the Board of Supervisors and the State Legislature why they would risk putting this beautiful area into that type of situation.

One of the better things that came to Alpine Co. as a result of the hundreds of thousands of dollars and the many thousands of hours spent in negotiations between the two states was that Alpine would get a proportionate share of any new water developed by a large reservoir. This would be accomplished by exchange of water with reservoirs already built in Alpine County.

Some of the members of the Board of Supervisors seem to think that when Alpine does need more water that the County can purchase some Nevada owned reservoirs located in Alpine County. Having negotiated with Nevada people for many years I can assure the Supervisors that no

Carson River Wild-and-Scenic status

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water will be available from Nevada without water to exchange. The reason being that the Nevada portion of the Carson River Basin will have a greater need for water than will Alpine.

Much of the support for the Wild River comes from rafters and especially those who have commercial interests in rafting. I have no bones to pick with rafters as I would very much like to take such a trip some time. The problem is a rather short rafting season and only a few hundred people to enjoy it along with a limited number of fishermen. The river flows up to 5,000 c.f.s. or more in the spring in a good year which is much too high for safe rafting. It often recedes to around 30 c.f.s. in the late summer and fall which is too low for rafting. Making this a Wild River reminds one of the age old question, "If a tree falls in the forest, does it make a noise if there is no one there to hear it?" In this case there are so few there to enjoy it for eight to ten months of the year one must ask, is it really worthwhile? A reservoir would open the same area of the river to many more people the year around. Eventually as many people would enjoy the area on a single holiday weekend as would enjoy a Wild River in a year.

Anyone that believes that giving our water away will slow population growth is completely naive. In the not too distant future California will have over 40 million people, over 20 million in the Los Angeles area alone. To escape congestion people are leaving by the thousands each year. In the 11 years that I was on the Water Quality Control Board we watched the desert area of Victor Valley, some 150 miles east of L.A. grow from a reported 12,000 or 15,000 to around 50 thousand.

Our area, being one of the more attractive, cannot escape this same rapid development.

In 75 years, the happiest people will be living in the area that best manages their natural resources today, giving our water away probably does not qualify as the best management.

I will point to just a few of the

benefits of a large reservoir. Since 1850 there have been 14 major floods on the East Carson for an average of one every 9.8 years. The longest period without a flood was from 1907 to 1937, thirty years. We have now gone 25 years, since 1964, without a flood. The next one may come next year or several years from now but it will come. One of the worst floods was in 1955 when the East Carson exceeded 17,000 cubic feet per second. Flood stage on the East Carson is around 6,000 c.f.s. Several of the 14 floods have reached 12 to 15,000 c.f.s. A flood of that magnitude today would cause greater damage to private property than the total caused by the three recent fires in this area.

A large dam would prevent almost all flood damage. To deliberately deny flood control for the area is outright selfish.

As I have already mentioned, the lake above the dam would provide unlimited recreation. The dam would even the high and low flows of the river improving fishing and recreation all of the way down the river. Campgrounds would be built in some places around the lake.

The original plans for the reservoir were partly to increase agriculture acreage. Our studies, as much as 25 years ago, indicated that there was not enough water on either the Carson or the Truckee to increase agriculture. Even with upstream storage as much as 10 to 15 thousand acres of agriculture land will be lost. Without upstream storage a great deal more will be lost.

I have listed just some of the tangible benefits of upstream storage. The intangible benefits are much greater. Water is by far the most valuable resource an area can have. If used wisely it can help keep Alpine County and Carson Valley attractive for years to come. As every tree planted along Highway 395 by Martia Tomerlin and her friends is worth its weight in gold so will every tree and every acre of green meadow saved from destruction by development be worth their weight in gold. Every tree and every acre of

ground lost by giving away the water will be a loss far greater than their weight in gold.

As a comparison, Lassen County is about ready to go to war against Reno for trying to take water from that area. If a Lassen County Supervisor should offer to give water to Reno from that water short area he would be hung at sunup while Alpine wants to hand our water to them on a silver platter.

As much as we all hate to see this area overcrowded with people, those who wish to come and live here during the next century have as much right to do so as those who came before and only the selfish will deny them that right.

It is quite possible that our present Board of Supervisors know something about water that the rest of us do not. I believe that the Board took their action without a public hearing. It would be nice if they would explain to the public just what the benefits of a Wild River over a reservoir would be. If those benefits are real, all the more power to the Board. As I see it, a few people who have financial investments in rafting will be the largest beneficiaries from a Wild River and only one or two of those are from the County. No single segment of the economy will benefit from the reservoir but I believe the benefits, mostly intangible, will be better than a thousand to one from the reservoir over the Wild River.

We all realize that it may never be possible to build a large reservoir but it would be a tragedy if in time there was sufficient pressure and finances to build one and it was denied because of the hasty action of a small minority who prefers a Wild River.

Hubert Bruns is a Fredricksburg resident.

Court report

Markleeville man sentenced to 16 years in prison

A 32-year old Markleeville man was sentenced to 16 years in the Nevada State Prison and one year in the Douglas County Jail for two felony counts and one gross misdemeanor.

William Ransom Garner pleaded guilty June 27 to one felony count of battery with intent to commit sexual assault, one felony count of possession of a controlled substance, and open and gross lewdness, a gross misdemeanor.

At his sentencing July 24, Garner was given 10 years for the battery charge, six years for the possession charge and one year in jail for the lewdness charge. The two felony charges will run consecutively, while the gross misdemeanor will run concurrently.

"It's obvious I have to get you off the streets for as long as possible," Ninth District Court Judge Norm Robison told Garner upon delivering the sentence.

The Douglas County District Attorney's Office had asked for the maximum sentence.

"Based on his past record, it's obvious to me that Mr. Garner is a threat to women, especially young women," Deputy District Attorney Harry Kuehn said.

Garner was arrested May 3 and charged with several sex-related

crimes involving teen-age Douglas County girl.

He originally pleaded not guilty to all charges on June 5, but agreed to plead guilty as part of a plea bargain.

Garner was on parole for assault with a deadly weapon at the time of his arrest.

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Alpine County gears up for annual Country Faire

The second annual Chili Cookoff and Craft Jamboree, plus many more extras, mark the Aug. 27-28 Alpine Country Faire as a must-see event.

The Chili Cookoff will feature first, second and third places, with the winner proceeding on to the Great High Sierra Regional Chili Cookoff in September.

All Country Faire events take place in Markleeville, Calif.

The Chili Cookoff begins with a cooks' complimentary breakfast at 9 a.m., meeting at 10, preparation 10:30-11:30 a.m. and judging until 2:30 p.m.

Awards will be made at 3:30 p.m. and visitors may test the results.

The Carson City Capital City Community Band, which just returned from a gig at the Expo 88 in Brisbane, Australia, was one of few bands from North America to be invited to the land down under.

The band will give a concert on the Alpine County Historical Society Museum grounds at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The fair this year will benefit the Alpine County Search and Rescue Team. What the team needs most, according to a spokesman, is vehicles. It now has just two vehicles, one a converted Army box ambulance, and the other an old sheriff's unit.

The team would like to get an old school bus, plus a cross country tracked vehicle.

Also on the team's wish list is radio equipment.

On Saturday, the 8th annual Fun Run begins at 8 a.m. (registration is at 7). The fair will open officially with ceremonies at 9:30 a.m.

Artists and craftsmen's booths, plus those of industrial and commercial entities, individuals and social groups will sell and display their wares.

Continuous entertainment will take place in the bandstand

and stage area.

At 10 a.m., the Tug-o-War will begin. A treasure hunt is set for 11 a.m. in two categories, ages 8-11 and 13-16. A wine tasting will be held 1-3 p.m. at the Villa Gigli on Hot Springs Road.

The watermelon eating contest will be held at 3 p.m. for men and women.

The street dance will be held 8 p.m.-midnight on Montgomery Street, and all ages are invited.

On Sunday, the booths open at 9:30 a.m. and the parade will form at 10:15 at Montgomery Street and Barrett Lane. The parade will begin at 11. Honorary Grand Marshal is Bertha the Elephant from John Ascuaga's Nugget.

The Founding Pioneers will be the Grand Marshals, and the color guard will be the Pony Express Riders.

The fair will close at 7 p.m.

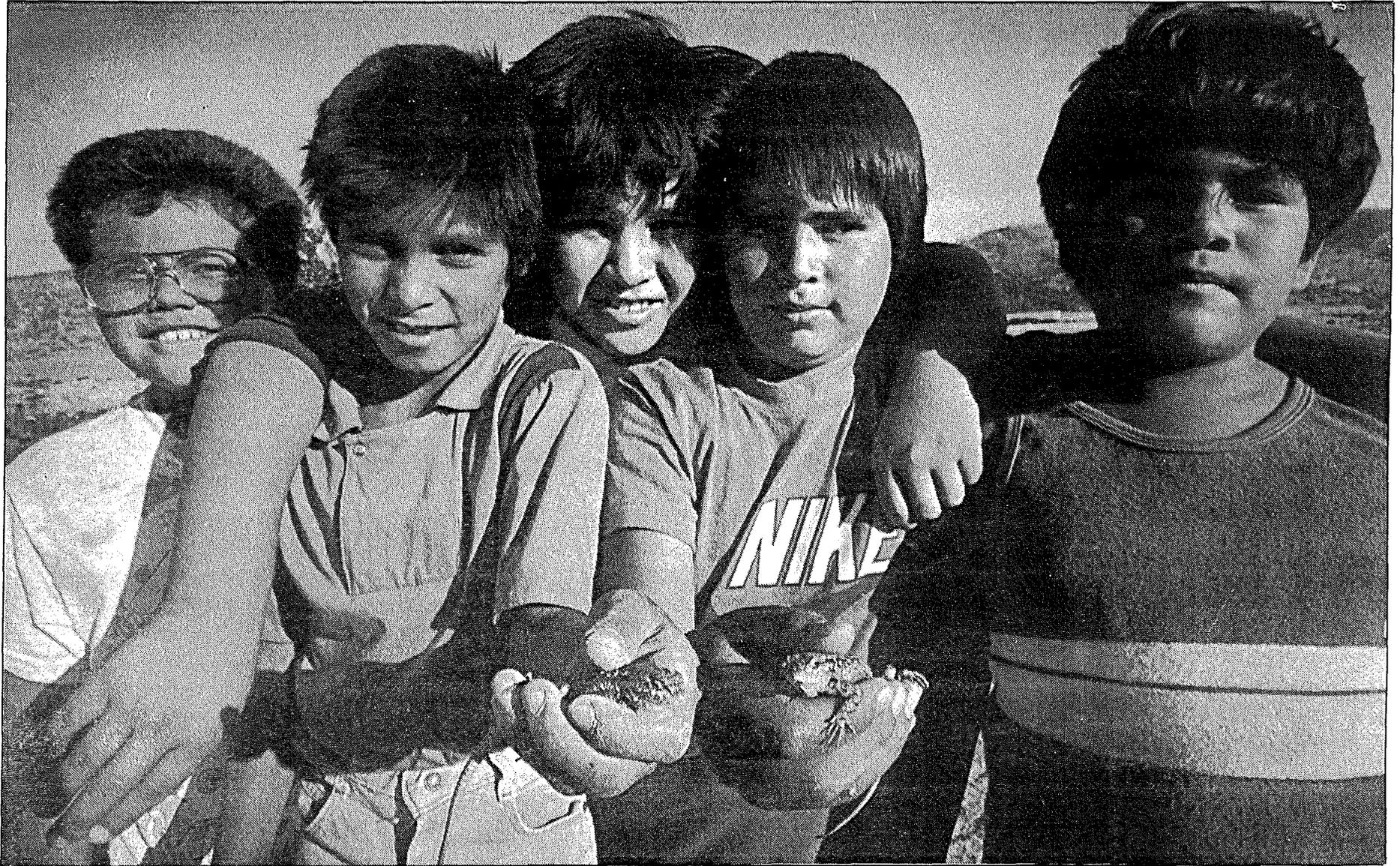
For information about any of the events, call (916) 694-2475.



KIDDIE RIDES. Children were given rides in a covered wagon at the Alpine Country Faire held last year. This year's fair will feature the

second annual Chili Cookoff and a concert by the Capital City Band from Carson City. Nancy Thornberg photo

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Raymond Payne, Jason Bryan, Daniel Crawford (in back), Neil Mortimer and Jerry John show photographer Jay Aldrich their lizards, Ralph and Alice. The kids watch old reruns of "The Honeymooners." At school to

help them cope with problems created by cultural differences is the new American Indian Liaison Winnie Mendivil. Writer Melanie Martin interviewed her beginning on the next page.

In search of cultural values

New American Indian liaison in Alpine County wants to instill a sense of identity in youth

by Melanie Martin

Winnifred Mendivil speaks quietly and tells the most fascinating stories.

"My grandmother was the wife of an Arapaho chief, which was a difficult role. I never knew her drinking or smoking. She was just a good woman."

Mendivil, a Southern Cheyenne from Oklahoma, has been working since September as the American Indian liaison in the Alpine County school district.

"She used to tell us: 'Get up, get up. The Bluecoats are coming.' This term comes from the the massacres of the U.S. Cavalry when they went in and killed children and old people. I have ancestors who were in the Sand Creek, Colo. massacre in the 19th century."

On Nov. 28, 1864, a U.S. Cavalry unit led by Col. John N. Chivington killed over 400 women, children and warrior Cheyenne, even though the tribe's chief, Black Kettle, had raised the white flag of friendship at the cavalry's approach. Only two Indian women and five children remained alive when the fighting was over.

The uniform of the U.S. Cavalry was a distinctive blue.

"I come from the White Tail family, a very strong traditional family. I was raised by my grandparents."

Mendivil was raised with seven other children, a combination of cousins, brothers and sisters.

"We were raised the Cheyenne way. Our first cousins are (considered to be) our brothers and sisters."

The first years of Mendivil's life were spent in a totally Indian environment.

"My first contact with non-Indian people was when I went to first grade. My grandfather took me and my twin brother to school and then he walked back down the hill to go to town.

"I tell you, we were right behind him — running."

Being raised by Indian elders was an important link to Mendivil's culture.

"My children don't get to be around elders. I grew up around them. I feel

that is something that is missing so much in their lives. I just took it for granted."

Having respect for her elders and showing it actively by helping them, shaking hands when greeting them, was an important value she learned from infancy.

Respect for elders in the Indian community does not stem from mere politeness, Mendivil explained, but is the result of a deep understanding of the "connectedness" between young and old.

"I have seen that this (value) is really changing. I don't see that the young Indian people see that real connectedness to the older people. I think if you are taught it at an early age, it is almost inherent."

Rejuvenating the cultural values and sense of identity in young Washoe Indians is Mendivil's quest as school district liaison.

The position was created "because a lot of the Indian students weren't graduating. (The school district) wanted somebody to be a positive role model to encourage the students."

"What really bothered me emotionally when I first started was that I saw a lack of interest in (Indian students) toward learning their culture. They should be proud that they are Washoe. I felt that something was missing."

A little under 200 students live in the Alpine School District area. About 85 are American Indian, said Diamond Valley School secretary Karen Robnson.

About 40 students from the Alpine School District attend Douglas High School in Minden, of which around 10 are American Indian.

"I was always told that you will never learn the Indian way if you sit back and never ask. If you expect to be told. It can be uncomfortable to have to admit that you don't know anything about your culture."

As part of her job as liaison, Mendivil has started and supports a number of ongoing programs to help all students appreciate the American Indian culture. She often brings

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Winnie Mendivil wears her traditional dress at Diamond Valley School in Alpine County for the annual Wa-Pai-Shone cultural event held also in Douglas County. Lisa Wixon photo

speakers to the schools. Coming up will be an Indian author, a traditional storyteller and a Bureau of Indian Affairs career speaker.

Another aspect of her job is making contact with the parents, going on home visits and following up with the students at school.

Along with elders, "children are important to Indian people and we forget that children need to come first.

"I want the parents to take up a special interest in their child's education so that we can make things easier for the child as far as succeeding.

"I think the potential is there in the community. I would like to see more high school students completing the year, not giving up and quitting."

Since she has been on the job, Indian attendance has improved and the students are more often on time, she said, crediting the students' families.

"The parents are making an effort," she said.

According to Mendivil, Indians face special difficulties because of their isolation from mainstream society. Alcoholism, poverty and the breakdown of families have disrupted Indian culture.

"I can truly say that I have seen a whole generation of Cheyenne and Arapaho people who have not actively been parents," she said, citing alcoholism and deaths related to alcoholism as two of the main

reasons that some Indian children have not received adequate parenting.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho number over 10,000.

Mendivil's own family was hurt by alcoholism.

Her mother "got in some kind of trouble centered around alcoholism" and the four children were placed in foster care. It was then that Mendivil was sent to live with her grandparents. Both her mother and father died later as a result of alcoholism.

"I think the only way that anything will ever change for Indian children is if they become educated. They have to go public school, they have to get their degrees so they can pick and choose what they want to do. Having an education does not mean you have to give up your Indian culture."

She stresses not giving up as the best strategy for success.

She applied once to a large organization called American Indian Scholarships, but was turned down on her first try.

"I did not give up. I went to summer school at Southwestern Oklahoma State University and carried 11 credits. I got straight As and applied again. Then they funded my graduate studies."

Mendivil holds a master's degree in education with a specialization in educational counseling.

"That is a good example of not giving up the first time around," she said. •

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AN UN-BEAR -ABLE STORY

by LTWC's EXEC. DIR. CHERYL MILHAM

Wednesday, July 19th, started out like every morning in the office of LAKE TAHOE WILDLIFE CARE. 13 baby and fledgling Steller's Jays, 2 Evening Grosbeaks, 4 Blackbirds and 1 Barn Swallow all wanting to be fed at the same time, with the phone ringing about every few moments. Caroline Upton, one of our volunteers who helps out at the office three mornings a week was there to help feed the birds. Sheryl Lanier, a long time supporter of LTWC and a new Active volunteer this year came in to pick up some mealworms for the Grosbeaks her mother was raising. Then the phone rang. It was Sharon Sawyer, Executive Director for the Humane Society. She told me there was a bear on Poplar Street, just one and a half blocks from Harvey's Casino/Hotel, in an alley. The police were there with the Humane Society and they would like to have LAKE TAHOE WILDLIFE CARE assist. I told her I would call the Department of California Fish and Game and get a drug dosage to tranquilize the bear and asked her how much the bear weighed. She said about 150 pounds.

I then called Dr. Dave Hunter, Veterinarian at the regional office of F & G in Rancho Cordova. And wouldn't you know it, he was on vacation, so I spoke with Karen, his assistant. When I told her what was going on, she then gave me the drug dosage for a medium size bear. I told her,

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Just Waking up. Time to mosey!

if everything works out I would be calling her back we get possession of the bear to find out what they wanted us to do with it.

Sheryl and Caroline both said they would go in case they could be of help and off we went.

It was not hard to find the location. As we got close to the area we saw police cars, Humane Society trucks and a lot of people.

After parking the car (our brown Chevy Station Wagon), the three of us went over to Francis Fortier, an officer for the Humane Society, to find out any specific information we would need. I told him the drug dosage to use. He only had one of the drugs and the formula called for two.

Sharon, another Humane Society officer went to Alder Creek Animal Hospital and received the other drug from Dr. Kevin Willitts.

While we were waiting for Sharon's return, Francis took me over to the police officer in charge, Sargent Rich McGuffin. I relayed to him what F & G had told me, "After the first dart, and before we could give the bear the second dart, he could become very active." The Sargent informed me that he was having a plywood 8' by 1" to be put up and block off the other end of the alley and wanted us to wait until everything was as secure as possible before the bear was tranquilized. He also had an officer go up on the roof with a rifle, *just in case*.

While we waited, Francis tested the 'tranq' gun to assure it would work OK.

Sharon returned from Dr. Willitts and the plywood was in place. Sgt. Rich told us to go ahead and tranq the bear. The best location was out the window of the motel. Francis was able to shoot one dart in the flank and one in the shoulder. Then wait, 15 minutes, to be sure the drug did its job. I moved our station wagon over to the gate behind which the bear was going to sleep.

