

Date	NEWSPAPER	HEADLINE	CATEGORY	PEOPLE
1/7/1990	Record Courier	Local skiers place at Mammoth	Sports	Jeremy Purdy
1/7/1990	Record Courier	Alpine Supervisors hire Assistant to the Board	Government	Jeanne Lear, David Dolenaar, John Brissenden, Ann Wade, Eric Jung, Nancy Thornburg
1/11/1990	Record Courier	Carolyn Pohl	Obituary	Carolyn Pohl, Ann McGuinness, Niall McGuinness
1/16/1990	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Librarian receives Appreciation Award	School/Award	Jeanne Lane, Lynn Doyal
1/18/1990	Record Courier	Trash hike possible for Bear Valley	Bear Valley	Barbara Jones, Bob Rudden
2/8/1990	Record Courier	Dry land training	Sports/Hope Valley	
2/8/1990	Record Courier	Alpine home builders face new fee	Government	Leonard Turnbeaugh, Jeanne Lear
2/11/1990	Record Courier	Alpine County starts abuse hotline	Social Services	Brent Gardner
2/11/1990	Record Courier	Hickey, Kelly lead alpine skiers	Schools/Sports	Dan Kelly
2/12/1990	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Alpine County hears call of the wild	Sports/Hope Valley	
2/12/1990	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Dogs. Race in sledding event	Sports/Hope Valley	
2/22/1990	Record Courier	Alpine County considers fee increase for building permits	Government	Leonard Turnbeaugh, Jeanne Lear
2/25/1990	Record Courier	Task force prepares bark battle battle plan	Environment	
2/25/1990	Record Courier	DVS gives block awards	School/Award	Sonja Caldera, Melissa Lewis, Angela Jones, Kendra Reed, Jennifer Homer, Chrissy Mendevil, Jana Martin, Jason Bryan, Kindra Raquino, Mikaela Jones
2/25/1990	Record Courier	Democrats plan Indian Cultural Show and Sale	Washoe/Arts	
3/1/1990	Record Courier	Mendivil honored in Clairol program	Washoe/Schools /Awards	Winnie Mendivil
3/4/1990	Record Courier	Douglas ski team shows improvement	Schools/Sports	Jeanne Turnbeaugh, Gary Chandler

3/8/1990	Record Courier	Kirkwood skiers look forward to Junior Olympics	Kirkwood	Gary Chandler
3/8/1990	Record Courier	Alpine firing prompts department review	Government/Social Services	Jeanne Lear, Brent Gardner, Chet Moore, John Brissenden
3/8/1990	Record Courier	Alpine still seeking health officer	Health	Jeanne Lear, John Brissenden, Eric Jung
3/11/1990	Record Courier	Full regalia	Washoe/Arts	Carlos Mendivil
3/15/1990	Record Courier	Former postman misses chance to be in Almanac	Washoe	Belma Jones, Nings Anthony, Reba Anthony, Goldie Bryan
3/15/1990	Record Courier	Wheelchair basketball	Sports	Gary Price
3/18/1990	Record Courier	Alpine County hires outside firm to review department	Government/Social Services	Jeanne Lear, Chet Moore, Brent Gardner
3/18/1990	Record Courier	Dick Reuter: Original man of the mountain	Biography	Dick Reuter, Joe Broadhurst
3/25/1990	Record Courier	Miss Alpine County Pageant is set Saturday at Turtlerock	Contest	Amber McGeein, Susan Kuhl, Dave Kirby
3/29/1990	Record Courier	Clinton Brown	Obituary	Al Chain, Lucile Chain
3/29/1990	Record Courier	Tahoe City man injured in Carson Pass ski accident	Accident	
4/1/1990	Record Courier	Shooting incident remains under investigation	Crime	
4/1/1990	Record Courier	Alpine County Supervisors to discuss solid waste plan	Sewage	Eric Jung
4/5/1990	Record Courier	State to help Alpine fight drugs	Health	Skip Veatch, Hank Murdock, John Brissenden, Don Jardine
4/5/1990	Record Courier	Allpine County vows to reduce solid waste	Trash	Eric Jung, Jeanne Lear,
4/5/1990	Record Courier	Fishing seminar set	Fishing	Norman Reuther
4/12/1990	Record Courier	Remember when? New bridge	History	Grant Merrill
4/8/1990	Record Courier	Supervisors ask for director's resignation	Government/Social Services	Chet Moore, John Brissenden, Jeanne Lear,