I went down the alley first and poked the bear, who raised its head and looked at me. It was then decided that

New water board opposes 'wild and scenic' designation

Record Courier 8-3-89

by MELANIE MARTIN
Staff Writer

At its first meeting, the newly reconstituted Carson Water Subconservancy District officially opposed any federal designation of the Carson River as "wild and scenic."

"The designation and the dam are entirely incompatible," said Don Springmeyer, attorney for the subconservancy district, at the district's July 26 meeting.

The subconservancy district is charged by Nevada Legislature to study the feasibility of upstream storage in Carson River watersheds.

The California State Legislature quashed any hope for a Nevada dam which backed up water into California by recently passing a bill which designated a 10-mile stretch of the river from California/Nevada border to Hangman's Bridge by Markleeville as wild and scenic.

The California Senate's Natural Resources Committee amended the bill to eliminate a "12-year window" for study of such a dam and reservoir. The window had

been supported by Nevada interests, including the subconservancy district, that desired a dam.

The California law only impacts California, but will preclude any reservoir that backs into the state.

Therefore, the Watasheamu and the Horseshoe Bend dam sites located a few miles upstream from the old power dam just upstream from the Lahontan State Fish Hatchery are no longer feasible, said Ira Rackley, consulting engineer to the subconservancy district.

An alternative site, called the "Bodie" site, located in the immediate narrows of the canyon about one-half mile upstream from the old power dam and southeast of Bodie Flat, would not flood into California if a dam were built. However, very little data has been collected on this site and its viability has not been determined, Rackley said.

According to Rackley, the U.S. Forest Service is behind a move to designate the east fork down to the old power dam as wild and scenic at the federal level.

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Subconservancy: Opposes 'wild and scenic'

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Officer for Planning at the Carson Ranger District Bob Larkin said in an interview Monday that the Forest Service's position is to protect the river until a study to determine the suitability of the river for wild and scenic status is completed. That position is included in the Toiyabe National Forest Management Plan, Larkin said.

A suitability study has not been initiated, Larkin said. A congressional committee has asked for a time schedule for the study, but the Forest Service has not yet responded, he said.

"It's up to us to make sure that our plans are considered in the suitability study, and, until they complete the suitability study, we couldn't build a dam if we wanted to," Rackley said in an interview Monday.

As of April 26, 1989 when the National Forest and Public Lands of Nevada Enhancement Act of 1988 was put into effect by the U.S. Congress, the Forest Service has held jurisdiction over the east fork of the Carson River to the old power dam, Larkin said. Prior to passage of the act, the Bureau of Land Management administered the east fork.

The Forest Service also administers all of the Carson River in California.

An initial reconnaissance study of the Bodie site will take approximately two to two-and-a-half-months, Rackley said. If begun in October, a report could be back before the subconservancy board by January, he estimated.

In other matters at the subconservancy district meeting the

members of the nine-member, tri-county board:

•Voted unanimously to give the chairmanship to Douglas County Commissioner Dave Pumphrey. "I'm blown away. Of all the things I might have anticipated, I assure you this wasn't one of them - I've never run a meeting in my life," Pumphrey said upon realizing the outcome of the vote. Carson City Supervisor Tom Feticc nominated Pumphrey.

•Commended outgoing boardmembers Art Settlemeyer, Ed Sarman, R. A. "Pat" Kimmerling, Frederick Dressler and Pete Borda for their service to the board.

•Voted to retain Springmeyer and Rackley as attorney and engi-

neering consultant, respectively.

•Voted to rotate meetings, the next to be held in Carson City. Meetings will usually be held on the last Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

The "5-2-2" board consists of five members from Douglas County and two each from Lyon County and Carson City.

Douglas County boardmembers are Andy Aldax, Gordon Fricke and commissioners Pumphrey, Barbara Cook and Mike Fischer.

Lyon County boardmembers are commissioners Maryanna Hamer and Don Cummings.

Carson City boardmembers are supervisors Tom Feticc and Ron Swirczek.

Disarming

EDITOR:

The disarming article last week by Hubert Bruns against the "wild and scenic" designation of the upper Carson Valley towards Woodfords on both sides of the border forgot to mention a few pertinent facts.

Recently, Mr. Bruns proposed the re-zoning of the status of his agriculture gravel pit to "industrial," thus paving the way, if you will permit the pun, for the building of an asphalt plant requiring enormous quantities of water. He also neglected to mention his relations to other landowners and legislators on both sides of the border who have very special interests there.

Beneath it all, there are great business prospects for those with drive and strings to pull. I believe that they care little about preserving the Valley's natural beauty and purity. For example, Mr. Bruns proposed

asphalt plant would put upward of 150 heavy trucks per day onto Highway 88 between Gardnerville and Woodfords. From his proposed industrial zoned gravel pit, fumes and atmospheric pollution would be blown into Gardnerville/Minden.

So much for the charm. All that talk about a reservoir covers up other rich financial prospects of certain people. Land developers would do real well out of this one, a dam built, of course, with the taxpayers money.

Can't you just smell the sweet perfume of diesel and asphalt, as our Valley slowly turns into concrete and paving?

Don't we ever learn?

MICHAEL PETER BLATT
Genoa
July 31

Thank you

EDITOR:

We would like to say a very special "thank you" to Mrs. Janet Reeves, Social Services Director, and Mr. Vernon Wyatt, Tribal Chairman of the Washoe Tribe, for their generous assistance in the adoption of our granddaughter.

Also to our friends for their letters of reference on our behalf. You have made two grandparents and a little girl very happy.

MR. & MRS. HENRY GUTIERREZ
and NELAINE SAM GUTIERREZ
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Remember when?

10 YEARS AGO

Thursday, Aug. 2, 1979

The Record-Courier

A TOWN? The Town of Genoa, Nevada's oldest, will come one step closer to legal existence when county commissioners hear the first reading of an ordinance establishing the town today.

The ordinance, requested by a petition signed by more than 51 percent of the voters in the town, authorizes the town to provide volunteer fire and police protection systems in conjunction with other systems, drainage, solid waste disposal, parks, recreation, streets, alleys, sidewalks, street lights and water distribution.

The ordinance establishes a town advisory board consisting of three members, to be appointed by the commissioners, two to serve until 1981 and one until 1983. The members would then be elected in regularly scheduled elections.

*** TO REBUILD.** "As soon as we get clearance from the insurance company we start" to rebuild Woodfords Station, said co-owner Melvin Laub. "I would hope within 30 days."

The owners hope to complete reconstruction of the historic building, which was destroyed by fire July 17.

Construction worker dies in elevator mishap

Tahoe Daily Tribune 8/10/89

A construction worker died in an accident at the High Sierra Hotel/Casino Wednesday when he was crushed by an elevator.

William Mark Canfield, 45, of Woodfords, Calif., was in an elevator pit at the casino at 10:30 a.m. when the elevator descended on top of him.

Canfield worked for Gardner Construction Co., which was contracted by the hotel to work on the elevators. Canfield was reportedly working in one pit where the elevator was shut down. For reasons unknown, he entered an adjacent pit where the fatal accident occurred, Douglas County sheriff's deputies said.

It is unknown why Canfield switched pits or if the elevator should have been stopped. At this time, the incident is being ruled an accident.

High Sierra security is helping deputies investigate the mishap.

The hotel issued a memo to all its employees informing them of the accident and expressing sympathy toward Canfield's family and friends, according to Skip Sayre, director of public relations.



CRAFTS. Kids at the Washoe tutoring site in Dresslerville work on crafts each day besides studying basic skills and working on computers.

At left, Education Counselor Sherry Smok helps students make headdresses. At right, tu René Martinez works with Fernando Ruvalca



6. The kids will perform songs, games, legend plays and sell their crafts at the Great Gatsby Festival at Lake Tahoe next week. R-C photos by Chris Tumbusch

Kids learn, perform and

by JOYCE HOLLISTER
Staff Writer

On the wall, like on the wall of any classroom, can be found a chalkboard, the letters of the alphabet, pictures hand painted by students, and daily schedules.

Unlike most classrooms, though, here we also find posters featuring different languages: the Washoe and Paiute tongues.

Printed in English and then phonetically in Washoe and Paiute are "Paiute Lullaby," "Greetings in Washoe," "Counting in Washoe"

and "Paiute Stick Game."

Youngsters in the Washoe Summer Tutoring Program at the tutoring site in Dresslerville are rehearsing these ancient songs and games in time for their performance at the Great Gatsby Festival at Tahoe Keys Aug. 19.

They will also present two legend plays, "How People Got Fire" and "Pawetsile Damollale." They will demonstrate pow wow dance steps and perform a circle dance with audience participation.

"Our group is getting pretty

famous," said Washoe Tribe Education Counselor Sherry Smokey, who oversees the tutoring site for the Washoe Tribe of California and Nevada.

Last year the students had also performed at the Lake Tahoe Visitor's Center as part of a cultural event, she said, and were asked to take part in the Great Gatsby Festival this year.

They are learning additions to their repertoire, and Smokey would like to see the youngsters eventually form a drum and dance

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ient stories and songs

group similar to those from other areas.

Pride in the students' native heritage is encouraged through the learning of songs and games and also through arts and crafts during summer tutoring program.

All through the school year Dresslerville students can get academic help at the tutoring site, but during the summer, emphasis is as much on fun, games and crafts as on basic skills.

At morning recess, the children would much rather be inside working on their beaded bracelets or headdresses as playing games outdoors.

"We can't keep them outside until we're ready," said tutor Dorothy Martinez as she laid out beads for the younger students to work with.

Martinez is a tutor at Carson Colony during the school year. Another tutor from Carson is René Martinez; from Woodfords is Clara Ellis, who tutors at Diamond Valley School during the school year; Lori Pasqua and Barbara Garcia are Dresslerville tutors.

High school age kids who are helping with the tutoring program this summer are Bubs Wilkinson, Alia Crawford and Dena Pitts. On Monday, as the program got started, there were 26 children enrolled. More will be coming in, Martinez said.

The youngsters will be able to take home some of their work, but some of it will be sold at the Great Gatsby Festival and at the annual Wa-Pai-Shone cultural event set for Sept. 23 at Meneley Elementary School.

The kids have access to computers at the tutoring site, where they learn by playing programs which teach reading or math skills. A computer from the computer lab at Carson Valley Middle School and a printer from Douglas High School were loaned to the program for the summer.

Older students are learning to use word-processing programs by writing stories on the computer.

"We're working on myths and legends," Garcia said. "We've got a lot of books from the library. A lot of the kids have heard stories at home, and we're hoping they'll write them down. It would be fun to collect them."

She thanked the Douglas County School District for their help.

Reading and writing is emphasized at the younger level, although the students have discussions, too, about feelings and emotions and each other, said Pasqua.

Smokey is especially happy that the children have the opportunity to perform their plays, songs and games that they learn at the tutoring site.

"It gives a real purpose to our program," she said. "It gives them an incentive."

Last year, the children had gone to the Lake Tahoe Visitor's Center to walk along the Washoe Trail, to see the flora and fauna as it existed at the turn of the century — when the Washoes summered at the Lake.

They performed as guests in a sort of last-minute engagement. This year, however, they are making their plans well in advance.

"This year we're going to do it up right," Smokey said. "We're going to have the children wear their Indian clothes and sell their crafts."

The students are going to get together with youngsters from Woodfords to learn pow wow dancing at Turtle Rock Park near Markleeville Aug. 14-16.

A new game they are learning is called "stone jacks." Smokey learned the game from some of the elder women of the tribe, whom she affectionately calls the "aunties."

When the aunties attended a school in Dresslerville several

years ago, they indulged in a running game of stone jacks. It is played much like the more commonly known jacks game, but it uses rocks instead of a rubber ball and metal jacks.

Each player has her own "ta," a smooth round river rock, different in color from the stone "jacks."

She tosses her ta into the air, and tries to pick up a stone jack and catch the ta before it hits the ground. The object is to pick up all the stones from a pile in the center of a circle of players.

If a player picks them all up, she may take stones from other players.

The game took skill and patience, and often, it would be many weeks before it would be completed. The girls played on and off before, at recess, and after school, picking up where they'd left off at each break.

In the end, the player with all the jacks had to pick up, in one swoop, the tas of each of the other players.

The funny part about the game, is that as the girls got older, they played with larger and larger rocks. This way, Smokey said, they would be sure to beat the younger girls.

The stone jack game will be one of the "hands-on" experiences that will be offered during the Wa-Pai-Shone cultural event at Meneley Elementary.

"We're going to take a truckload of gravel to the school," Smokey said with a smile.

Wa-Pai-Shone features Indian culture, language, games, customs and food at school during the day, and an art and crafts fair, demonstrations, fashion show and other events on a Saturday. The Saturday events are open to the public.

For information about Wa-Pai-Shone, Dresslerville tutoring site or the proposed drum and dancing unit, call Smokey at 265-4191.

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Valley softball

Dresslerville wins first title

After five seasons in the Carson Valley men's slow-pitch softball league, the Dresslerville Athletic Club has a title to show for its efforts.

An 11-game win streak to close the season enabled Dresslerville to pull out first-place in a close men's B league race. The champs wound up with an 18-2 record, followed by the Alpine Hotel at 16-4 and Winans-Yoder at 15-5 in the league standings.

Dresslerville went nearly two months without losing after bowing to Winans-Yoder on June 2, 10-2. There were some close calls along the way, according to team manager Romaine Smokey, referring to the 10 games Dresslerville won by seven runs or less.

"We put together some solid offense, some solid defense and a never-say-die attitude," said Smokey, who pitched for the Dresslerville club. "The attitude part made a difference because we came from behind to win a lot of games."

Take for example Dresslerville's July 20 double header sweep of Thompson Trophies, 6-5 and 11-10. There was also a 21-20 win at the expense of the Alpine Hotel in June.

"This was our first slow-pitch championship. Most

of us have been playing together for the last five years, and some of these guys have played together since Little League," Smokey said, pointing out that ages of players on the team ranged from 20 to 42.

Another comeback was staged by L.A.'s, a newcomer to the Valley softball scene, en route to the men's C league title. L.A.'s won 10 straight to rise from fifth to first place in the standings with a 14-4 record, one game ahead of 13-5 Raley's/State Farm Insurance.

L.A.'s was never beaten after dropping a 5-4 decision to Raley's/State Farm on May 30.

Two teams that have played together since the 1970s, the Outlaws and Chicks, finished the summer season with championships. The Outlaws won the men's A league with a 19-1 record, six games ahead of the runner-up Silver Sox; the Chicks took the women's A league with a 10-1 league record, three games ahead of second-place Sharkey's, and they were 20-1 overall in the Valley this season.

Fiona's won a women's B league that saw five of six teams at .500 or better. Fiona's had an 8-2 record, two games ahead of Columbia Cable/French at 6-4.

fork of the Carson river; also at Horseshoe Bend making a dam 1,000 feet long that would make an immense reservoir.

Remember when?

100 YEARS AGO
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WATER STORAGE The Board of Commissioners for the reclamation of desert lands and the storage of water met Tuesday afternoon at Carson. The following report was telegraphed to the *Reno Gazette*:

The Attorney General presented his answers to several questions propounded to him at the last meeting as to the legality of the act creating the office of the commission from members of the Legislature. He held that as the office is not one of profit to the members they can legally act as commissioners.

Chairman Williams called upon Colonel Lyman Bridges, who said that he found very fine reservoir sites in Hope Valley, on the headwaters of the west

The family suggests contributions be sent to the California Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 3040, Sacramento, Calif., 95812.

Cremation was at FitzHenry's Funeral Home in Carson City.

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William Canfield

Services were held Saturday, Aug. 12 in South Lake Tahoe for Woodfords resident William Mark Canfield, 44, who died Aug. 9 in Stateline.

Mr. Canfield was born in Paducah, Ky., and had been a Woodfords and Lake Tahoe area resident for the past 20 years coming from Vallejo, Calif.

Mr. Canfield was a carpenter, a member of the carpenter's union Local 1789, and a member of the Sierra Club. He was also a Vietnam War veteran.

Survivors include his wife Dianne of Woodfords; parents Verlon and Pat Canfield of Marysville, Calif.; and a brother, Michael Canfield of Sacramento.

Fire burns 120 acres

Tahoe Daily Tribune 8/17/89

By ELKA WORNER
Tribune Staff Writer

Local firefighters are battling a 120-acre brushfire that sparked at 2 p.m. Wednesday on Monitor Pass Road, two miles from the Nevada border.

More than 225 firefighters, 17 engines, two helicopters and three air tankers fought the blaze Wednesday afternoon and throughout the night.

The fire burned sage brush, ponderosa, piñon and juniper pines in the Toiyabe National Forest. No structures were damaged and no injuries were reported.

"The fire was spotting and with the dry conditions it caused serious control problems," said Fire Management Officer John Swanson of the U.S. Forest Service. One engine and two 20-person crews from the Tahoe Basin USFS were sent to the site Wednesday.

"The steep terrain, dry fuels and strong winds pushed the fire out of control," said Gary Barnes of East Lake Interagency Communication. "But the fire didn't get any bigger because air tankers hammered it real hard and put a stop to it."

The fire is 90 percent contained and should be fully contained by 6 p.m. today, fire officials said.

The cause of the fire has not been determined, but firefighters are not ruling out light-



by a hold-over lightning strike that struck a tree or log during last week's storms. Barnes said. "It could have been smoldering in a tree and when the conditions were right, it may have ignited."

The Sierra Front Team managed the suppression efforts and the following agencies responded to the blaze: the U.S. Forest Service, Nevada Division of Forestry, the Bureau of Land Manage-

SWEEPING LOW over burning terrain on the California-Nevada border, an air tanker dumps a load of fire retardant on stubborn flames. The Levi Fire had charred 120 acres of rugged country in Alpine County by this morning, but damaged no structures.

ment, Alpine County Volunteers, and the Carson City Fire Department.

The estimated cost of

fighting the fire so far is \$150,000, Barnes said.

Crews will continue to work around the clock on the blaze,

which should be fully controlled by 6 p.m. Saturday.

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Fire

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The Nevada Highway Patrol was controlling traffic to the Bodie Flat Road, which leads to the Leviathan mine. U.S. Highway 395 is open and traffic is not affected by the fire.

The blaze is the largest to hit the South Tahoe vicinity this fire season, which so far has experienced 25 percent fewer wildfires than average.

It is located about 15 miles southeast of the location of 1987's Acorn Fire, which charred 6,000 acres and destroyed more than 20 homes.

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The baby weighed 6 pounds, 8-
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Jarred Shields

Joel and Mary Kay Shields of
Markleeville are the parents of a
son, Jarred Dean, born July 25 at
home in Markleeville.

The baby weighed seven
pounds.

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Hospital in Carson

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**Kasey Rogers,
Kevin Rogers**

Grizzly Rogers and Jill
McGeein of Markleeville are the
parents of twins, Kasey Anne and
Kevin Barret, born July 25 at
Barton Memorial Hospital in
South Lake Tahoe.

The babies both weighed five
pounds, 15 ounces.

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State runner-up

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Lisa Chacon was a finalist in the Governor's Cup state tennis tournament Sunday in Las Vegas, where she lost to Clodagh Bowyer for the girls 18-and-under girls singles championship. Bowyer, of Las Vegas, won the match in straight sets, 6-2, 6-3, at the Spanish Trails Country Club. Chacon, who will be a senior at Douglas High School this fall, advanced to the finals by defeating Reno's Lisa Petersen on Saturday. Chacon had earlier won the Governor's Cup northern Nevada title by defeating Cathy Fulkerson in the finals at Reno's Lakeridge Tennis Club. Chacon, who just turned 17, is now preparing for Douglas High's fall tennis season, where she comes in as the defending Northern Nevada AAA zone tournament singles champion. R-C photo

Book sale set in Alpine

(Record Courier 8/24/89)

The Alpine County Friends of the Library will hold its annual book sale to benefit the library in Markleeville, Calif.

The event is set for Saturday, Aug. 26, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the

Choices for Children house in Woodfords.

There will be low prices on used books and records.

Volunteers are needed for the sale, call (916) 694-2120.

Triathlete

Harpin looks to conquer World's Toughest course

by DAVE PRICE
Sports editor



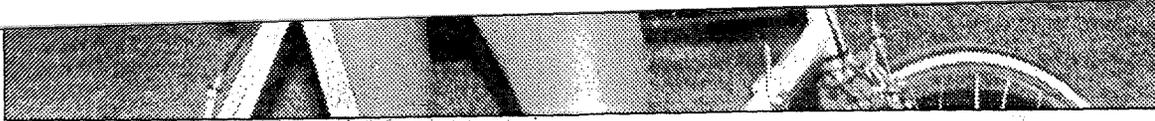
As a youngster growing up in San Diego, Ron Harpin fancied himself, of all things, as an ice hockey player.

The skates have since been exchanged for the tools of another sport — of all things, triathlon's combination of swimming, cycling and running.

Harpin doesn't take a halfway approach to triathlon competition, either. He prefers to go the distance, and Saturday, the 30-year-old Gardnerville man will go the ultra-distance route at the sixth World's Toughest Triathlon.

The name of the race is an adequate description of an endurance test that puts athletes up against a grueling 120-mile course. The competition is scheduled for a 7:30 a.m. start from Lake Tahoe's Camp Richardson Resort.

How tough is the race? First, there's a 2.5-mile swim in the Lake's frigid water, a discipline in which entrants are required to wear a full wetsuit and cap. Next in store is a 100-mile cycling leg that passes over Luther Pass, through Woodfords and Markleeville to the top of Monitor Pass, back through Markleeville and Woodfords, over challenging Emigrant Trail and back to South Lake Tahoe over Luther Pass. The final leg is an 18.6-mile trail run that starts and finishes at Camp Richardson — a course that climbs more than 1,700 vertical feet while offering scenic views of Fallen Leaf Lake and Mt. Tallac.



LONG DISTANCE MAN. Standing in the shadow of his Sierra playground, Ron Harpin dis-

plays triathlon tools: a bicycle, running shoes and swimming goggles. R-C photo

Last year, Harpin was 14th in his first attempt at the World's Toughest, finishing the distance in a time of nine hours, 32 minutes and 13 seconds. He hopes to improve the time, and finish, this Saturday.

"I feel better now than I did last year. I feel ready mentally and I feel ready physically," Harpin said.

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Harpin: Tough in the long run

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"I'm hoping to finish somewhere in the top 10, hopefully in single digits."

His goal won't be easily accomplished. Approximately 300 individuals and 75 relay teams are anticipated for the race, including one other Gardnerville entrant, 43-year-old Dave Brady.

The event's status was further bolstered when it was selected as Triathlon Federation USA's ultra distance national championship race and as a qualifier for the fabled Hawaii Ironman Triathlon.

Among the favorites will be two-time defending champion Andre Boesel from Vail, Colo. Boesel, 38, outdistanced last year's field of 123 in a time of 8:37:13.

Mac Martin, second behind Boesel in 1987 and the three-time national ultra-distance champion, is also returning and expected to contend, along with Mike Garcia, winner of the Japan Ironman.

Stiff competition doesn't concern Harpin.

"I welcome the competition, actually. The better it is, the harder I'll push to do well. It'll just make me that much better," he shrugged.

First place isn't out of the question either, according to Harpin.

"Andre is strong, there's no doubt about that, but I'm not counting myself out of it. In a race as long as this, anything can happen," said the 5-foot-11, 155-pound triathlete.

"A lot of people are going to be shooting for Andre," race director Charlie Lincoln said. "A lot of people have a chance to win. I ran the course with

Ron the other day and I know he's in good shape.

There won't be any great riches at the end of the World's Toughest rainbow, just a feeling of self accomplishment.

"Why do I like triathlons? I'm not sure," he admitted. "Self satisfaction, finishing something like this is real rewarding to me."

"Actually, the race is fun. The training is the hard part, he added.

Harpin, who is employed as a bellman at Caesars Tahoe, estimates 15 to 20 hours a week go into training.

"I'll run on my lunch hour and ride my bicycle 30 to 40 miles after work. On my days off, I'll ride 60 to 100 miles and then go for a long run," he said.

Harpin is a relative newcomer to endurance sports. He only began running in 1984, and within a year, was able to complete the San Francisco Marathon in two hours, 56 minutes. He only took up swimming seriously four years ago.

"The longer the race, the better I get, which is funny because I have no background in endurance sports. In high school, I played hockey, and after that, I did a lot of surfing," he said with a laugh. "Back then, if you had told me I would be doing something like this, I would have said 'you're out of your mind.'"

"I love it now," Harpin went on. "My long-term aspiration is that I'd like to be doing these when I'm 70. I was up on the World's Toughest course not long ago and I saw one guy who was 60 and another guy in his 50s; they both plan to do the race Saturday. To do these at that age, just to finish would be great."



FIRE BOMBING: One of four tankers used to fight a 90-acre fire drops a load of fire retardant. The tankers dumped nearly 60,000 gallons of retardant on the fire Wednesday. Firefighters continued to patrol the area of the fire on Tuesday to be certain it is out. R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch

Leviathan Mine fire scorches 90 acres

Record Courier 8/24/89

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

Four lines of orange-clad men marched along the road as if to battle.

Instead of rifles and mortars, the men had picks, shovels and chain-saws slung over their shoulders.

The setting sun cast an orange glow on the fire engines, whose crews could only watch as the hand crews marched by.

And on up the road they went, disappearing around a bend in the twisting dirt road.

Inaccessible terrain prevented the engines from bringing their hoses to bear on the fire, which ran along the ridge some 300 feet above the road.

Long relay hose lays stretched up the nearly 60-degree grade to the hand crews who tried to prevent the fire from coming down to the slope.

The hand crews consisted of honor camp inmates from the Carson District Conservation Camp who are specially trained to fight fires for the Nevada Division of Forestry.

Meanwhile four air tankers dumped retardant along the top of the ridge to keep the fire from going over the top.

The 90-acre fire began in the forest near the Leviathan Mine in Alpine County, Calif., 15 miles south of Gardnerville at 2:25 p.m. Wednesday.

Working through the night, the four tankers dropped more than 57,000 gallons of retardant on the fire.

Each pass left 2,000 gallons of the fire retardant cascading down from the plane's tanks, while a helicopter ferried water from a nearby lake.

Doyle Hanks of the Toiyabe

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Levi Fire: 90 acres burned

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National Forest said the idea was to prevent the fire from getting over the crest of the ridge.

"The fire burns up the slope and when it reaches the top, the wind will carry it over," he said. "The tankers are dumping retardant at the top of the hill to beat the fire back."

Hanks said the retardant denies the vegetation oxygen to burn and also serves to dampen the brush.

"It won't put it out," he said. "But it slows it down so you can get people up there to put it out."

Hanks said handcrews circle the

downwind side of the fire and anchor there, and put out the fire as they go along.

He said the handcrews have to be careful to watch their backs while they work on the fire.

"Fires never burn clean," he said. "Often it will just preheat the fuel and start a reburn fire. The best plan is to keep your back to the green."

About half of the 250 firefighters working the blaze, the heavy earth-moving equipment and the aircraft were discharged Thursday morning.

Thursday afternoon, light rains aided in extinguishing the fire, which was contained by 6 p.m., according to fire spokesman Steep Weise.

Weise said a fire is contained when a fire line has been built all around the fire so that it is trapped in a specific area.

Firefighters brought the fire under control by 6 p.m. Friday.

According to Carol Burcell of the Forest Service said crews are still patrolled the area on Tuesday after discovering a hot spot Monday afternoon.

Organizations fighting the fire

under the direction of the Sierra Front were the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Nevada Division of Forestry, the East Fork Fire Protection District, the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, the Carson City Fire Department, the California Conservation Corps.

Douglas County Sheriffs deputies and search and rescue personnel worked traffic control on the fire.

Weiss said there was only one minor injury during the fire when a rock rolled over a firefighters leg.

A spokesman for the Toiyabe National Forest said the burned area will be handseeded with various grasses to preserve the soil.

Stan Fitzgerald, Fire Management Officer said the main idea of seeding the slope is to keep the soil in place.

"If the soil is gone, nothing will grow there," he said.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, however most sources agreed that it was probably set by lightning.

This weekend

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Special P.O. cancellation will be offered at Markleeville fair

The Markleeville Post Office will have an off-site postal station open this weekend both Saturday and Sunday to commemorate the Alpine Country Faire.

The full service postal station will be located at the corner of Highway 89 and Montgomery Street, in downtown Markleeville.

Postmaster Margaret Daniels said that a special cancellation will be made on

any postage stamp and not necessarily does it have to be on an item to be mailed.

The station will also sell retail and philatelic products during these two days.

There are about 100 booths signed up to participate in the faire with never a dull moment promised, said Paul Washam fair coordinator.

Daniels said this special cancellation is the third one

being offered in Markleeville in the past 14 months.

"The people seem to like it and the requests from postmark collectors increases each time. The hobby is rather inexpensive and would be very interesting for children," she said.

The collector kits of stamps also make an inexpensive gift for a child, which could open up a lifelong hobby, Daniels added.

Wood cutting areas opening Sept. 1

Record Courier 8/31/89

The US Forest Service has announced that fuelwood areas on the Blue Lakes Road, Horsetheif Canyon and in Dog Valley will open on Sept. 1.

According to Guy Pence of the Carson District Ranger station, dead and down material, limbs, tops and small trees cut during logging will be available for firewood. The area will be open Sept. 1-15.

All cutting with chainsaws must stop at 1 p.m.

The Blue Lakes and Horsetheif areas will be open until Oct. 31.

Dead and down material is also available here. All cutting with chainsaws must stop at 5 p.m.

Cutting standing trees in any of the woodcutting areas or cutting outside of the area will result in permit loss and a fine.

Permits are available at the

Carson Ranger District Office Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or the Markleeville Guard station Thursday-Monday.

Permits cost \$15 a cord with a five cord limit per household. Permits may be used at all woodcutting areas in the District.

Teacher, students to recreate the trail

August 31, 1989 Record Courier

Patricia Fedderly, teacher at Bear Valley School, will lead her students across the Sierra Nevada on horseback and re-enact the crossing made by American pioneers 100 years ago.

Fedderly will provide an opportunity for students from Bear Valley and Diamond Valley Schools in Alpine County, Calif., to do more than just learn about history; they will relive it, she said.

Students will ride horses over a four day trail, eating hardtack, jerky, and other foods of historical significance. They will retrace the

same trails used by the various pioneers that utilized the passes in Alpine County to reach the western seaboard.

Fedderly planned the Sept. 5 trip this spring and summer. She made arrangements with the Ebbetts Pack Station located near Alpine Lake. Paul Lamborn and Irbin Gomes worked with Fedderly concerning the details of horses, tack, and route.

The project was conceived because of Fedderly's belief that it is necessary to allow students to experience history in addition to reading about it.

Creating a school curriculum that allows students to live an historical experience is consistent with the efforts made by educators throughout the State of California to adopt the concepts in the new State Social Studies Framework, she said.

Prior to leaving on the trip, the students will study the pioneers that passed through the area. They will make their own hardtack biscuits, beef jerky, and other foods to be consumed during the trip.

They will research what the pioneers wore, how they camped, what kind of weather they encountered,

and other details about their lives during the 1800s.

With this knowledge, the students will mount up and ride over the Sierra Nevada utilizing the same routes the pioneers used those many years ago.

In addition to learning about history and the people who made that history, the students may also learn something about themselves as they put themselves through the same difficult experiences that the pioneers were forced to endure.

1 "Remember When? Column"

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50 YEARS AGO

Sept. 1, 1939

The Record-Courier

PARENTS WARNED. According to reports a number of wounded pheasants have recently been found on a ranch near Gardnerville. It is suspected that boys are responsible and it is suggested that parents warn the youngsters to prevent possible humiliation from arrest.

FROST. While average temperatures through the Valley last Tuesday morning were near 39, in some places it dropped to below freezing, nipping potato vines, but doing no real damage.

FFA WINS HONORS. Carson Valley Branch of the Future Farmers of America, according to announcement made this week, has, for the third consecutive year, been adjudged winners of the scrap book contest in competition with all other Nevada chapters.

* **FOREST FIRE.** One of the most destructive fires in Alpine county in twenty years, raced out of control Wednesday afternoon in the Wolf Creek country, and the great billows of smoke, shooting sky high were plainly visible in Carson Valley.

25 YEARS AGO

Thursday, Sept. 3, 1964

The Record-Courier

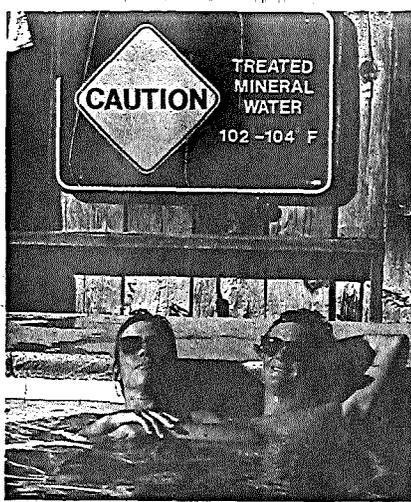
LUDEL ACCEPTS PREXY. At a specially called meeting at the Board of Directors of the Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce, Leonard Ludel moved up from the vice-presidency to the seat of President of the Chamber, left vacant by the transfer of President Herbert V. Horch last week.

* **SKI AREA PROPOSED.** A ski area, unmatched by any in the U.S. and comparable to any in the world, is presently in planning stages, designed to encompass the upper reaches of Daggett Pass, southerly into Alpine County, and connecting with the present Heavenly Valley ski area in California.

Described to Douglas County Planning Commissioners last Wednesday evening by Chris Kuraisa, developer of Heavenly Valley, the new 5.5 million dollar plans will mean an 11 million dollar overall sports complex upon completion.

SETTELMAYER WINS. Douglas County turned out a total primary vote of 1,606, or more than two-thirds of its registered voters, to put Marvin Settelmeyer in the winner's circle in the closely contested Republican race for the short term (two years) post of County Commissioner, with Toney Hopper nosing out Robert (Bobby Page) Prupas in a surprise Democratic finish for Commission candidates.

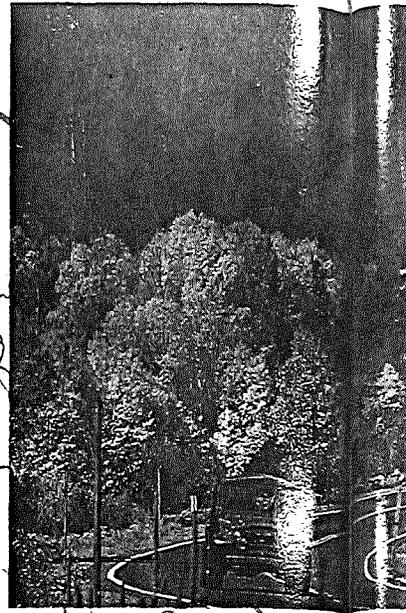
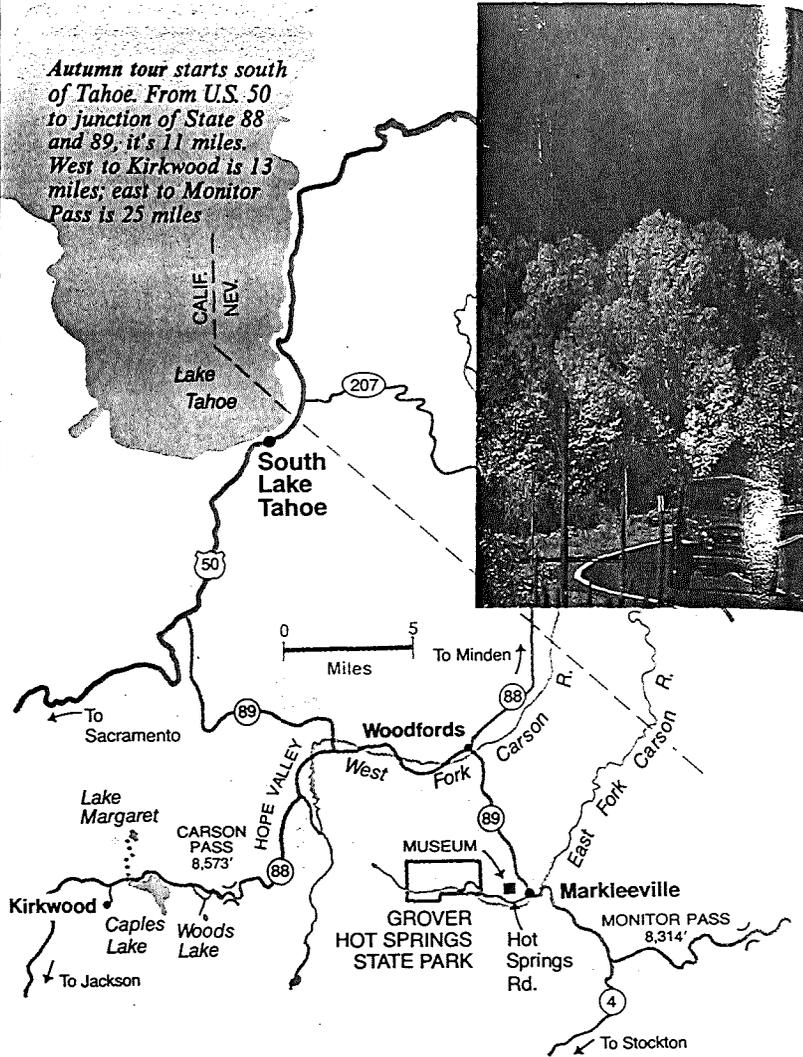
Relax in the pool at the hot springs in Markleeville. Naturally heated water rises from underground faults



Replica of a 13th-century house, Norway House was built in Scandinavia, then shipped to Sorensen's resort



Autumn tour starts south of Tahoe. From U.S. 50 to junction of State 88 and 89, it's 11 miles. West to Kirkwood is 13 miles; east to Monitor Pass is 25 miles



Sept. 1989

Looking for Sierra gold

Aspen put on a brief but spectacular show. Here's a fall-color tour beginning just south of Tahoe

Take it slow. Catch the low autumn light setting the central Sierra aglow as you cruise lightly used roads. Flick a fishing line into a fork of the Carson River. Pitch a tent under white-barked boughs. Row across an alpine lake trimmed with gold. Smell the tang of decomposing leaves in the crisp air as you walk a forest trail.

For a few weeks in autumn (usually late September through mid-October), when blue-sky days shorten and night temperatures dip below freezing, patches of fall color streak the valleys and cap the high mountain passes near Lake Tahoe. Aspen thrive here, splashing gold from elevations of about 6,000 feet to the tree line (about 9,500 feet)—and offering a colorful reason to visit the Sierra one more time this year before snow falls.

Some of the most spectacular stretches of quaking aspen grow along State Highway 89, less than an hour's drive south of Tahoe, and along adjoining state highways 88 and 4. At other times of the year, most people pass quickly through this land of sweeping meadows, 10,000-foot peaks, and rivers, hurrying on to the lake or, in winter, nearby Kirkwood ski resort.

Our autumn tour encourages you to linger. Start on State 89 where it heads southeast from U.S. 50, about 5 miles south of the town of South Lake Tahoe.