4/19/1990	Record Courier	Disposable diapers may be target of sales ban	Trash	Eric Jung, Bob Rudden, Carol Fogarty, Jeanne Lear, Ann Wade, Don Jardine, Leonard Turnbeaugh
5/1/1990	MororLand	Carson Country	Travelogue	
5/3/1990	Record Courier	Alpine starts search for new Social Services Director	Government/Social Services	Chet Moore, John Brissenden, Jeanne Lear, Brent Gardner
5/3/1990	Record Courier	Missing Alpine County hikers located safe	Lost/Found	LeAnn Burkwall
5/6/1990	Record Courier	Waiting for a nibble	Fishing	
5/13/1990	Record Courier	Josephine B. Burbank	Obituary	Josephine Burbank
5/17/1990	Record Courier	Alpine County considers hiring fish coordinator	Fishing	Leonard Turnbeaugh, Dave Kirby, Elwood Davis, Bud Moll, Henry Murdock,
5/17/1990	Record Courier	Indian Creek Reservoir filling up	Sewage	Bill Schwake
5/17/1990	Record Courier	Cajun Connection in Alpine	Arts	
5/17/1990	Record Courier	Stargazing scheduled at Sorensen's Resort	Hope Valley	
5/20/1990	Record Courier	Pleasant Valley Sunday	Travelogue	
5/20/1990	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Trying to focus on the future	Washoe	Dinah Pete, Jeremy Fred, Shane John, Kalen Jim, Marvin Dressler, Anthony Lundy, Niqu John, Kevin Jones, Lindsay Jones, John Fremont
5/21/1990	Nevada Appeal	4 Carson student hikers found unharmed	Lost/Found	Garth McCormack, David Fontana
5/22/1990	Reno Gazette	Lost students found safe	Lost/Found	
5/24/1990	Record Courier	Top Tigers	Schools/Sports	Jon Danckwerth
5/24/1990	Record Courier	Alpine seeking information about illegal tire dumping	Crime	Leonard Turnbeaugh
5/27/1990	Tahoe Tribune	Chris Curtis of Kirkwood	Accident	Chris Curtis
5/31/1990	Record Courier	Carson Valley 10-K Saturday	Sports	Debbi Waldear, Linda Mantynen
6/3/1990	Record Courier	1890: Bridge falls in river	History	Robert Trimmer, Charles Grover, Lewis Vallen
6/3/1990	Record Courier	Smith, Waldear win valley 10-K	Sports	Debbi Waldear, Linda Mantynen

6/3/1990	Record Courier	Alpine County voters go to polls Tuesday	Elections	Karen Keebaugh, Don Jardine, George Kralik, Skip Veatch, John Bennett, Larry Kuhl, Barbara Ryan, Marilyn McKenzie, David Peets, win Schalbert, Henry Murdock, James Parsons, Thomas Kelly, Hilary Cook
6/3/1990	Record Courier	Carson water storage tops Alpine agenda	Water	Eric Jung, Henry Murdock, Jeanne Lear
6/4/1990	Record Courier	Few llengers in Alpine County races	Elections	Karen Keebaugh, Don Jardine, George Kralik, Skip Veatch, John Bennett, Larry Kuhl, Barbara Ryan, Marilyn McKenzie, David Peets, Ed Schalbert, Henry Murdock, James Parsons, Thomas Kelly, Hilary Cook
6/7/1990	Record Courier	Alta Alpina cycling events set	Bicycle	
6/7/1990	Record Courier	Sorensen's offers watercolor class	Hope Valley	John Brissenden
6/7/1990	Record Courier	Incumbents run strong in Alpine County races	Elections	Don Jardine, Barbara Ryan, Larry Kuhl, Marilyn McKenzie, George Kralik, Henry Veatch, John Bennett, Karen Keebaugh, Ed Schalbert, Thomas Kelly, Hilary Cook
6/7/1990	Record Courier	Disposable diaper ban put on hold in Alpine County	Trash	Hank Murdock, Eric Jung, Leonard Turnbeaugh, Larry Kuhl
6/10/1990	Record Courier	Indian students recognized with special dinner	Washoe/Awards	Lawanda Fred, Winnie Mendivil, Jim Parsons, Belma Jones
6/17/1990	Record Courier	Murphy loves to teach	Schools	Sunny Murphy
6/17/1990	Record Courier	Bad brakes cause cow carrier crash	Accident	
6/21/1990	Record Courier	Smith Valley, Markleeville races on tap	Sports	
6/21/1990	Record Courier	Water rights transfer may be quashed	Water	John Brissenden, Leonard Turnbeaugh, Bob Karrasch, Dotie Cohen

6/21/1990	Record Courier	Alpine approves parking lot purchase	Bear Valley	Jeanne Lear, Bob Rudden, John Brissenden, Nancy Thornburg, Don Jardine, John Bennett
6/24/1990	Record Courier	Plan calls for temporary grazing moratorium	Government/Agriculture/Hope Valley	John Brissenden
6/24/1990	Record Courier	Subconservancy district to discuss water transfers	Water	
6/24/1990	Record Courier	Area fishing report	Fishing	
6/28/1990	Record Courier	Masse Junior Olympic winner	Sports	Gregg Masse
7/1/1990	Record Courier	Remember when? 100 Years ago-Addition	History	Fred Bruns
7/1/1990	Record Courier	Remember when? 50 years ago-Fishing	History/fishing	
7/1/1990	Record Courier	Area fishing has been on the up swing	Fishing	
7/1/1990	Record Courier	Gailson tops at Markleeville	Sports	John Gailson, Linda Mantynen, Debbie Waldear
7/1/1990	Record Courier	Bryant Creek runs orange	Water	
7/1/1990	Record Courier	Pollution continues to plague Bryant Creek	Water	
7/5/1990	Record Courier	Alpine residents concerned about USFS policy	Fire	Nancy Thornburg, John Brissenden, Don Jardine
7/8/1990	Record Courier	Hope Valley Wildlife Area master plan under consideration by Alpine County	Hope Valley	John Bennett, Don Jardine, Ann Wade, Eric Jung, John Brissenden
7/10/1990	Tahoe Daily Tribune	County pursues Styrofoam ban	Trash/Environment	
7/10/1990	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Wearer of many hats	Business	Dave Kirby
7/12/1990	Record Courier	Recreation use top concern at Hope Valley public hearing	Hope Valley	Don Jardine, John Bennett

7/12/1990	Record Courier	Alpine Up With Kids sets jazz dance workshop	Kids Event	Nancy Kerley
7/12/1990	Record Courier	Three workshops scheduled at Sorensen's Resort in Hope Valley	Hope Valley	
7/12/1990	Record Courier	Bicycle riders challenge 'Death Ride'	Bicycle	
7/15/1990	Record Courier	Junior Olympian	Sports	Gregg Massey
7/19/1990	Record Courier	The 'Death Ride' is special	Bicycle	
7/19/1990	Record Courier	Cycling club activities continue	Bicycle	
7/19/1990	Record Courier	Alpine may enforce new Hope Valley restrictions	Hope Valley	Larry Kuhl, Patty Brissenden, Eric Jung, Don Jardine, John Bennett, Ann Wade
7/19/1990	Record Courier	Environmental appeal won't hurt timber sales	Environment/Wood	Eric Jung, George Fernandez, Don Jardine
7/19/1990	Record Courier	State Route 88 to get repairs	Roads	
7/19/1990	Record Courier	Alpine County joins water battle	Water	Henry Murdock, Leonard Turnbeaugh, Ken Daughters, Vicki McManus, Elta Turner, Laurie Smith, Karen Hamann, Jema Kimmel
7/22/1990	Record Courier	Up with Kids	Kids	Kendra Reid, Sarah Jardine
7/25/1990	Nevada Appeal	Victims of '87 Acorn fire file lawsuit	Fire	
7/26/1990	Record Courier	Storey County Commissioners approve landfill expansion plan	Trash	
7/26/1990	Record Courier	Kokanee action starts to heat up	Fishing	
7/26/1990	Record Courier	Perial Ellis	Obituary	Perial Ellis, James Astor, Gregory Ellis, Kathy Rakow
7/29/1990	San Francisco Examiner	Sorensen's Resort	Hope Valley/Business	John Brisenden, Patty Brissenden
7/29/1990	Record Courier	Chris Gansberg re-elected to PCA Board of Directors	Agriculture	Chris Gansberg
7/29/1990	Record Courier	Remember when? 100 years ago - trout	History/Fish	W.P. Merrill
8/5/1990	Record Courier	Fishing Report	Fishing	
8/5/1990	Record Courier	Up With Kids	Kids	Tom Kerley, Nancy Kerley