Heading east into the color

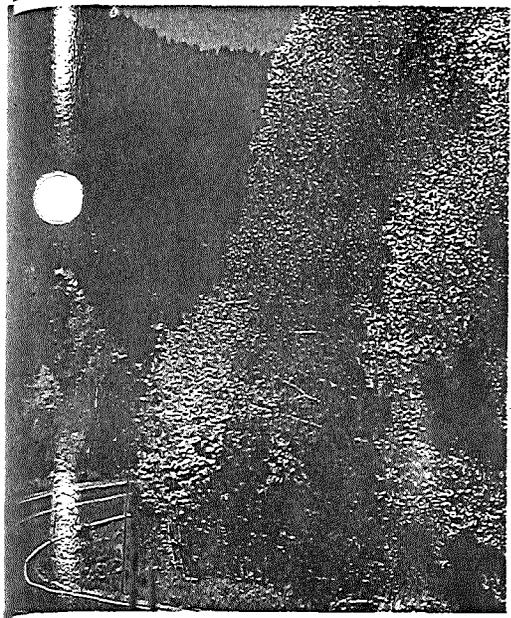
Climbing gently out of the Tahoe Basin on State 89, you see the first aspens set off by dark conifers. Notice the variation: one grove may be pale yellow, another ablaze

in gold or, occasionally, red. (For more on why aspen turn color, see page 25.)

About 5 miles from U.S. 50, the road loops down into the mile-wide Hope Valley (elevation 7,180 feet), so named by optimistic pioneers in the mid-1800s.

Since 1987, some 10,000 acres in or near the valley have been transferred from private to public ownership; another 15,000 are slated for acquisition by 1991. But acquiring remaining parcels—and removing the risk of development—isn't guaranteed, notes Scott Ferguson of the San Francisco-based Trust for Public Lands, which is managing the transfer. Both state and federal funds must be earmarked for buying these private lands.

But visitors can already explore just about everything bordering State 89; simply



Uncrowded State Highway 89 lets you explore some of California's finest aspen stands. Pull off to play in the fallen leaves

heed any "no trespassing" signs, and close gates (some range cattle remain). There's unlimited access along the West Fork Carson River as it winds through granite boulders and over gravel bars—perfect trout territory.

In the heart of the valley, State 89 joins 88. Turn either way for activities.

Turn right, for lakes and hikes . . .

State 88 heads southwest through the valley. Climb over Carson Pass (elevation 8,573 feet), the spot where Kit Carson blazed a trail in 1844. About a mile from the pass, take the signed turnoff to Woods Lake for picnicking, fishing, and campsites tucked into a granite cirque.

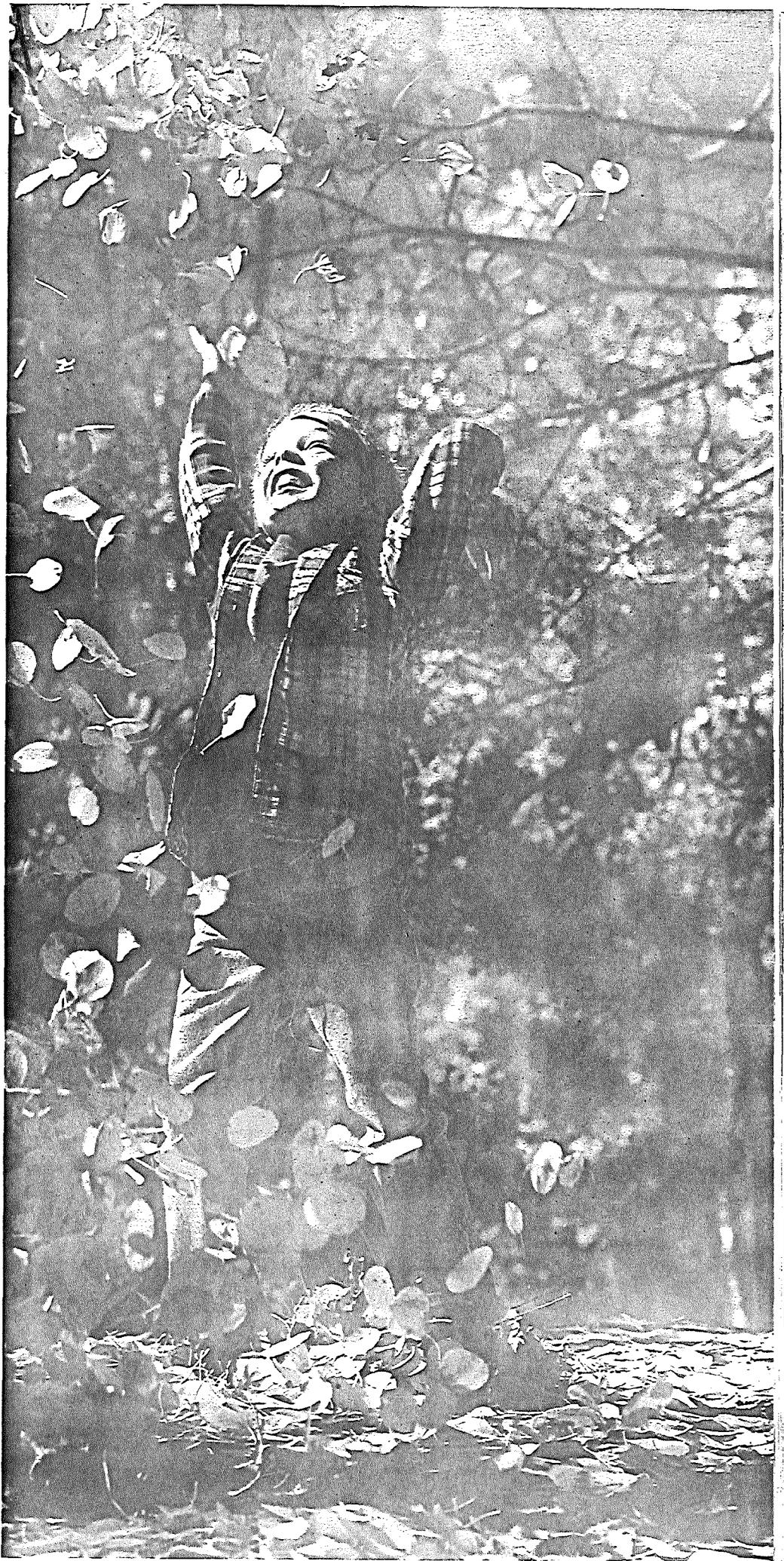
Caples Lake reservoir lies just beyond Woods Lake. There's a Forest Service campground flanked by Caples Lake Resort, open until mid-October. Cabins (\$60 to \$110) sleep two to seven; lodge rooms cost \$30 to \$45. Boats are also for rent. Big windows frame views in the good restaurant here (dinner only; reservations advised). Write or call the resort, Box 8, Kirkwood, Calif. 95646; (209) 258-8888.

Next, stretch your legs on the Lake Margaret Trail, a mostly flat out-and-back walk (2½ miles) past creeks and beaver ponds to towering aspen and the lake. Trailhead is on the right, 0.2 mile beyond the Caples Lake spillway.

You can get a hamburger at Kirkwood Inn, open from 6:30 A.M. to 9 P.M. daily. It's just ahead on the right.

A half-mile farther is the turnoff for Kirkwood Resort, unbusy and relaxed this time of year. Stretch out in deluxe condominiums at off-season rates (\$55 for a studio to \$120 for two bedrooms). The rental office staff can suggest hikes to lakes and fall color in the nearby Mokelumne Wilderness. Write to the resort,

RENE LYNN



Kirkwood 95646, or call (209) 258-6000. Beyond Kirkwood, you pass more lakes and low-key resorts. Eventually, State 88 brings you to Jackson, 63 miles southwest.

... or turn left and tap into hot springs and history

By turning left (east) on State 88, you travel into the gorge cut by the West Fork Carson River, passing spectacular aspen and tall, spreading cottonwoods.

Some of the prettiest aspen surround Sorensen's, a mile ahead. Rates are \$45 to \$115 (24 cabins hold two to eight people); book well in advance. Or stop by to enjoy a meal (lunch daily, dinner nightly except Wednesdays), rent a mountain bike, take a fly-fishing lesson, join a guided hike, or peruse a selection of books. For prices for activities, write or call the resort, Hope Valley 96120; (916) 694-2203.

Another half-mile ahead is Hope Valley Resort, a private campground beside the river. Its six tent sites cost \$3 each; 18 trailer hookups are \$18 each. Write to the resort, 14655 Highway 88, Hope Valley 96120, or call (916) 694-2292.

The highway now slips into rugged Woodfords Canyon. A yellow strip of aspen, cottonwood, and willow follows the river. At the bottom of the gorge, trees stop—a fire ravaged the area in 1987.

The road splits at Woodfords, a hamlet



RENEE LYNN

Silver miners first tromped across the porch of Markleeville's general store in the 1860s; some still work nearby mines—and stop in for supplies

that for a few weeks in 1860 was a Pony Express stop. The inn has motel rooms (\$28 to \$42 a night); call (916) 694-2410.

Take State 89 southeast 6 miles to Markleeville, Alpine County seat. In the mid-1800s, silver mining pushed the county population above 10,000. Now, it's 1,190—the lowest in the state. A few aspen and cottonwoods brighten the

sleepy town's clapboard buildings.

For a closer look at the region's past, tour the Alpine County Historical Complex. It has a reconstructed school, antique mining tools, and Washo Indian artifacts. Admission is free. Hours are noon to 5 daily except Tuesdays through October. Turn right on Montgomery Street, then right on School Street.

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On Montgomery (it becomes Hot Springs Road), continue 4 miles for a soak in relaxingly warm water in the big concrete pool at Grover Hot Springs State Park (campsites available). Hours vary, and the pool closes September 11 through 30 for maintenance; call (916) 694-2248.

On State 89, a small Toiyabe National Forest office has maps and leaf reports. Hours are 8 to 4:30 (closed noon to 1) Thursdays through Mondays.

Leaving Markleeville, the road follows the wide cut of the Carson's east fork through dry, jagged mountains. About 3 miles from town is East Fork Resort, with seven cabins (\$35 to \$50), campsites, trailer hookups (\$15), and a store (including fishing supplies). About 3 miles past the resort, turn left and follow State 89 east over 8,314-foot Monitor Pass. Here, huge stands of aspen sweep over the otherwise bare mountaintops. Walk or bike the lonely mining roads; routes are well marked on Forest Service maps.

To return, just retrace the route. Or, if you're heading to the Bay Area, try taking State 4, which snakes over 8,730-foot Ebbetts Pass, then continues about 100 miles to Stockton. (Don't try it in an R.V.)

A third possible route isn't as scenic, but takes you to Minden, Nevada, where you can see aspen in a heart-stopping way—

from the air. For \$95, up to three people can board a Cessna for an hour-long ride above sawtooth peaks splashed with color.

To get to Minden, return to Woodfords and go north on State 88. Drive into Nevada's arid Carson Valley; Minden is 10 miles ahead. For reservations and directions, write to Hutt Aviation, Box 1163, Minden 89423, or call (702) 782-8277.

To return to Lake Tahoe from Minden, drive west 3½ miles on Mottsville Lane (in the center of town, off State 88). It becomes State 207 and climbs Kingsbury Grade to the lake and U.S. 50 (11 miles).

Maps, hunters, and a hotline

Two Forest Service maps (\$2 each) cover the areas described; you need both. Ask for the recreation map of Eldorado National Forest, 26820 Silver Dr., Pioneer, Calif. 95666; (209) 295-4251. Request the Carson District map from Toiyabe National Forest, 1536 S. Carson St., Carson City, Nev. 89701; (702) 882-2766. The maps show campgrounds (first-come sites are \$6 or \$7 a night). Some close by mid-September; call ahead.

Mountain weather can change quickly, so pack warm clothing. This is hunting season; hikers should wear something red or orange and choose open routes.

Temperature extremes, wind, rain, or snow could shorten the season. For leaf reports, call area Forest Service offices. □

What makes aspen turn gold?

One of North America's most widespread forest trees, quaking aspen (*Populus tremuloides*) splashes fall color from Alaska to New England. In the West, pure forests cover parts of the Rockies and Utah's Wasatch Range. Central Sierra stands tend to be smaller—like drops of amber among the mountains.

Temperature determines when aspen turn. It takes a good freeze to kill the green chlorophyll and reveal the leaves' red and yellow pigments. Since an area may have several microclimates, its aspen may change at different times.

What color a given tree turns (yellow, red, or a mix of the two) depends on its genes. Since aspen reproduce by root suckering, stands tend to have identical genetic makeup. That's why these trees grow in clumps and tend to turn the same color at the same time. Soil minerals may affect color, too. Even the sun can influence the color you see: low morning light turns leaves pale lemon; afternoon brings out rich golden tones.

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Hope Valley wreck claims sixth biker

A motorcyclist lost control when his bike hit an oil slick near Hope Valley Monday, causing him to collide head-on with a motor home. Arthur Siler, 39, of Montague, Calif., was pronounced dead at Barton Memorial Hospital at 6:20 p.m.

Siler was one of a group of motorcyclists who spent the holiday weekend in the Hope Valley area. Five of his comrades were killed Saturday near Placerville when they hit a truck head-on. The truck and all five motorcyclists were engulfed in flames.

Monday's accident also sent Patricia Siler, 43, of Montague to Barton. She sustained head injuries but was treated and released from the hospital.

She was able to jump off the back of the motorcycle before it erupted in flames when it struck the motor home on California State Route 88.

According to California Highway Patrol officers, both Siler and the driver of the motor home, Brian Miles, 48, of Cottonwood, Calif., were traveling between 35 and 40 mph, well below the speed limit. Siler was going west when he hit the oil slick, lost control and went into oncoming traffic.

Other motorcyclists helped free Siler from the wreckage.

The oil on the roadway was spilled by a dump truck, which was impounded by the CHP. Why the dump truck lost the oil is being investigated. Oil was spread for 1.7 miles in streaks ranging from 6 to 12 inches wide.

Neither Miles nor his passenger was injured in the mishap.

Oil slick cause of fatal Hwy. 88 motorcycle accident

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

An oil slick left by a dump truck is being blamed for a fatal motorcycle accident on State Route 88 east of the Hope Valley Store in Alpine County Monday.

Arthur Siler, 39, of Montague, Calif. was killed Monday when the Harley Davidson motorcycle he was riding hit the oil slick, went into the oncoming lane and struck a motorhome head on.

Siler's wife, Patricia, 43, jumped to safety just before the collision, receiving a closed head injury and a fractured hand.

Siler was westbound on 88

when he struck the slick and lost control of the motorcycle crossing into the opposite lane of traffic at 3:45 p.m.

Patricia Siler jumped when she saw the motorcycle was about to collide with a motorhome driven by Bryan Miles of Cottonwood, Calif.

When the motorcycle struck the motorhome, it burst into flames. Other motorcyclists riding with Siler pulled him from the flames.

He was taken to Barton Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 6:20 p.m.

A Carson City couple received minor injuries when they struck the same slick an hour before the

fatal accident occurred.

According to a spokesman for the California Highway Patrol, Angus Crystall, 34, and Dana Crystall were injured when they struck the oil slick at 2:45 p.m.

Both received abrasions to their lower backs after the 1981 Honda Goldwing they were riding went out of control, left the road and continued over the shoulder. Both refused treatment.

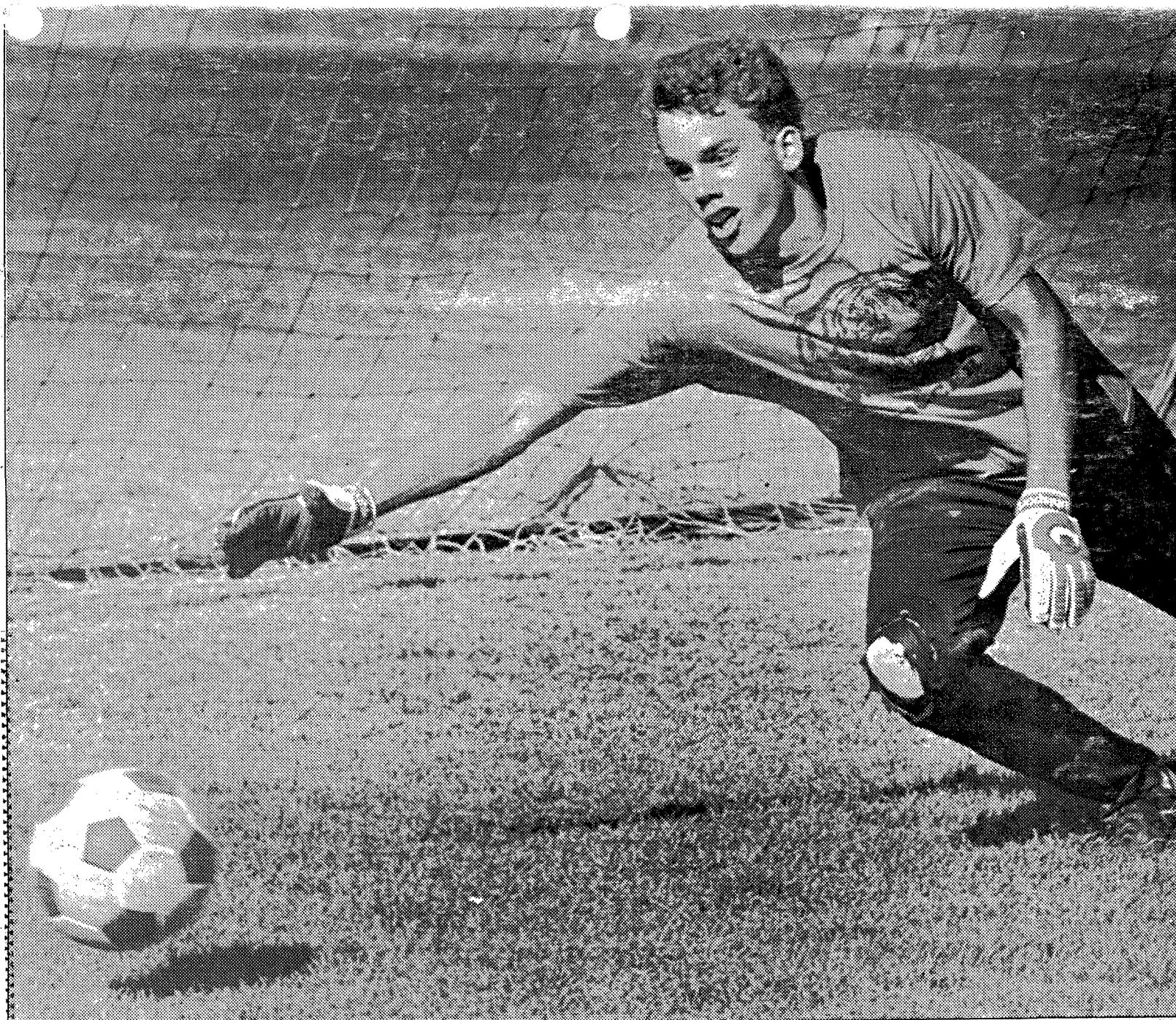
According to the spokesman for the CHP, the slick resulted from a broken oil line. Two to six-inch pools of oil were spread over the highway for 1.5 miles. The cause of the broken oil line is still under investigation.

The Silers were members of the motorcycle group that lost five members on Saturday when a truck went out of control and rolled into the line of motorcyclists in Placerville.

Five other members of the group were injured in that accident.

• A Carson City man received minor injuries when the 1978 Pontiac he was driving on U.S.

395 left the road and struck a fence in Gardnerville early Saturday morning. David Ripley, 20, refused treatment after his car went off the road in Gardnerville at 2 a.m.



IN THE NET. Todd McEwen of Douglas High School dives for a shot made during a shooting drill. The Tigers begin their season Friday afternoon with a Northern AAA match at Sparks. R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch

Seniors lead way for

Douglas soccer team

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Excuse Jerry Van Sickle if he sounds cautious as he enters his first season as Douglas High School soccer coach.

First of all, Van Sickle is the fourth head soccer coach at Douglas in four years and he takes charge of a team that hasn't had a winning record since 1984. At the same time, there's no mistaking his optimism about the Tigers chances of having success this fall.

"We've been working very hard. The kids have put in a lot of time, going back to their spring season (playing club soccer as the Douglas Bengals)," Van Sickle said. "We have 10 seniors, which makes us a very experienced team, so on the optimistic side, we have some kids who have been working hard and they want to win. On the realistic side, who knows? We'll just have to wait and see."

The Tigers won't have to wait long. They kick off the season by playing four matches in a six-day span, starting with Friday's 4:30 p.m. opener at Sparks.

They will be at home Saturday at 10 a.m. against South Tahoe, then return to action Tuesday at Incline and play host to defending Northern AAA champion Carson on Wednesday.

"We start off with a bang. We're going to be exhausted," Van Sickle said, noting that three of those matches are divisional games.

The 13-team Northern AAA is split into divisions in which teams will face each other twice during the season. Douglas has been set up in Division I along with Carson, Reno, Sparks, Incline and Elko. The top four finishers in each division qualify for the Northern AAA zone tournament Nov. 7-11 in Reno.

Overall, who are the teams to beat in the league?

"Carson, Reed and Reno are traditionally the best teams, and I know McQueen and Wooster will be decent. I don't know exactly where we fit into that scheme, but I think we have a shot to be up there with the top three or four teams."

Although in his first season as head coach, Van Sickle is familiar with the Douglas program, having

coached under Bela Zahar at the junior varsity level the last two seasons. He inherits an experienced group with nine starters back from a club that finished 8-10 and qualified for the Northern AAA playoffs last season.

Leading the way is 6-foot-4 forward John Arnold, a third-year varsity veteran who received first-team all-league recognition last fall. Another forward, senior Russell Davis, was a second-team all-conference performer and Joe Frock was an honorable mention selection.

Other seniors on the roster include Chad Rollins, Greg Rooney, Matt Saferite, Jason Watt, Sean McConville, Tony Parodi and Kelly Fisher.

They are joined by four juniors who return with varsity experience, including goalie Todd McEwen, halfback Roger French, fullback Dan Hamer and Scott Batcher. Two sophomores are listed on the roster: Keith Isham and Scott Kirk.

When talking in terms of having a successful season, Van Sickle starts with the defense.

"Coming in, we diagnosed a need to improve on defense. The kids have really improved in that area, too, both from a team standpoint and individual technique."

Two of the mainstays on the defensive side of the field are McEwen, who broke in as a starting goalie as a sophomore last fall, and Frock, who has been converted to sweeper.

"This group of players has always been offensive minded, they've always been able to score, now we need to balance that out on defense," Van Sickle said.

The coach has set a goal to make continued progress from start to finish.

"Our goal is, basically, to improve over the course of the season. We want to build from game to game and then peak at the zone tournament," he said.

"These kids have been playing a long time and for them, this is it. They really want to win."



OWL DANCE. Among the dances to be performed at the Wa-Pai-Shone celebration later this month will be the Owl Dance. Shown dancing earlier this summer are left, René Mendiivil and Carlos Mendiivil, and Jenny Smokey and Romaine Smokey. Barbara Garcia photo

Beetle infestation is responsible for killing trees in the Sierra

by NANCY C. THORNBURG

Throughout the central Sierra area massive numbers of pine and fir trees are dying as a result of bark beetle infestation.

Red, brown and orange dead or dying trees can be seen in small to large pockets all along the Sierra front from Markleeville to north of Reno, in the Tahoe Basin and Fallen Leaf Lake areas, and along much of the west slope of the Sierra.

The California State Board of Forestry recently designated the Central Sierra Zone of Infestation consisting of all the forested lands

in Alpine, El Dorado, Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne and Madera counties.

This designation is necessary before the California Department of Forestry (CDF) can expend state funds for control work.

Following a recommendation by CDF, the Alpine County Board of Supervisors appointed a Bark Beetle Infestation Task Force as an advisory body.

This group consists of the following members: Don Jardine, Jr. and Ann Wade (Board of Supervisors); Steve Harcourt (CDF); Guy Pence and Barry Stern (USFS); Steep Weiss (BLM);

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Steve Walker (SCS); George Fernandes (timber industry); and Nancy Thornburg (public).

Two meetings have been held with a third scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 27.

The group has focused its attention on identifying infestation areas on both public and private lands and working with land owners to determine what action, if

any, can or should be taken.

Nearly all property owners contacted to date have indicated a willingness to cooperate.

The current situation is a result of a combination of factors including drought and, in various areas, over-stocking, dwarf mistletoe, and fire.

Trees stressed by any or all of these factors are weakened and

much more susceptible to beetle attack, and during the last two summers the beetle population has risen to such epidemic proportions that healthy trees are also being killed.

In one small area of particularly heavy infestation this summer, a bark sample showed a count of about one larva per square inch!

Most of the problem in our area is being caused by the pine engraver beetle, "ips pini", which can have from four to six generations per season beginning in

April or May and continuing through September or October.

Options for controlling the problem include harvesting dead and infested trees, whether by commercial sawlog or firewood

"salvage" sales; getting conservation camp crews or other hand crews to fell and burn small, remote infestation pockets; and general timber stand improvement work.

Nancy Thornburg is a Markleeville resident.

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* **FIRE BLACKENS ALPINE.** A forest fire which sent heavy smoke clouds up and over Carson Valley, raged unchecked until it had consumed nearly 400 acres of Pleasant Valley land in Alpine County, southwest of Markleeville, Sunday.

JAMES CANYON LOOTED. Sometime Saturday night, September 19, Meadow Gold Dairy and James Canyon Ranch on Jacks Valley Road, were relieved of a large amount of office equipment, household appliances, and two saddles, by an unknown thief or thieves.

ALL QUIET ON COUNTY FRONT. Things were strangely quiet at the regular meeting of Douglas County Commissioners Monday. A good big Basque lunch evidently set the tenor of the afternoon which followed a happy, lethargic pattern of yawning, leaning comfortably on the conference table, and, before the session was concluded, having coffee and cookies served by 4-H girls, in advance celebration of National 4-H Week, Sept. 26 through Oct. 3.

TOWER TO SPEAK. U.S. Senator John G. Tower (R-Tex.) will be the principal speaker at the fifth annual Douglas County Republican banquet to be held Oct. 11 in Harrah's Tahoe South Shore Room, Jac Shaw, State GOP Chairman has announced.

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Native American Day. Diamond Valley School in Alpine County will host a celebration of Native American Day Sept. 22. Featured is the Smokin' Moccasins Dance Troupe, comprised of 2-13-year-olds. Paulette Kelley and Marian Christensen will speak on Indian topics to the students.

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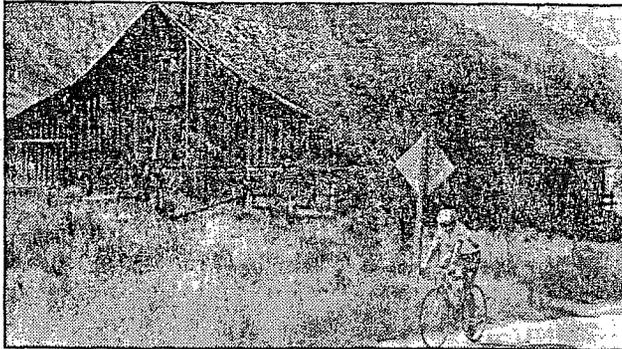
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HISTORY: A cyclist passes a Scandinavian-style barn built by 19th century settlers in Fredericksburg, near the Nevada state line.

Preserving an era in Alpine County

By Barbara Wilcox
The Stockton Record

MARKLEEVILLE — More than 100 years ago this month, the Alpine County Argus was exhorting its readers to keep their horses reined in downtown.

"We are sure that none of the citizens here enjoy such reckless sport," the paper admonished.

The pace is still slow in Markleeville, population 220. Last

week, rider Guy Morgan drew long-suffering stares as he trotted his horse, Walker, through the community's main street.

"If I'd have known it was you, I would have charged you double," joked the Markleeville General Store's owner, who'd just sold two apples intended as a treat for Walker.

In Alpine County, population 1,190, on the edge of Nevada's Great Basin, good-natured jokes

are the thread of daily life. By far the least populated of California's 58 counties, Alpine is often cut off from the rest of the state by Sierra storms.

When a visitor crosses into Alpine via Highway 4 — over Eb-betts Pass, a precipitous one-lane road — it's like crossing into another, emptier world.

The county has no hospital, no high school, no supermarket, no bank and no jail. Its offices are in

a cinder-block building behind the general store.

Residents go to nearby Gardnerville, Nev., for services or do without. The Sierra blocks all radio and television signals from California.

"I've lived here for 30 years, and I never saw Ronald Reagan on TV until he ran for president," said Nancy Thornburg of Markleeville.

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Especially in winter, when the passes close and the snow piles high, people learn to rely on each other.

"There are a lot of self-regulating things that keep people out of here," said resort owner Patti Brissenden of Hope Valley. "It's not such an easy life."

Half of Alpine's residents moved here in the past 10 years, according to the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce. But the harsh conditions mean a high rate of attrition. According to figures recently released by the U.S. Census Bureau, Alpine had only grown by 103 newcomers from 1980 to 1988, the least growth of any California county during the period.

Nearly everyone serves on a county board or commission, because the state requires Alpine to provide a full range of services despite having only 731 registered voters. Many, including the current Miss Alpine County, are volunteer firefighters or rescue workers as well. It's tough to make up a grand jury, residents say, because often they'd be put in a position of investigating family members.

"When we see a cop we run out the back door," joked Planning Commissioner Paul Washam. "We don't want to get subpoenaed."

Nearly 95 percent of the county is federal land, almost all owned by the U.S. Forest Service to protect watershed for big cities far away.

Federal aid keeps school classes small but doesn't filter down to the county for extras. When a rare homicide occurred in Alpine last November, county Sheriff Larry Kuhn had a deputy run home to get his personal video camera to tape the crime scene.

"It'll be years before we have another need for a camera," Kuhn said. "It's just never been a priority."

Politics are hard-fought and personal.

"There aren't many secret votes here," said Washam, who's also directed the Chamber of Commerce and edited the monthly newspaper. "Everybody wants to raise a hand."

Created in 1864 at the height of the Sierra silver boom, Alpine County now exists mostly on federal and tourist income. Second-home owners (more than 50 percent of the population), government workers, a few ranchers and the Washo Indian tribe (another 20 to 25 percent) are squeezed onto 5 percent of the land.

Alpine librarian resigns, is replaced

Alpine County Librarian Dianne Deadrich-Rogers resigned as County Librarian Aug. 15 after serving as librarian there for 10 years.

Deadrich-Rogers is taking a break in her career in order to

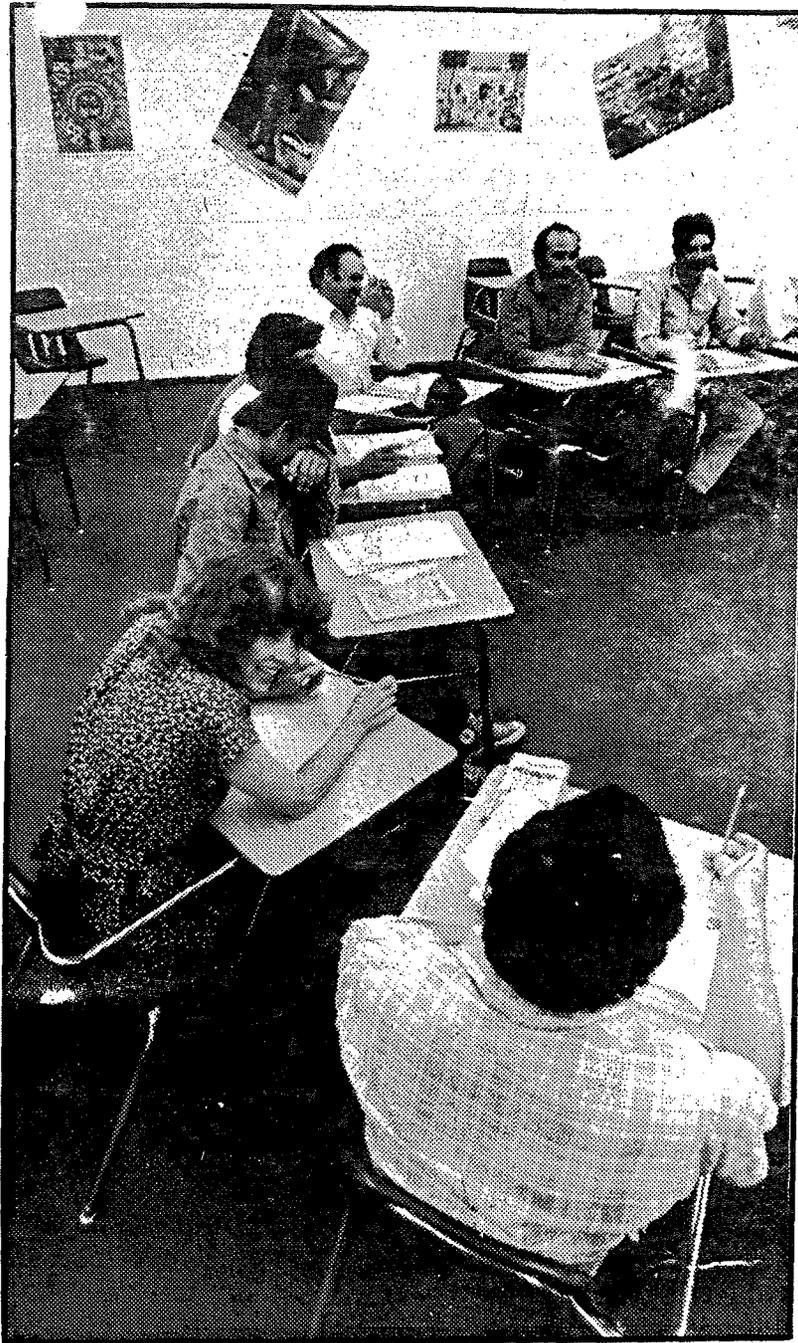
spend more time with her family.

Diane Brigham has been appointed as the new Alpine County Librarian effective Sept. 11. Ms. Brigham comes to Alpine County from Carson City where she has had experience working at

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the Ormsby Public Library and the Nevada Supreme Court Library.

She is a recent graduate of Clarion University in Pennsylvania where she earned her masters degree in library science.



HELPING OUT. Amnesty instructor Sunny Murphy turns to help a student applying for permanent residency with his reading during a class at Douglas High School Tuesday. R-C photo by Chris Tumbush

Training to be an American

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

It was a variation on the old you-could-be-one-of-one-million-people-who-can't-read-this theme.

Sunny Murphy wondered if anyone who needed her amnesty class would be able to read an article written in English.

"There is a newspaper which translates stories into Spanish and runs them side by side with the story in English," she said. "I don't suppose the newspaper could do that for this story could it?"

The classes, paid for by a grant from the federal government to the Nevada State Department of Education, offers an opportunity for people who have applied for amnesty to learn to speak English and learn American history.

According to Murphy, the class is for people who have applied for permanent residency under the amnesty program.

Murphy teaches one of the two classes held 7 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at Douglas High School. She is aided by Mary Karrasch and a Spanish-speaking aide, Filomena Ceballos.

Barbara Farley, Chief of the Las Vegas Immigration Office, said the classes are the second phase of the amnesty program implemented by the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

Aliens who applied for legal status before May 4, 1988 had to prove they lived in the United States prior to Jan. 1, 1972, legally

or illegally.

Farley said 16,000 applied for amnesty in Nevada before the deadline.

Those who applied were given employment authorization cards until they were granted amnesty. They were then given temporary resident cards. Farley said the cards are good for 30 months from the date of approval.

According to Farley, approval of permanent residence is virtually guaranteed if temporary residence is approved.

At the end of the class, participants are given a certificate which they bring with them when they go to the final interview for permanent status.

"All they have to show us is that they have made an earnest attempt to learn the language and history," she said.

"If they don't have their certificate when we interview them," she said. "We will give them a test."

Farley said only two people have failed the test. People who fail can take it again after six months, but they only get two tries.

Murphy said students are required to take 40 hours of a 60-hour class. The class is being offered through Western Nevada Community College and it is a 60-hour class.

The government requires that for amnesty students we cover English, government and history.

Murphy said there is no charge

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for this class but there will be another one."

Two classes are offered each year. Murphy said turnout was low this year.

"Right now we have about 25 students in two classes," she said. "Last spring on the first night of registration, we had 60 people. There are a lot of people in the community who have not gotten the word."

Murphy said the two classes cover different curriculums, depending on how advanced the students are.

"We have a beginning class for people who speak no English at all, and an intermediate class," she said. "In the English class, it is primarily emphasizing speaking, though there is some writing."

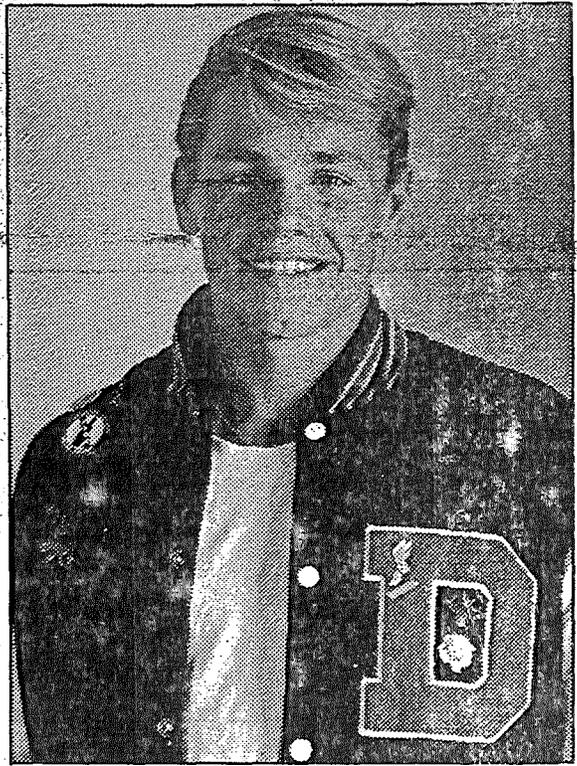
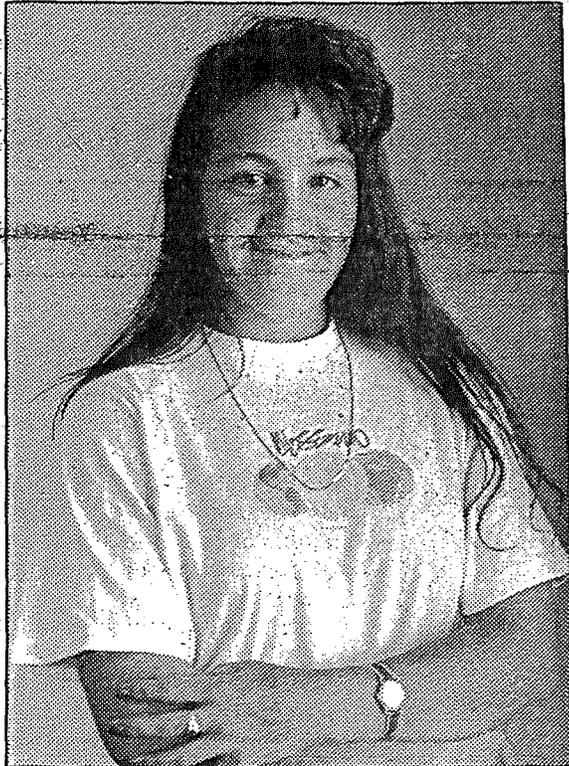
According to Murphy, the intermediate class places more emphasis on writing.

"As far as the government classes are concerned we try to teach them everything they need to apply for citizenship," she said.

While citizenship is still some ways away, Murphy said she tries to prepare her students for it.

"Although that is not the aim of this program, we try to give them all the information they need to apply," she said. "Depends on the class how far we can get." for the classes.

"Just come to class," she said "Registration is open until Oct. 1



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Top Tigers

When it comes to individual athletes, senior Lisa Chacon (left) and junior Brian Buscay are two of the best at Douglas High School. Both have been consistent performers for their respective tennis and cross country teams and this week they were co-recipients of the school's Athlete of the Week award. Buscay took the gold medal from a strong field of California runners at the Half Moon Bay Invitation Saturday, plus he finished second the day before at the Manogue Invitation in Reno. Last year, Buscay was third at the state AAA cross country meet and was a state runner-up in wrestling at 112 pounds. Chacon, the defending Northern AAA zone tournament girls singles champion, has rolled up a 17-1 record so far this season, and in the past week defeated eight opponents as Douglas won four straight matches and improved its record to 5-3. R-C photos

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Kids live, and learn, the past

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

The alpine cold penetrated the classroom. Children shivered as they competed in a spelling bee.