8/5/1990	Record Courier	50 Years Ago -No relief problem	History	
8/9/1990	Record Courier	Fire conditions worry Alpine Co. Residents	Fire	Nancy Thornburg, Don Jardine
8/9/1990	Record Courier	Woodcutting area opens Aug. 11	Wood	
8/12/1990	Record Courier	Fishing Report	Fishing	
8/12/1990	Record Courier	Lonely lookout watches over Sierra Front	Fire	Brent Gardner
8/17/1990	Record Courier	Damn the dam	Water	
8/19/1990	Record Courier	Remember When? 50 Years Ago - Meeting held	History	George Coyan
8/19/1990	Record Courier	Dayla's Hit	Sports	Dayla Keebaugh, Gerald Price
8/19/1990	Record Courier	Triathletes eye World's Toughest test	Sports	
8/19/1990	Record Courier	Diamond Valley road racers	Bicycle	
8/23/1990	Record Courier	Up with kids	Kids	Beth Martinez
8/23/1990	Record Courier	Dogs	Opinion	Charles Keebaugh, Larry Kuhl
8/23/1990	Record Courier	Kirkwood Associates seeking unification	Kirkwood	Mike Berry, Eric Jung, Patricia Shuman, John Brissenden
8/23/1990	Record Courier	Fire regulations could increase cost of Alpine homes	Fire/Regulations	Leonard Turnbeaugh
8/23/1990	Record Courier	Aqueduct I water battle will be in federal court	Water/Courts	
8/26/1990	Record Courier	Highway route	Roads	
9/2/1990	Record Courier	Fishing report: Lake plants wrapping up	Fishing	
9/2/1990	Record Courier	Remember When? 50 Years Ago - Coyan sells hotel	History/Business	George Coyan, William Lyon
9/2/1990	Record Courier	Douglas soccer moves forward	Schools/Sports	Todd McEwen
9/6/1990	Record Courier	Alpine considers Styrofoam ban	Government/Regulations	Jeanne Lear, Hank Murdock, Eric Jung, Mike Berry,
9/6/1990	Record Courier	Sorensen's offers fall tour schedule	Hope Valley	

9/9/1990	Sacramento Bee	In age of change, they're above it all	Community	John Brissenden, Hank Murdock, Larry Kuhl, Paul Washam, James Parsons, Chris Gansberg Sr.
9/16/1990	Record Courier	Alpine County kicks off anti-tobacco campaign	Schools/Health	Terrie Peets, Sandy Cowen, Willie Edwards
9/16/1990	Record Courier	La Leche League offers help to Valley mothers	Health	Lenny Sue Tinseth
9/16/1990	Record Courier	Alpine County looks at ban on plastic foam packaging	Government/Regulations	
9/20/1990	Record Courier	Alpine County supervisors adopt \$6.5 million budget	Government	Warren Jang, John Brissenden, Gary Howard, Don Jardine, Ann Wade, John Bennett, Hank Murdock, Chris Gansberg
9/20/1990	Record Courier	Polystyrene ban on hold	Government/Regulations	Jeanne Lear, Don Jardine, John Brissenden, Eric Jung
9/20/1990	Record Courier	Supervisors approve police dog	Government	Hank Murdock, John Brissenden, Don Jardine, Larry Kuhl, Skip Veatch
9/30/1990	Record Courier	Alpine looks at packaging ban	Government/Regulations	Bob Rudden, Jeanne Lear, Don Jardine, John Brissenden, Eric Jung
10/4/1990	Record Courier	Alpine cable users sound off	Communication	Eric Jung, Audrey Moll, Hank Murdock, Ann Wade, John Brissenden, John Bennett, Don Jardine, Mike Berry
10/5/1990	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Kickin' back	Schools	Amber McGeein
10/7/1990	Record Courier	Sorensen's sets fall hikes	Hope Valley	
10/9/1990	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Hope Valley trademark	Hope Valley	
10/18/1990	Record Courier	Threat of plague in Alpine County leads to closure of 2 campgrounds	Environment/Health	Gary Howard, Richard Botto
10/18/1990	Record Courier	Supervisors discuss ATVs	Government	Elwood Davis, Don Jardine, Nancy Thornburg, Eric Jung, Hank Murdock, Patti Brissenden, John Bennett