As each child spelled a word, he or she would bow or curtsy, spell the word and step back in line.

The light inside the single-room school house was gray, autumn's ancient sun barely able to pierce the thick cloud cover and drizzle.

The desks sat empty, the paths between them worn smooth by the passage of generations of small feet.

The ink wells were carefully capped, pens and chalk neatly set in the desk where slates would be stored.



"Some of us brought our lunches to school in handkerchiefs," she said. "It was real different."

Sarah Morgan, 9, said the spelling bee she and the other students held was the first she was ever in.

Students made lemonade for lunch, which most pronounced sour.

The Webster school was built in 1882 and abandoned in 1929. The school was restored in 1968.

Price said the visit to the old school was an Environmental Learning Project. Similar projects have also been done in Sutter's Fort and other historic areas in California.

According to Price, the children were dressed up for the visit into the past, and he tried to make things as realistic as possible.

The only difference between then and now

Above the blackboard hung two pictures, one of George Washington and the other of Abraham Lincoln.

Markleeville fourth-graders took a field trip Monday and Tuesday. They travelled 100 years into the past.

Students of Gerry Price's Diamond Valley Elementary School fourth grade social studies class visited Webster School where they learned first-hand how students in the last century lived and learned.

They all wore similar clothes, the boys decked out in knickers, suspenders and caps, the girls in gingham dresses.

Most of the students agreed that the trip into the past was worth while.

Ten-year-old Jed Ivy said he enjoyed the day he spent in the school.

"It was pretty fun," he said. "It's OK, but I wouldn't want to be here during the winter."

Nine-year-old Vicki Christien also said it was a fun experience.



OLD SCHOOL PICTURE. This old photograph of the Webster School was taken in 1903. The teacher was a Miss Kinney, who taught all grades in the single classroom. The school is now a part of the Alpine County Museum complex, which owns the original of this picture. Students from Diamond Valley School on Monday and Tuesday "went to school" in the old building, wearing clothes of the period and studying the same kinds of subjects.

was the use of a space heater, instead of the big Ben Franklin stove which sat in the middle of the classroom, and that students used pen and paper instead of slates, where students of the nineteenth century did all the work they might have to erase.

Price and Nancy Thornburg, director of the Alpine County Museum, assembled clothing and lessons from the original textbooks to teach the class for a day.

The single-room school house which would have contained different grade levels in the last century, was not large enough to hold Price's entire class, so half of the class went Monday and the rest went Tuesday.

On Monday, students sang, copied poems and had an old-fashioned spelling bee.

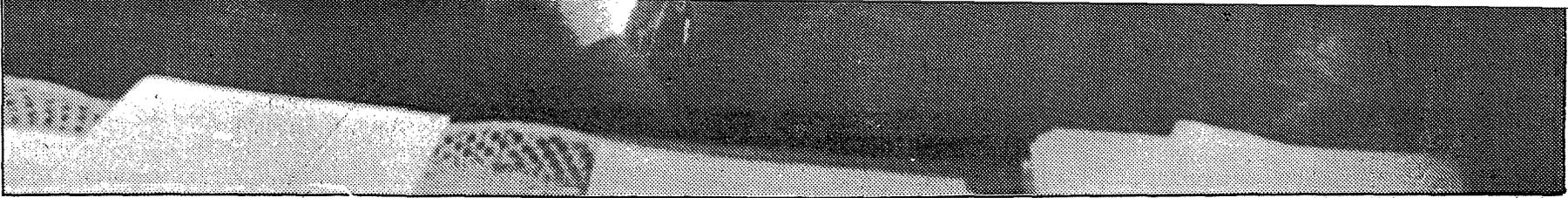
"There was a lot of oral and memory work," Price said. "The emphasis is on speaking and listening skills."

Price said the kids would receive a facsimile of an original graduation certificate as part of the project.

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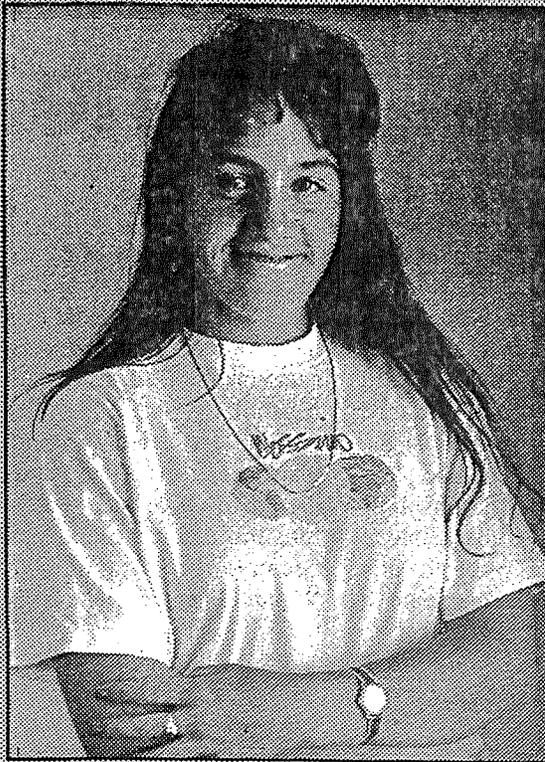


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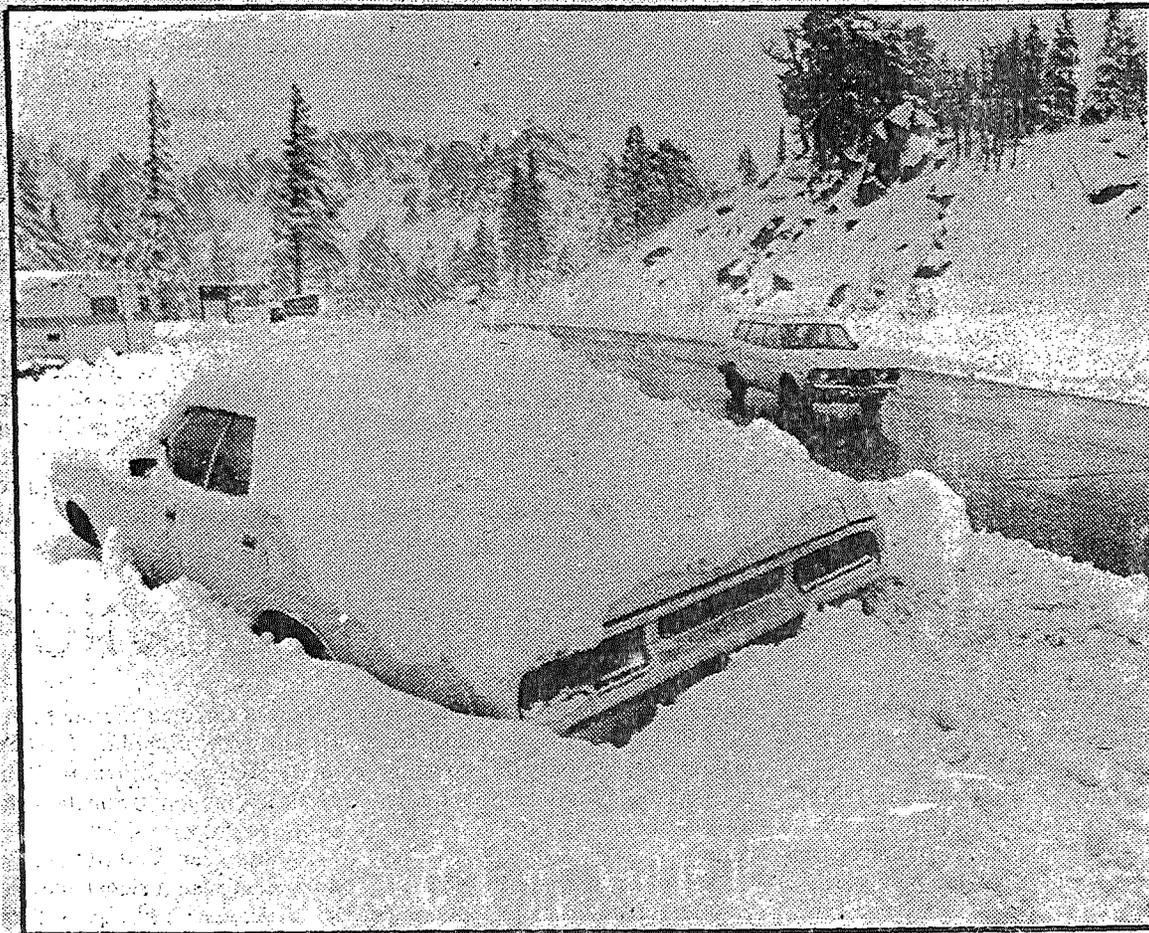


Top Tigers

Douglas High School's Athlete of the Week again turned out as a split decision, with the award being shared by Lisa Chacon and Priscilla deVaney. Chacon (left), a senior, captured her second straight Northern Nevada AAA zone tennis championship and sophomore deVaney posted a second-place finish to lead the girls cross country team to championship honors at the Incline Rotary Invitation. R-C photos

Winter's awakening

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Winter arrived in the Sierra with a vengeance over the weekend, dropping rain in the Valley

and snow at the higher elevations including Carson Pass. R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch

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Dressler family announces property sale

by MELANIE MARTIN
Staff Writer

A large portion of the Dressler family estate including two lakes was sold last week to a water marketing firm for \$4.9 million, according to Douglas County and Alpine County records.

The sale of 2,776 acres of land in California and Nevada to "Aqueduct I Ltd.," a private placement limited partnership, was announced Oct. 19 by Dressler family attorney Clark Guild, Jr.

The partnership was set up to

purchase agricultural water rights which would eventually be converted to municipal, industrial or development use and marketed in the Reno/Sparks area as well as target areas in other western states, according to Steven Starnes, a vice president in Prudential-Bache Securities Inc.'s Direct Investment Group.

Prudential-Bache, a New York-based securities firm, is one of the general partners of Aqueduct I.

Aqueduct I is based in Fort Collins, Colo. and is managed by the Water Rights Assets

Management Co., also a general partner.

Sold to Aqueduct I by the Dressler family were 1,514 acres in Nevada including Mud Lake and 1,262 acres in California including Red Lake.

All associated water rights were sold with the land.

According to records from the Federal Water Master's Office, the Fred H. Dressler Co. holds 1,586 acre feet of storage water rights in Mud Lake and 903 acre feet of storage water rights in Red Lake.

Evelyn Davis of Water Rights

Assets Management Co. said Tuesday that no deals had been made yet to sell the water.

The homestead was retained by the Dresslers and, as a condition of the sale, the Dresslers will lease back and operate the sold property until Dec. 31, 1991.

An Aqueduct I official who asked not to be named confirmed the \$4.9 million sale price and said the partnership had raised \$6.9 million total and is now closed. The official said the prin-

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cipals are now considering purchasing other storage water rights belonging to the Dresslers with the remainder of the money less up front fees of about \$100,000.

The Fred H. Dressler Co. holds 508 acre feet of storage water rights in Scott Lake and 167 acre feet of storage water rights in Crater Lake. Both lakes are in California.

Valuations filed with the Douglas County Auditor-Recorder's Office for the current sale were in the amounts \$1,083,066 and \$1,565,357 for

land sold in Nevada.

An official from the Alpine County Assessor's Office confirmed that documentary transfer tax figures of \$2,406.25 and \$70.95 were filed with Alpine County.

Converting these tax figures into valuations gives approximate

sale prices of \$2,187,500 and \$64,500, respectively.

Totalling valuations from Nevada and approximate valuations from California gives a total sale price of \$4,900,423.

The properties sold belonged to Fred H. Dressler, the Dressler Company, Frederick Dressler, Lolamary Dressler, Lou Bergevin

and Luetta Bergevin, according to Guild.

Lou Bergevin, Fred H. Dressler's son-in-law, is state assemblyman for District 39 in Douglas County.

The Dresslers are long-time residents of Douglas County, their family having been in the Valley for over a century.

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Chacon nets second zone singles title

As a sophomore two years ago, Douglas High School's Lisa Chacon came into the Northern Nevada AAA zone tennis tournament with an unblemished 44-0 record and No. 1 seed.

The end result didn't turn out as good, though, because she lost in the tournament semifinals to Reno's Joanne Klum. The scenario has been different the last two years for Chacon, who has twice entered zone as the No. 2 seed and both times she has returned home with a championship.

Chacon captured her second straight Northern AAA girls singles crown this past weekend by sweeping past five straight opponents at the Plumas Street Courts in Reno. The Douglas senior completed her sweep Saturday by defeating Molly Davenport of Reno in the finals, 6-0, 7-6 (7-3).

Davenport had earned the tournament's top-seed by virtue of her regular season victory over Chacon in an eight-game pro set in September.

"I was happy because Molly has been playing really well this year," Chacon said of her triumph in the finals. "The first set, I played really well; everything was falling my way."

Her coach, and mother, Joan Chacon, was elated.

"It was fantastic. Lisa is playing beautiful tennis right now. She went in ready to play and she went in ready to win," the seventh-year Douglas coach said. "She moved well, she was watching the ball, and her shot selection was good."

Chacon now has her sights focused on the state AAA tournament this Friday and Saturday in Las Vegas.

She never dropped a game while winning three straight matches during Friday's zone play and the next morning she disposed of Reno sophomore Nicole Achambault in the semifinals, 6-4, 6-4.

One other player broke into the win column for Douglas Friday when Emily Cate captured her first-

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Chacon: Northern AAA champion

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round match against Elaine Webster of Carson, 6-1, 6-3. Cate bowed out in the second round to Manogue's Anne Barnett, 6-1, 6-2.

Sophomore Cari Brody lost her opening round match to Davenport, 6-0, 6-0. In doubles action, the team of Shelby Wilson and Carol Kelly dropped a

close match in its opener to Carson City's Anne-Marie Bellard and Wendi Duke, 6-4, 6-4.

The Douglas girls completed their regular season with a 7-4 dual match record, highlighted by a 7-5 win over Carson on Oct. 12. The lady Tigers won six of their last seven matches and finished with a perfect 5-0 record on the home Lampe Park courts.

Five injured in accident near Woodfords

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

Hospital.

Five people were injured after a three car accident on S.R. 88 west of Immigrant Trail in Woodfords Tuesday.

According to a spokesman for the California Highway Patrol, the accident occurred when Jacqueline Taylor, 33, of Stateline failed to see a car make a left turn onto 88 in front of her.

Taylor, driving a 1983 Toyota east on 88, collided with a 1986 Cadillac driven by Barbara Ryan, 54, of Markleeville, forcing it into the westbound lane where it collided with a 1989 GMC pickup driven by Clayton Taylor, 47, of Rosemead, Calif. The two Taylors are not related.

Jacqueline Taylor, one of the three children riding in the car with her, and Ryan were taken to Carson Valley Regional Medical Center, two more of Taylor's children were taken to Washoe Medical Center by Care Flight

Kirkwood coach supplies ski tips

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Ray Dicus, program director for the Kirkwood Ski Education Foundation will offer a monthly series of features entitled "Ski Tips" in The Record-Courier.

Dicus, 29, has a vast background in ski instruction that includes certification as a United States Ski Coaches Association level 3 alpine coach, Professional Ski Instructors of America instructor and United States Ski Association alpine official.

He has been with the Kirkwood Ski Education Foundation for the past year, where he oversees a program that expects this season to draw in excess of 60 racers between the ages of 6 and 21.

The Kirkwood program operates at three levels: mity-mites for 6-11 year olds, the development team for 11-15 year olds and the Kirkwood Ski Team for 9-21 year olds.

The 6-foot-5 Dicus has previously coached in the Midwest, in Park City, Utah, and in Stratton, Vt., in addition to extensive travel experience for ski training and racing in Canada and in Europe. Dicus is also head coach for the Cascade Technical Ski Camp at Mt. Hood during the summer.

He took up skiing and racing as a youth growing up in Chicago. His father still works on the ski patrol in Wilmot, Wis.

He is a business degree graduate from the University of Utah, where he also minored in coaching and sports psychology.

Dicus is happy to be involved with the program at Kirkwood, located in Alpine County.

"I love the area and I love the Sierra," he said. "I would say Kirkwood is one of the top 10 mountains in the country from the perspective of supporting youth ski programs."

He has definite goals in mind for the junior skiers.

"Athlete-wise, we try to focus on performance as opposed to results. Sometimes at young ages, there is too much emphasis on placing high instead of trying for good technique. Our objective at this age level is to ski well as opposed to placing high," Dicus said.

His series on Ski Tips will continue through the winter, touching on such subjects as body and mind preparation; equipment preparation; a skiers' responsibility code; powder, flat light and tree skiing techniques; racing and gates; plus clothing and fashion.

Chacon fourth in state play

After two years of trying, Lisa Chacon finally won a Nevada AAA state tennis tournament match.

The Douglas High School senior, a two-time Northern AAA zone girls singles champion, picked up an opening round victory in Las Vegas before finally bowing out in the tournament semifinals the next morning.

Chacon opened Friday with a 6-4, 6-4 verdict over April Collins from Chaparral.

She was one of the few bright

spots for the North during the state play. The only other win by a Northern entry on the day came from the Wooster boys doubles team of David Diamond and Rich McElreath.

Chacon faced a more difficult test in the semifinals Saturday morning, however, and wound up on the short end of a 6-3, 6-2 score against Bonanza's Michelle Domanico.

Despite losing, Chacon was pleased with her semifinal performance.

"I played really really well. She (Domanico) just played better. She's a nationally ranked player, so I can't feel bad about losing to her," Chacon indicated.

Susan Aggasi defeated Domanico in an all-Bonanza final, 6-0, 1-6, 6-3. It was a rematch of last year's state championship match, also won by Aggasi (cousin of Andre Aggasi).

Chacon took the court one more time and lost to Bishop Gorman's Clodaugh Bowyer in the third-place match, 6-4, 6-3.



NEW TEACHERS. Laura Parsons, right, looks over at Cindy Fladrich and the rats that she keeps in her classroom at Meneley Elementary School. Both are new 2nd grade teachers. R-C photo by Joyce Hollister

Teachers love students

by JOYCE HOLLISTER
Staff Writer

Laura Parsons and Cindy Fladrich, 2nd grade teachers new at Meneley Elementary School this year, greet passersby in the school corridor with enthusiasm.

They laugh, they talk, they share their teaching philosophies with visitors, no matter that it's been a long day and school is now out.

Parsons taught school in a rural town south of Fresno before moving to this area to teach. Her husband Jim is superintendent of schools in Alpine County. They have a daughter, David, 6.

She agrees with Fladrich that children in the 2nd grade are spreading their wings, learning social skills and learning how to be responsible.

"The world is theirs," is how she put it.

Both teachers feel that 2nd graders are ready to explore, and especially, they are ready for good books as well as their regular reading books.

"I expose them to a lot of good literature," Parsons said. "They're ready."

Fladrich added that 2nd graders "can really take off" in the 2nd grade, after learning the basics of reading in 1st grade.

Fladrich is from Redondo Beach, Calif., where she taught for 2-1/2 years. She has taught English to Cambodian students and worked with academically talented children. She now lives at Lake Tahoe.

She is director of a YMCA camp every summer, which she said she "just loves."

"I grew up in YMCA," she said. "It really helped clarify my values and goals. I want to send kids to camp. I want them to have that experience."

Fladrich has done all the jobs there is to do at a camp, she said, from leading nature walks to raising funds for camp scholarships.

Parsons explained a bit about her feelings towards using "good literature" as well as the regular readers in the classroom.

"They [the students] need it to expand their lives and perspectives," she said. "I've read stories to children that get them excited about sharing their own experiences. It's exciting to see kids identify with that. It brings us together as human beings."

Parsons has a master's degree in reading and special education, and has also taught junior high school and at a boarding school.

Both teachers have their students keep daily journals. The teachers write answers to ques-

tions the students have, or simply communicate with them via the journals.

"We do more reading and writing that [students of] 20 years ago," Parsons said.

The best time of the day, according to Fladrich, is when she responds to the entries in her students' journals.

"Writing back to them in their journals takes the most time, but I like it. It's a special time," Fladrich said.

"We're communicating," Parsons added. "It's sharing some of yourself."

Both teachers say that Meneley Elementary School is a positive, happy place to be, and they are thankful to have gotten jobs here.

"This is a really nice school, with a really special group of kids," Fladrich said.

"I'd add that the parents have been really supportive here, too," Parsons added.

Fladrich is known at MES for the two rats that live in a cage in her room. They have free run of their area, and can add a bit of humour to the day.

Parsons, on the other hand, is a snake-lover. She is trying to convince Fladrich that holding a snake is a pleasant experience.

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Lillian A. Ford

Services were held Saturday in Fredricksburg, Calif., for longtime Markleeville resident Lillian Agnes Ford, 91, who died Oct. 29 in Carson City.

She was born in Tyne Newcastle, England Dec. 7, 1897 and lived in Markleeville from 1953 to 1988, coming from Los Angeles.

Mrs. Ford worked for her son at the Alpine Bottle and Tackle Shop in Markleeville and owned and operated the Alpine Motel in Markleeville for many years.

She was a member of the Moose Lodge in Culver City, Calif., and the Coventry Cross Episcopal Church in Minden.

Mrs. Ford was preceded in death by her husband, Laurence Ford, in March 1969 in Carson City; son William Douglas Ford in June 1984 in Markleeville; and son Ronald Ford in 1929 in Los Angeles.

Survivors include daughter Laurie Ierjen of Sparks; brother Frank Moore of Santee, Calif.; sisters Dorothy Kangas and Patti Faure both of Culver City; four grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family asks contributions be sent to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 12895, Reno, 89503.

Walton's Chapel of the Valley Cemetery and Mausoleum was in charge of arrangements.

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People

1964: Keeping Tahoe's purity

100 YEARS AGO
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DEATH OF EDWARD TRIMMER. Edward Trimmer died last Wednesday morning at the advanced age of almost 86 years. He had been a resident of Diamond Valley, Alpine county,

Remember when?

California, since 1858. The funeral took place at Mottsville yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Deceased was the father of Mrs. Thos. Irvine, and Robert, John and William Trimmer, all of who reside in this vicinity. Mrs. Elizabeth Trimmer, wife of the deceased, died a little over a year ago at the age of 83 years.

Bark Beetle Infestation Task Force hears from top expert

by NANCY C. THORNBURG

The Bark Beetle Infestation Task Force met this month and heard an excellent presentation by Steven Munson, Forest Pest Management Entomologist with the USFS in Ogden. Munson went over recent aerial and ground surveys of eastern Alpine and identified three particularly hard-hit areas which should be dealt with as soon as possible: Grover Hot Springs (much fir, some JP), Poor Boy, and Indian Creek Reservoir area. He said that action should be taken right away in high use areas such as campgrounds, that it is essential that action be taken before the beetle emerges next spring. He said that Hope Valley looks good.

Steep Weiss, BLM, reported that a Pine Grove crew has already started to work thinning and sanitizing in the area around

the Indian Creek Reservoir campground and that they are finding "ips", JP and Turpentine beetles and mistletoe all mixed together. He also reported that the thinning and stand improvement work on the 40 acres east of Marklee Village has been started and should be completed in about 30 days.

Guy Pence and Barry Stern, USFS, are working on plans to deal with the problem near East Fork Resort, in the Poor Boy area, Faye Canyon, and between Hot Springs and Turtle Rock Park and will have the plans ready for Task Force discussion at the Dec. 14 meeting.

Munson also went over information relating to life cycle and behavior of the three beetles causing most of the damage in this area - Jeffrey Pine (JP) beetle, "ips", and the fir engraver.

He explained that the JP beetle

will fly in June or July, that it prefers trees greater than 12" diameter (at chest height), that the beetle overwinters as both adult and larvae. They like one-story stands such as that which predom-

inates throughout this area. The beetle also introduces blue stain fungus which, together with beetle activity, interferes with the movement of vital fluids within the tree. The tree's primary defense against the beetle is the production of resin, and in times of drought there is little or no resin production. This is why we are seeing boring dust but not much pitch tube evidence. He said that one good year of raid won't stop this epidemic, that we will see 1-2 years more mortality. Two years of normal or above normal precip-

itation will help restore the resin production. Epidemics such as the current one last generally 6-8 years; but on poor sites one can last up to 12-14 years.

He said that ideally the basal

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areas should be reduced to about 80 (80 sq. ft. of bole per acre) and that in areas with a tree density of 200-240 per acre, such as exists in much of eastern Alpine, the beetle can remove 50-75% of the standing timber. In areas where this ratio has been reduced there is relatively no beetle activity.

Munson emphasized that even without the drought we need to get into a prevention mode all over the Region and that if we don't manage the forest, Mother Nature will do it for us. We need to initiate an understory, also, and

to be more pro-active rather than reactive in response to bark beetle problems.

Munson explained what homeowners can do to protect high value infested trees. Chemical pesticides which have been effective are Sevin SL or Sevimol (the latter is preferable), that one treatment in late May/early June is effective for 2 years. The tree should be sprayed to a height of 30 ft., trunk only. This is for JP beetle; they usually don't try to treat for "ips". They are promoting experiments to test pesticide effectiveness for fir engraver but he said that he wouldn't count on the effectiveness of Sevimol.

Munson explained that the JP beetle usually has only one generation per year but that at lower elevations or with a long, dry summer there can be two. The "ips" can have 4-6 generations in a year. The fir engraver also has

generally one generation which flies in mid-July. It attacks the tops first, then the larger branches, then the main bole. They will attack any size tree and often this activity is on very steep slopes where little or nothing can be done in the way of control.

Asked about biological controls, Munson said they are doing "bait and cut" studies but the results aren't in yet from these studies. Natural predation doesn't seem to be practical in rapidly building populations.

The fir mortality problem in Woodfords Canyon was discussed. Lack of soil and moisture, steepness of the area, narrowness of the canyon, and lack of a good market for fir all combine to make this a situation about which nothing can really be done.

Nancy Thornburg is a Markleeville resident.

Whether she's on or off the court, as far as girls tennis at Douglas High is concerned, Lisa Chacon is...

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The ace

by DAVE PRICE
Sports editor

There are two things to expect while watching Lisa Chacon play tennis.

One is that she usually wins her match. Second, you can always count on seeing a big smile.

Chacon, a senior at Douglas High School, enjoys playing tennis. Win or lose. Yet, more often than not she wins, as can be seen by her 144-12 career record at Douglas, a record that includes back-to-back Northern Nevada AAA zone tournament singles championships and fourth place showing at the state tournament this season.

It's no surprise she the Most Valuable Player for a Douglas team that was 7-4 in dual team play this season. Chacon has been more than a player the last four years at Douglas. Longer, actually, because she was just an eighth grader when she came down to help out her mom, head coach Joan Chacon, at the Douglas practices.

"Lisa has always been more a helper than someone I had to coach," Joan Chacon said. "She's used to help me when she was still in middle school and she kept that role all through high school."

"You have to give Sam (Sr.) and Joan a lot of credit because they've taken the time and effort to make sure she gets to Nor Cal to play against that good competition."

What are her strengths?

"She hits the ball as hard as any girl I've ever coached," Buell said. "A lot of kids hit the ball hard but the ball doesn't always go in, but she has worked hard and now she's starting to gain some consistency. That has brought her game up a notch the last couple of years.

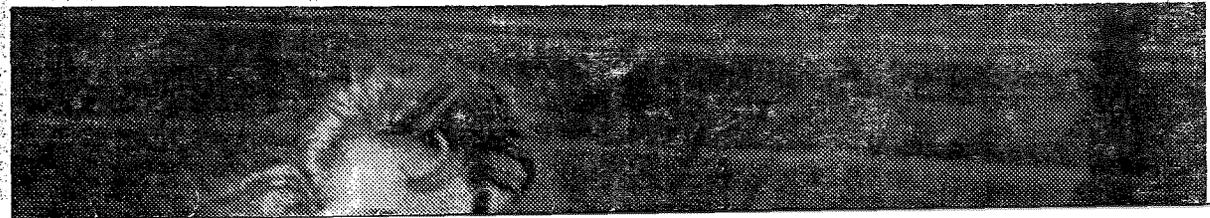
Yes, there is life off the tennis court for Lisa Chacon. Her grade point average for four years stands at 4.17 (she's never had a B on her high school report card), she's involved in an elementary school tutoring program. And from an athletic standpoint, she ran track at Douglas and is a member of the Douglas Dolphins year-round swim program.

Actually, the outside sports have helped her tennis game. Her work as a sprinter in track helped her quickness and foot work on the court; swimming has improved her upper body strength and flexibility.

Chacon is looking to continue her tennis career into college. For at least one year, anyway.

"She definitely wants to play at least one year in college. The academics are very important, though, because she wants to go into engineering," said Joan Chacon, noting that schools being considered are Santa Clara, California-Davis, the University of Pacific and Nevada-Reno. Incidentally, one of her instructors at Bally's is Kurt Richter, head men's and women's coach at Nevada-Reno.

"It's her own idea to keep playing tennis. She likes to make big plans, but at the same time, she's strong enough to say, if she didn't want to do it anymore, she would walk away."



the other girls never resembled it, either. I think they realized she knew what she was talking about," the coach added.

Much of her success can be attributed to enjoyment of the game.

"She always has enjoyed playing tennis. She's happy to be out there and she enjoys doing well. Because of that, she is always confident she will do well; she always gives it her all, and if she does get beat, she knows she's been beaten by a better player."

The Chacon family has been quite active tennis-wise for more than 10 years, going back to when Sam Chacon was a ranked junior and then a standout at Douglas before his graduation in 1987 (he was the Northern AAA boys' singles champion as a junior).

Lisa took up private lessons herself at age 9, and was ranked in Northern California Tennis Association circles by the time she was 13. She cracked the top 30 as a 16-year-old.

Traveling to some 15 to 20 NCTA tournaments a year has paid off for Chacon, according to Scott Buell, who has served as a teaching pro for both Sam and Lisa Chacon.

"You've got to play the competition if you want to improve, and that's what she's done the last four or five years," said Buell, director for the Grand Tennis Club at Bally's Casino/Resort in Reno.



Lisa Chacon is a straight-A student at Douglas High, in the classroom and in tennis. R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch



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WINTER FUN. After a month-long spell, this weekend's storm brought joy to winter outdoors enthusiasts. Kirkwood opened Saturday with four lifts in operation at 10 meters of trails for those who enjoy cross country. Hope Valley Cross Country, located at Sorensen's, opened Saturday, offering lessons, rentals and free use of trails. C file photo by Chris Tumbusch

Carson River areas targeted for public land purchases

by JIM DiPESO
R-C News Service

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A \$4 million land purchase that would add about 10 square miles of meadows and steep forests into the public domain is being negotiated by the Toiyabe National Forest and Trust for Public Land.

The land, scattered throughout Alpine and Mono counties, includes 320 acres at the top of Armstrong Pass, at the southeastern edge of the Lake Tahoe Basin.

The Toiyabe received a special appropriation from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund earlier this year for Hope Valley-area acquisitions. "We've used every cent," said trust project specialist Scoot Ferguson.

The exact size of the transaction won't be known until appraisal figures are finalized. "Then we cut and piece" to fit the dollars available, Toiyabe lands specialist Marcia Joseph explained.

More than half the proposed transaction, 3,426 acres, is an inholding in the Carson-Iceberg Wilderness, southeast of California State Route 4. Purchased by the trust from Lands of the Sierra, a Sierra Pacific Power Co. subsidiary, "it's a fabulous piece all over the east fork (of the Carson River) and Silver King Creek," Ferguson said.

Other tracts to be purchased include 484 acres from the Dangberg Ranch along the east fork; another 875-acre tract from the ranch near Crate Lake, two miles north of Carson Pass; 100 acres near Monitor Pass; 352 acres on the West Walker River, and 240 acres in Faith Valley, near the route

explorers Kit Carson and John C. Fremont used in their 1844 Sierra expedition.

Also in the works is the Eldorado National Forest's proposed acquisition of about 1,000 acres in two sections near the top of Carson Pass and Big Indian, Little Indian and Clover valleys, south of Markleeville. The trust plans to exchange the property, worth about \$1.9 million, to the Eldorado for land owned by the Los Padres National Forest in central California.

The trust is working to buy up 16,000 acres near the Pacific Crest Trail at Carson Pass and northwest of Donner Summit, to safeguard them from development and logging.

The trust holds options on two properties in the Donner area, about five square miles owned by Sierra Pacific Industries near Basin Peak, and 3,300 acres near Castle Peak.

John Corbett, lands and minerals specialist with the Tahoe National Forest, said the area is heavily used by winter and summer recreationalists.

Earlier this year, Congress appropriated \$1 million to the Tahoe National Forest for land purchases.

Ferguson also said the trust so far has bought up approximately 11,000 acres in Faith, Hope and Charity valleys. The trust has a long-term plan to acquire about 24,000 acres of ranch and Sierra Pacific property in the three valleys to preserve them from development.

In the past year, the trust has delivered to the state Fish and Game Department about 2,250 acres on the Carson River's west fork for the Hope Valley Wildlife Area.

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Francis would put the restraining device around its neck, so I stepped back. The alley was so narrow that Francis and I could not work side by side. So I bent down in front of him and grabbed the bear by his back legs. Francis had the noose around his neck and we started our way backwards, pulling the bear out of the alley. By the time we got to the end, it started feeling like it weighed 500 pounds, instead of 150 pounds.

Sheryl Lanier got out the rug we keep in the back of our station wagon. Francis said we could put the bear in his Humane Society truck, but I was afraid the metal box could cause the bear to overheat and expire.

So in the station wagon he went. (Boy, if our station wagon could talk, the stories it could tell.) Fish & Game told me we had anywhere from one hour to an hour and a half before it would come to. (Tom & I have found in working with wildlife it is usually the minimum time rather than the maximum.)

The bear was finally in the wagon. Sgt. McGuffin asked where we were taking him and I said, "Back to our wildlife center to call Fish & Game. They will tell us what to do next."

Much to my surprise, as we pulled out, there was a police car leading the way and one pulled in behind me. Being escorted, I must say, was interesting. Caroline was the official timer as she was the only one wearing a watch. As we passed Golden Bear, we were already 25 minutes into our hour.

When we arrived at the center, Sheryl and Caroline stuffed food down baby birds while I called Fish & Game.

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Guess what! Karen had gone to lunch!!! The man on the phone got the pathologist, Bill Clark, whom Tom & I both know. My instructions were to give the bear 3cc's more of the drug to keep him under, take him to a designated area and let him go.

I called the Veterinarians office and the Vets were all at lunch. I couldn't get the drug we needed. Time was now a definite factor with less than a 30 minutes to go. I said "Come on, let's get moving". As I went outside, I saw an El Dorado County Sheriff's car, plus the two city police cars. Again I was surprised as the Sheriff took the lead. The two police cars turned away to go back to, I'm sure, a duller job. I noticed a California Highway Patrol car over on the side of the highway by the agricultural inspection station in Meyers. Next thing I knew, he was taking up the rear of the escort.

As we neared our destination, we were met by yet another Sheriff, from Alpine County, who directed us to where he wanted the bear released. Just as we pulled up and I started backing the car, the Bear sat up and put his paw on the back seat. Sheryl and Caroline both exited out the car, real fast. The bear was further away from me, so I turned off the car before I got out. The El Dorado County Sheriff opened the back door of the station wagon so the bear would have an easy way out.

As most of you are aware, as someone comes out of anesthesia, they are very groggy and it takes awhile before they can function. Well, animals are no different and it was about 40 minutes longer before he got out of the car. He was walking like a drunk so we followed him a short distance to be sure he was well on his way to total recuperation and bid him a fond farewell.

P.S. Several times in the past, we have needed our own tranquilizing equipment. I personally think it is time to add this to LTWC's Wish List.

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Kirkwood ski report

Kirkwood Ski Resort continues to reap the rewards from last weekend's snow storm.

The Alpine County resort reported a base of 4 to 6 feet of powder and packed powder on its mountain. Ten of 11 lifts were scheduled for operation this weekend, according to publicist Jack Wolf.

For Nordic enthusiasts, the Kirkwood 10-K Cross Country Citizen's race will be held this morning, starting at 10 a.m. from the Kirkwood Ski Touring Center.

Looking ahead on the calendar of events, the Jeep/Eagle Challenge Series for recreational skiers will come to Kirkwood Dec. 10.

Alpine County employees question contract proposal

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by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

A proposed contract between Alpine County and the Alpine County Employees Association came under fire Tuesday by county employees.

The employees' chief concern is financing the retirement program for the county's deputies.

According to a draft of a memorandum of understanding between the county and the employees, the Public Employment Retirement System (PERS) two percent at 50 years retirement plan would be funded by the deputies.

The memorandum is part of the contract which the employees association and the county have been negotiating since April.

The agreement states that half of the cost of the program would be paid from the deputies' PERS surplus and the other half from the deputies' salaries.

The retirement plan would allow deputies to retire at age 50 and receive two percent of their last year's salary.

The fear was that the county

would have to pay for the program.

"The county as the employer is liable, no matter what," county employee Gail Steinman told the supervisors.

Association president Steve Mc Ewen told supervisors the vote on the memorandum was unanimous, 29-0, but Steinman said no draft of the memorandum which went to the supervisors was available to association members.

County auditor Barbara Ryan said she didn't feel the county would end up paying for the program.

"I just think this is not going to cost the general fund anything," she said.

The only county employee which would be affected in the immediate future would be Sheriff Larry Kuhl, who may be retiring in the next few years, Ryan said.

She said none of the nine deputies employed by the county will reach retirement age for seven years.

Board president Donald Jardine said he didn't think taxpayers should be concerned about the county picking up the expense.

"As long as the boards which follow us hold it as binding, the county shouldn't have to pay," he said.

The wording on section 11 of the contract was revised to say the full cost of the program will be paid by the deputies should the surplus be depleted.

The cost of the program is estimated to be \$18,176, \$15,269 of which will come from the deputies.

According to the memorandum, the deputies will have to give up their 4.5 percent cost of living increase for the 89-90 fiscal year to cover the amount.

Another concern was that Kuhl's successor would not have to pay into the plan.

Currently Kuhl pays into the plan out of his own pocket, but there is no way for the county to enforce a similar situation, should his successor be elected. Anyone appointed to fill out the term could be hired, and the plan included as a requirement for employment.

Other county employees will also receive the cost of living increase.

Alpine County considers fire systems in county buildings

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

Discussion of a plan to install smoke detectors in Alpine County buildings was continued while county administrators seek additional cost estimates.

The discussion was put off until the Alpine County Board of Supervisor's Dec. 19 meeting on the recommendation of board assistant David Dolinar.

Dolinar provided the board with a single cost estimate from Nevada Fire and Alarms Alert.

According to the estimate, it would cost Alpine County \$12,075 to alarm the administration, courthouse, library, social services building and the archives room.

None of those buildings are currently alarmed.

According to a Nov. 2 letter sent to supervisors by Historical Records Commission Chair Nancy Thornburg, a 1987 proposal for alarming the buildings was turned down by the board.

She writes that the library and courthouse buildings are historic structures and that a large percentage of county records reside in the buildings. She adds that these records have not been backed up off-site.

Dolinar said both his and the sheriff's office were working on additional estimates for the supervisor's consideration.

Supervisors took no action on a

consideration to apply for rural health service funds under Proposition 99, the cigarette tax initiative passed by California voters in the last election.

Board of supervisors assistant David Dolinar recommended against applying for the funds, saying it would cost more to implement the program than the county would receive from the state.

"I strongly recommend that we not go into this program," he said.