10/21/1990	Record Courier	Tri-county meeting hears unification plea	Government	Mike Berry
10/21/1990	Record Courier	Remember When? 50 Years Ago-Touchdown	History/Sports	Grant Merrill, Stuart Merrill
10/21/1990	Record Courier	Remember When? 50 Years ago - False story	History	Dave Woods, Henry Tietje
10/21/1990	Record Courier	Annual leaf show is on display	Travelogue	
10/21/1990	Record Courier	Robinson honored in Alpine	School/Award	Karen Robinson
10/26/1990	Calaveras Ledger dispatch	Alpine County thinking small and liking it	Community/Travelogue	Hank Murdock, Larry Kuhl, John Brissenden, Paul Washam, James Parsons, Chris Gansbg
10/28/1990	Record Courier	Remember When? 25 years ago - Effluent to Alpine	History/Sewage	
10/28/1990	Record Courier	Pow wow, dancing	Washoe	Chrissy Mendivil
11/1/1990	Record Courier	Testing begins Tuesday at Grover's Hot Springs	Hot Springs	Gary Howard, Paula Pennington,
11/4/1990	Record Courier	Threat of plague ends at Grover's	Hot Springs	Gary Howard
11/11/1990	Record Courier	Alpine County OKs ORV map proposal	Government	Leonard Turnbeaugh, John Bennett, Patti Brissenden, Nancy Thornburg, Elwood Davis, Don Jardine, Eric Jung
11/15/1990	Record Courier	Vernon Barrett	Obituary	Vernon "Buddy" Barrett, Horace Barrett
11/18/1990	Record Courier	Supervisors discuss border change	Kirkwood	
11/22/1990	Record Courier	Objections filed in Aqueduct I case	Water	
11/22/1990	Record Courier	Dry land training	Kirkwood	Joey Chandler
11/25/1990	Record Courier	Water transfer objections filed	Water	
11/25/1990	Record Courier	Alpine looks at trash legislation	Trash	Jeanne Lear, John Brissenden, Leonard Turnbeaugh, Eric Jung, Nancy Thornburg
11/25/1990	Record Courier	Amador asked to contribute	Government	Skip Veatch, Phil Olsen, Mike Berry
12/2/1990	Record Courier	Remember When? 25 Years Ago - Alpine Post Office Dedicated	Government	Della Wood

12/6/1990	Record Courier	Public protest creation of Alpine County loan fund	Government	Chuck Keebaugh, Barbara Ryan, Nancy Thornburg, Bud Moll, Dolores Clark, John Brissenden, Eric Jung, Jeanne Lear, Don Jardine
12/6/1990	Record Courier	Sagebrush pianist visits Alpine	Arts	
12/6/1990	Record Courier	Alpine approves pay hike	Government	Jeanne Lear, Hank Murdock, Barbara Ryan, Eric Jung, Don Jardine
12/6/1990	Record Courier	Tennis Team	Schools/Sports	Keri Callison
12/6/1990	Record Courier	Mendivil advocates for Indian students	Washoe	Tara Skinendore, Winnie Mendivil
12/9/1990	Record Courier	Kirkwood ski team raising funds	Kirkwood	
12/9/1990	Record Courier	Remember When? 50 Years Ago - Dance	History	
12/16/1990	Record Courier	Alpine residents watch funds	Government	Nancy Thornburg, Fritz Thornburg, Chuck Keebaugh, Hank Murdock
12/20/1990	Record Courier	Alpine supervisors adopt fee to pay for emergency services	Government	Jeanne Lear, Don Jardine, Eric Jung
1/1/1991	Travel	Baby powder	Kirkwood/Bear Valley	
1/3/1991	Record Courier	Washoe focus is on education	Washoe	
1/13/1991	Record Courier	Coping class offered in January	Health	
1/20/1991	Record Courier	Alpine considers wood stove rules	Government	Ann Wade, Mike Berry, John Bennett
1/24/1991	Record Courier	TRPA looks at sale of used wood stoves in Alpine County	Government	
2/3/1991	Record Courier	Alpine county disputes census count	Census	Jeanne Lear, Hank Murdock, John Brissenden, Don Jardine, Skip Veatch
2/3/1991	Tahoe Daily Tribune	A Home burns	Fire	
2/3/1991	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Springing back from wasteland	Fire	John Bennett
2/4/1991	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Three teens die in crash	Accident	Jennifer Halverson