According to Dolinar, the county would only receive about \$1,900 from the state to implement a program which might cost \$10,000.

"It doesn't make sense to request \$1,800 when the county will pay \$10,000 to set up the program," he told supervisors.

"In order to accept the funds, the county has to agree all clients will be screened," Dolinar said. "The program also expands to 200 percent the poverty level."

In addition, Dolinar said the entire program may end in 1991, depending on what the California legislature decides.

"Then we are stuck with the clients forever," he said.

Supervisor John Brissenden said he felt the intent of the initiative was twisted.

"\$2,000 would have paid for a nice program at the school," he said. "Which was the intent of the initiative in the first place."

The Dec. 15 deadline for apply-

ing for the funds will pass before the next supervisor's meeting on Dec. 19.

Brissenden asked Dolinar to compose a letter to legislators expressing the board's feeling about the measure.

In other business supervisors:

- Approved an ordinance providing for travel expenses for county officials.

- Don Richmond of the Alpine County Commission on Aging said he would have to resign if he could not receive compensation for his travel expenses.

- County auditor Ryan said the county had not budgeted for the expense, and that she might have to come back to the supervisors for transfers to the contingency fund.

- Approved a request for a contingency transfer of \$16,351 for the county museum and roof maintenance.

- Approved a request to send letters of support to the California legislature to increase the position of county sanitarian Bob Karrasch from part-time to full time.

- Karrasch said the actual amount of work to be done in the county was 1.14 man years. He currently works .6 man years.

- According to Karrasch, the increase would not have a noticeable impact on the county.

- "People won't have to wait as long," he said.

Obituaries

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Hills, Nevada. Oct 10, 1934. She was the daughter of Amen Fred and Minnie Dressler Fred.

Her surviving relatives are her husband Ralph James of Markleeville and two daughters, Debra Fred and Michelle Carmona, both of Markleeville, and two grandchildren.

Mrs. James was a Markleeville resident for the last ten years, coming from Dresslerville. She was a homemaker.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Stewart Baptist church in Carson City. Rev. Thomas Hutson officiated.

She was buried in Stewart Cemetery in Carson City. Walton's Chapel of the Valley, Cemetery and Mausoleum was in charge of arrangements.

Joanna James

Joanna James, 55, of Markleeville, passed away at Washoe Medical Center in Reno Dec. 7.

James was born in Pine Nuts

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CARSON VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL FIRST QUARTER 6TH GRADE

Travis Abbott, Matt Abele, J.P. Albert, Holly Atchison, Jeff Avey, *Aimee Bauman, David Baumann, Leslie Barajas, *Andrea Beal, Tina Belmontes, Cathy Biggs, Jennifer Blumenthal, Kristen Broughton, Valorie Campbell, Neil Cardinal, Elvia Ceballos, Michon Chandler, Paulina Chwalisz, Nicholas Clark, *Mark Clore, *Angie Colquhoun, David Covault, *Erin Cressaty, *April Crossman, Amy Cullers, Cody Cummings, Abby Curry, Kinsie Damon, *Scott Darran, Dan Davis, Wes Deputy, Dan Deering, Kelly Dickerson, Angela Duarte, Travis Edmunds, Christina Escamillo, Brandy Etchison, Laura Evans, Tami Fischer, Rachel Fletcher, *Wendy Frank, Jared Glostein, Abbey Green, Erin Hackman, April Hall, Teresa Hatley, Miah Higley, Michelle Honda, Jessica Hord, Becky Inglis, Steve James, Sharon Jones, Sheryl Jones, *Jannell Jorgenson, Brandy Justinich, Darren Keele, Jaime Kenesek, Kelly Kerschner, Lisa Kersey, *Matt Koepnick, Drew Kolbe, *Megan Koerner, Ryan Kronenberg, *Michael Laxague, *Molly Long, Stacy Lopez, Amy Maes, *Jessica Maher, Michelle Maita, *Jaime Maple, Nicolas Martinez, Tanya Mattson, *Jeff Maynor, Kay Lee McDonald, Allison Medel, Jerod Myers, Latisha Nagel, Scott Ness, *Sarah Norberg, Stephen Oakes, Peter O'Reilly, John Pares, *Melinda Pennington, *Jennifer Perra, Heidi Peterson, Jacob Petersen, Nick Pinochi, Carrie Pitts, Joshua Pozun, Jennifer Quillen, Kristy Robinson, Courtney Rohrbough, Kevin Sady, Art Salispara, *Matt Saunders, Telsche Saunders, Eric Scheetz, *Christina Sergott, Julia Soderman, Belinda Thomsen, Marcella Tilman, Sage Umphies, Julie Van Valkenburg, Christina Van Leeuwen, Sarah Velasquez, Carolos Verdeja, *Laurel Vickers, Peter Wallstrum, Patches Weissmiller, Michelle Williams, Lauri Wright, Ryan Wunsch, Marcel Wyatt, Jessica Yurtinus, Joshua Zamarripa.

7TH GRADE

Adrienne Alder, Erik Albee, Jennifer Alvin, James Barrett, Brad Benson, Ryan Bentley, Michelle Blackmore, Sarah Blakeslee, James Bloomfield, Eric Bodenstein, Jessica Bolton, Rhianna Bowers, Erik Bricker, Matthew Buffo, Michelle Bunkowski, Richard Burchett, Marie Burruel, Korrie Callison, Heather Carrillo, Jennifer Christensen, Michael Christl, Patrick Cody, Karrie Cole, Kacie Combs, *Janet Corbit, *Leanne Cox, Patrick Cox, *Bonnie Coyne, Brent Danielson, Jason Davis Scott Davis, Melissa Denser, *Ryan Derby-Talbot, *Landon Dykes, Jeremy Edgar, Amy Escamillo, John Etheredge, Lisa Ethridge, Mark Fessler, Issac Foster, Brandon Fusano, Lisa Gardner, Nathan Girdner, Geoffrey Goossens, Lance Gorrindo, Tristan Gorrindo, Brandy Griffin, Teresa Hadfield, Justin Hammerlun, Timothy Hampton, Anna Hastie, Jena Hathhorn, *Amber Hatley, Oliver Herald, Kevin Hickey, Diana Higuera, William Hoskin, *Amber Howard, Jennifer Isaaks, Taylor Jenkins, Warren Johnson, Martha Karrasch, Robyn Keosababian, *Kacey Kester, Ryan Lamb, Allen Layman, Jason Ledwak, Andrew Lee, David Lehman, Mark Madsen, Brenda Maehler, Bryan Mall, Alisha Manlove, Allison Matts, Tami McGinley, *Brian McInnis, *Hannah McIntosh, Michael McKenzie, Shaun McMurry, Brett McPhail, Matt McSweeney, Christen Miser, Brian Moosburner, Chad Morrison, Natalie Naugle, Gary Noah, Jared Page, Chad Palmer, John Perra Ethan Petite, *Matt Plume, Katie Powers, Dixie Ramirez, Jamie Ramsey, Melinda Redeker, Bryce Sady, Rebecca Sarratea, Michelle Shearer, Chelsea Shemick, Grady Shock, Tyler Streeter, Bobby Stroup, Jennifer Strunk, Leah Sturgis, Joseph Tackitt, Zachary Thew, Stephanie Turria, Sarah Untereiner Tamara Valenzuela, Carmen Vides, Kelly Wagner, Sarah Walker, Kristi Wheeler, Jennifer Wiitafa, Veronica Williams, Staci Wilson, Ashleigh Wright, Aimee Wunsch, Shealyn York.

8TH GRADE

Jennifer Adlao, Jamie Andrews, Jennifer Arit, Daniel Armstrong, *Rusty Baker, Todd Balcon, Debra Baldauskas, *Aleta Barajas, Brad Barrick, Amy Belosic, Michelle Bennett, Aspen Biersdorff, Amanda Bodenstein, Brooke Brierly, Crystal Brown, Benjamin Burdick, *Jennifer Burr, Sean Buscay, Thia Butler, *Kelly Capra, Jerry Clark, Joseph Clark, Greg Clore, Heather Cooke, Terrence Cruz, Peter Cutler, Jason Damon, *Melissa Davis, Michael Decker, Jeanne Dossey, Natalie Edmunds, *Laralee Edsall, Britta Erickson, *Kristina Fairbanks, Diane Francis, Jennifer Freeze, Jordy Golden, Jennifer Goodspeed, Francine Goulart, Leslie Hallman, Kimberly Halvorson, *Brian Hanifan, Jody Hastie, *Christy Hemovich, *Kimberly Hood, Aaron Hughes, Kristina Hughes, Trisha Hulbert, Jaime Hulett, Jennifer Jacobsen, *Jennifer Jones, Rusty Jorgenson, Daina Kawchack, Jonathan Keffer, Brandy Kincade, Carol Kincheloe, Bradley Koerner, Edwin Kolb, Noelle Lamprecht, Natalie Laurie, Stephanie Laurie, Brandi Lehman, *Angela Levery, Tara Lopez, Christian Lucchetti, Misty Maes, Alison Makley, *Shanon Manning, Jose Martinez, Natalie McCaskill, Sabrina McKinley, Brooks McManus, Alicia Miller, Cynthia Miller, April Minter, Chris Murphy, Kathreyn Nollet, Gregg Palmer, *Heather Paterson, Jenera Paxton, Robyn Peterson, *Justin Phillips, Jennifer Portch, Nicole Posnien, Darcie Proffitt, Jennifer Quesinberry, Marie Randolph, Tina Reichert, *Tillie Rogney, Kristin Ruedy, *Cari Samet, James Schmid, Justin Shull, Kyla Shuman, Trevor Steenbakkers, Lana Stewart, Paul Stewart, Christina Stomprud, *Chris Supko, Joseph Thurner, Janine Toth, Jennifer Tune, *Jody Tyndall, Danielle Van Foeken, Keara Van Winkle, Michele Von Stetina, David Wagner, Jerry Waltrip, Mary Ann Weimer, Cristina Welch, Julie Whitacre, Theresa Wilcox, Casey Woods, Courtney Zehner.

*4.00 grade point average

Alpine Supervisors approve ordinance amendments

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

The Alpine County Board of Supervisors approved amendments to an ordinance settling a contract with the county employees' association without comment from the attending employees.

Two revisions were made in the ordinance which had raised the ire of employees in the past, both were clarifications and were approved.

The contract provides for a 4.5 percent cost of living pay raise for non-safety employees and the financing of a retirement plan for the county's deputies.

The sticking point in the contract surrounded the retirement plan which allows the deputies to retire at age 50 and receive two percent of their last year's salary every year.

The deputies' pay raise will go to finance the plan.

Other county employees feared they or the county would end up paying for the program.

The two revisions clarified the supervisor's stand not to end up paying for the deputies retirement program.

"Your board is going to change, the county auditor is going to change and I think you need to spell it out," said county auditor Barbara Ryan.

The ordinance passed unanimously.

The board also voted to hear an urgency item after board president Donald Jardine discovered

Adams among finalists for Alpine position

by KURT HILDEBRAND
Staff Writer

Former Douglas County manager Bruce Adams is among the finalists for the position of assistant to the Alpine County Board of Supervisors.

The supervisors reviewed and rated 14 candidates to fill the \$40,000 position, which current assistant David Dolenaar will vacate Jan. 5, at their regular meeting Tuesday.

Six other candidates were selected to be interviewed by supervisors tomorrow.

Pat Bates, Roy Rainey, Jeri Stately, Greg Hurt, Dennis Wardell and Jeanne Lear are the other candidates who will be interviewed for the post.

Interviewing of the seven candidates will begin 10 a.m.

Both Adams and Bates appeared in the top three when supervisors rated the various candidates.

"Both Adams and Bates could be here

quickly," Dolenaar told supervisors. "Bates is just over the mountain and Adams is in the Valley."

Adams resigned his post in October citing differences with the Douglas County Commission and personnel issues.

He also has an application in for the Carson City manager's post, according to Mayor Marv Teixeira.

The closing date for that application was Dec. 15.

Dolenaar who handed in his resignation after the Nov. 7 board meeting said he was leaving the post for economic reasons.

"I am resigning due to purely economic reasons," he said. "I've not worked closer with any other group or board than with this one. I've really enjoyed it."

He has already accepted a position as Deputy County Administrative Officer for Stanislaus County. He is scheduled to take the position on Jan. 8.

Dolenaar went to work for Alpine County

on April 10, but he said it has been a busy 10 months.

Among Dolenaar's accomplishments during his short time with the Alpine County Supervisors are the development and prioritization of goals and objectives for the board of supervisors.

He said he's overseen a lot of cleanup of county policy and procedures and the administration of the county.

According to Dolenaar, he had the supervisors initiate word processing training for county personnel and established a master contract for grants in the county.

Some of the things which will continue after he is gone are a fire study and initiating a salary survey.

"This has been the best employment opportunity and I am leaving with mixed emotions," he said. "It just jabs me to leave."

Dolenaar said that if the opportunity comes along towards the end of his career, he would gladly return to the county.

Supervisor C. Ann Wade asked Ryan if Tucker's job description had been altered to include all of the duties she performs.

Ryan said she should have put one together and will.

Supervisor Jung told Ryan he was not ready to vote on the increase until the county's salary survey had been completed.

Jardine said he was also against making any increases until the survey was completed, but then voted in favor of the increase when the vote tied.

A resolution supporting the California Desert Protection Act was defeated when the board of supervisors split.

"It is important to preserve the desert," said resolution sponsor John Brissenden.

However, he could not sway the vote with Jung voting with him in favor of the resolution and Jardine and Supervisor John Bennett voting against. Wade abstained.

The board approved a request for an endorsement of a California ballot initiative which would provide \$1.9 billion in capital funding for rail and other public transportation.

The initiative would provide \$100,000 for capital improvements to public transportation in the county.

The supervisors approved the endorsement with the condition that the funding be used for transportation maintenance costs in the rural counties.

Caltrans intention to replace the 30 mph sign outside Markleeville with one which raises the speed limit to 40 mph.

The board plans to send a letter to Caltrans opposing the raised speed limit.

Transportation Director Leonard Turnbeaugh told the board he had a call into Caltrans to find out if the change of speed limit was a mistake.

The board approved sending a letter to Caltrans saying it consid-

ers the increased speed limit a hazard.

Supervisor Eric Jung said he thought the 40 mph sign was supposed to be set up on S.R. 89 into Markleeville so drivers would slow down before they got to the 30 mph sign just outside the Alpine county seat.

In other board news:

The board decided to dispose of a 1980 Concord instead of paying the \$900 to repair the surplus Health Department vehicle.

Turnbeaugh told the supervisor's he thought that perhaps they were going to spend more than the car was worth.

"I think maybe you are going to spend \$900 for a \$500 car," he said.

Supervisor Jung said he the value of the car was not just the repairs, but the cost of an additional vehicle.

Board assistant David Dolenaar requested the car be kept as a motor pool vehicle.

However, no motion was made on the item to repair the car and Jardine instructed Dolenaar to sell it off.

Deputy Auditor/Recorder Patti Tucker barely received a step increase in pay from \$1,784 to \$1,873 per month.

Supervisors voted 3-2 to approve the increase proposed by Ryan.

"We keep pouring work on her," Ryan said. "It's time she was compensated for it."

Obituaries

Suzann James

Lifelong Woodfords resident Suzann James, 47, died Saturday at Carson-Tahoe Hospital.

She was born in Woodfords July 16, 1942 to Roy and Mae Dick James.

She was a cook.

Surviving are her mother, Mae James, of Woodfords; brother Russell James of Woodfords and Edward James of San Francisco; sisters Betty Cruz and Flora James of Woodfords, and Leona Hart of San Francisco; numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

A private funeral service will be held at Walton's Chapel of the Valley Cemetery and Mausoleum in Carson City. Private cremation will take place at Mountain View Crematory in Reno.

Walton's Chapel of the Valley Cemetery and Mausoleum was in charge of arrangements.

Walter E. Gansberg

Gardnerville native Walter E. Gansberg, 77, died Dec. 3 at Grossmont Hospital in La Mesa, Calif.

Mr. Gansberg was born Jan. 9, 1912 at his parent's ranch, which was on the state line between Nevada and California.

He owned and operated automotive repair shops in California for more than 30 years. He spent more than 20 years working for Townsend Lincoln Mercury, where he eventually became a body shop manager. He had been a gasoline and diesel engine mechanic in the U.S. Navy during World War II from 1941 to 1946.

Mr. Gansberg was a member of the American Legion, National Rifle Association and the California Sheriff's Support Association.

After his retirement, he enjoyed hunting and the outdoors and became well known as a trainer of Labrador retrievers.

An avid bowler, Mr. Gansberg was a member of three bowling leagues in the San Diego area. He traveled extensively throughout the Southwest to participate in bowling tournaments.

Survivors include his wife of 34 years, Mabel; a son William of Cottonwood Ariz.; a daughter Gladys Marble of Jacksonville, N.C.; brothers Chris and Fred of Gardnerville; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Burial was held at El Camino Memorial Park, with his son, the Rev. William Gansberg conducting the service.

The family suggests donations to the American Lung Association of San Diego and Imperial

Counties, P.O. Box 3879, San Diego, 92103-0282.

Youths arrested following high-speed, bi-state chase

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by KURT HILDEBRAND
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Two 15-year-old boys were arrested after leading authorities on a 115-mph chase through Alpine and Douglas Counties Wednesday night.

According to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, the two were first spotted by a California Highway Patrol trooper eastbound on S.R. 88 near Carson Pass.

The CHP chased the reportedly-stolen 1986 Toyota pickup through Alpine County, calling ahead to Douglas County for assistance.

Deputies joined the chase when the pair crossed the border into Nevada at about 8 p.m.

The Toyota reached speeds of 115 mph near Waterloo Lane, but slowed to just under 100 mph shortly after.

When the driver of the Toyota spotted the roadblock set up by deputies in front of Douglas High School, he tried to turn down County Road, but his brakes locked up.

The driver then spotted the entrance to the high school parking lot and tried to pull in but missed the entrance and struck the curb, blowing out two tires.

The driver of the pickup tried to get out of the parking lot but could not control the vehicle.

Deputies arrested the two

Vallejo boys when they came out of the truck.

Deputies found a hunting knife stuck in the seat where it could not be seen from outside the truck, but could have easily been reached by either of the boys inside.

The two were booked into Minden Juvenile Detention for possession of stolen property and of a concealed weapon. The driver was charged with driving without a license, reckless driving and attempting to elude police.

A Gardnerville Ranchos man was arrested for forgery after Douglas County investigators served a search warrant on his home at 969 Morning Star Court Friday morning.

Ronald Shawn Morrison, 21, was arrested for cashing a \$2,000 check from a stolen checkbook, according to Sgt. Larry Coy of the sheriff's office.

Deputies executed an arrest warrant on Morrison after a three-month investigation. The Washoe County Crime Lab aided in the investigation.

The checkbook was stolen from a Carson Valley business and one check was used. The search warrant was to find the rest of the checkbook.

Morrison was booked into Douglas County Jail. His bail was set at \$2,000.

Deputies are seeking a Carson

City man in connection with a threat made to prevent a woman from testifying against him in a domestic battery case.

Deputies have submitted Leonard Kachman, 29, to the District Attorney's office for possible prosecution as a result of a Nov. 29 incident.

Kachman was accused of threatening to kill the woman in front of her two children and a number of witnesses.

Deputies listed eight witnesses including the children.

The woman took her children and left the area the next day because she feared for her life.

She returned Dec. 6 to find her home ransacked, but there were no witnesses to the break-in.

Deputies are also seeking Kachman for the break-in and the theft of a television, a clock radio and various food items.

A Carson City man was arrested for a second DUI Wednesday night after a convenience store clerk reported he might be intoxicated. Carl Brooks, 42, was arrested after deputies spotted him weaving in his lane on U.S. 395.

Brooks was arrested after failing a field sobriety test. He agreed to a breath test which showed a .27 BAC. He could not take the second test and was given a blood test. He was booked into Douglas County Jail for second DUI. Bail was set at \$2,100.

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