2/4/1991	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Alpine eyes Census count	Census	Jeanne Lear, Hank Murdock, John Brissenden, Donald Jardine, Skip Veatch
2/4/1991	Record Courier	War leads to debate	War	Sandra Moody, Nancy Thornburg, Donald Jardine, John Brissenden, Eric Jung, Ann Wade, John Bennett
2/7/1991	Record Courier	Alpine may ask for relief	Water/Library	Eric Jung, Jeanne Lear, John Brissenden, Diane Brigham, John Bennett
2/10/1991	Record Courier	DVS honor students get pizza	School/Award/Washoe	Sandy Cowen, James Parsons, Winnie Mendivil, Jennifer Homer, Melissa Lewis, Chrissy Mendivil, Jason Bryan, Jana Martin, Brianna Cross, Tamara Turnbeaugh, Megan O'Neal, Mikaela Jones, Rendee Johnson, Annie Brissenden, Neil Mortimer, Rolena Vann, Allison O'Neal, Aaron Johnson, Melissa Baker, Angel Gabriel, George Tinseth, Keena Jones, Paul Kralik, Gregg Masse
2/17/1991	Record Courier	Alpine begins program for assault victims	Social Services	Barbara Bennett
2/21/1991	Record Courier	Alpine sheriff's office opposes parking	Roads	Skip Veatch, Eric Jung
2/21/1991	Record Courier	Alpine looks at impact of lack of snow	Water	Jeanne Lear, Eric Jung
2/26/1991	Union Democrat	Population boom: 16 new residents	Census	Jim Parsons, David Peets, Paul Washam, Nancy Thornburg, Terrie Peets
3/3/1991	Record Courier	Check source	Water/Opinion	Hubert Bruns
3/7/1991	Record Courier	Supervisors declare Alpine County a disaster area	Water/Government	Jeanne Lear, John Brissenden
3/14/1991	Record Courier	Alpine County: Disaster area despite new snow	Water/Government	Jeanne Lear, Leonard Turnbeaugh
3/17/1991	Record Courier	Snowy weather gives welcome relief to Sierra Skiing	Water/Kirkwood/Hope Valley	

3/17/1991	Record Courier	Alpine supervisors discuss buying a drug-sniffing dog for Sheriff's Office	Public Safety	Sandy Bryson, skip Veatch, Hank Murdock, Donald Jardine, Ann Wade, Larry Kuhl
3/17/1991	Record Courier	Snow pumps up river watershed	Water	
3/21/1991	Record Courier	Alpine looks at recycling quota	Trash	Sandra Bryson
3/24/1991	Record Courier	Alpine fish poison project elicits no apparent concern	Fishing/Environment	
3/24/1991	Record Courier	Goldie Bryan to be honored	Washoe/Awards	Goldie Bryan, Winnie Mendivil
3/24/1991	Record Courier	Purdy tabbed All-American	Schools/Sports	Jeremy Purdy
3/28/1991	Record Courier	Late March blast gives Valley ranchers a break	Water	
31-Mar	Record Courier	Alpine center to honor several people	Kids/Awards	Karen Lundy, Dinah Pete, Eloise James, Rosa Navarrette, Florene Bennett, Beverly Caldera, Jo Daugherty, Laura Helsel, Kate McCullough, Everett Brakensiek, Winnie Mendivil, John Crawford, Diane Lattanzio
3/31/1991	Record Courier	Thanks, Goldie	Washoe/Awards	Goldie Bryan, Winnie Mendivil, Chrissy Mendivil, Renee Mendivil, Robert Mantynan, Ann Wade, Spencer Mendivil
4/4/1991	Record Courier	Alpine tobacco program under fire	Social Services	Donald Jardine, Barbara Ryan, Eric Jung, Edwards
4/7/1991	Record Courier	Weighing the snow	Water	
4/7/1991	Record Courier	Taking a look at the pack	Water	
4/7/1991	Record Courier	Remember when? 100 years ago-visitor	History/School	Jennie Williams
4/11/1991	Record Courier	Family Wellness in Alpine	Health	Karen Hamann, Jo Daugherty
4/11/1991	Record Courier	'Miracle March doesn't end drought	Water	
4/14/1991	Record Courier	Alpine Jazzercise program is offered	Health	Nancy Kerley
4/14/1991	Record Courier	Remember When? Willie Musser Returns	History/Accident	Willie Musser

4/18/1991	Record Courier	Drought emergency declared over in Alpine	Water	Jeanne Lear, Eric Jung,
4/18/1991	Record Courier	Fire danger continues in Alpine County	Fire	Chuck Keebaugh, Hank Murdock
4/18/1991	Record Courier	Alpine approves drug detecting dog	Public Safety	Sandy Bryson, Hank Murdock, Skip Veatch, Eric Jung, Don Jardine, Eric Jung, Ann Wade, Larry Kuhl, Everett Brakensick
4/18/1991	Record Courier	Alpine bike rodeo	Bicycle	Judy Baker, Ben black owl
4/21/1991	Record Courier	Fire season may break records	Fire	
4/21/1991	Record Courier	Remember When? 50 Years ago - Oldest building in Markleeville	History	Cecil Koenig, Judge Arnot
4/21/1991	Record Courier	State campgrounds open for season	Recreation	
4/21/1991	Record Courier	Campgrounds ready to open	Recreation	
5/5/1991	Record Courier	Wheel-a-Thon comes to Lampe	Bicycle	Gary Price, Janine Price
5/5/1991	Record Courier	DHS teacher honored by district	Schools	Sandra Murphy, Lisa Fontana
5/5/1991	Record Courier	Kite Day at Diamond Valley	Schools	Coral Dickey
5/9/1991	Record Courier	Dry winter may cost Alpine County up to \$75,000	Water	Doranna Tognotti, Jeanne Lear
5/9/1991	Record Courier	TPL completes acquisition of Faith Valley	Hope Valley	Patti Brissenden
5/9/1991	Record Courier	Kites celebrate Clean Air Week	Schools	Raymond Gabriel
5/12/1991	Record Courier	Lisa VanDenBerg	Birth	Lisa VanDenBerg, Jean VanDenBerg, David VanDenBerg
5/19/1991	Record Courier	It pays to work hard, she says	Washoe	Christina Mendivil, Winnie Mendivil
5/19/1991	Record Courier	Washoe students honored	Washoe/Awards	
5/23/1991	Record Courier	Alpine backs proposal for Forest Service jeep corridor	Roads	Fred Dressler, John Bennett, John Brissenden
5/23/1991	Record Courier	Alpine boasts top lottery sales	Business/Biography	Mario Generelli, Marilyn Generelli
5/23/1991	Record Courier	Deputy Deacon joins Alpine force	Public Safety	Sandy Bryson, Everett Brakensiek, Hank Murdock, Deputy Deacon

5/26/1991	Record Courier	'Deacon' in training	Public Safety	Everett Brakensiek, Sandy Bryson, Bob Tucker
6/6/1991	Record Courier	Indian high school students honored	Washoe/Awards	Russell James, Rene Mendivil, Chrissy Mendivil, Carlos Mendivil, Winnie Mendivil, Jim Parsons
6/6/1991	Record Courier	Bear Valley highway proposal draws fire	Roads	Susan Garrett, Bob Burns, Phil Davis, Eric Jung
6/13/1991	Record Courier	Alpine parents invited to workshop	Schools	Debbie Langford, Karen Hamann
6/13/1991	Record Courier	Douglas High student earns a trip to Japan	School/Award	Gary Chandler
6/16/1991	Record Courier	Remember When? 100 Years Ago - Water too high	History/Water/Fishing	
6/16/1991	Record Courier	Remember When? 50 Years Ago - Road opened	History/Roads	
6/20/1991	Record Courier	Pony Express riders cross the Carson Valley	History/Communication	
6/20/1991	Record Courier	State debt affects Alpine County budget	Government	Jeanne Lear, Floyd Hampton, Hank Murdock, Leonard Turnbeaugh
6/23/1991	Record Courier	California man Wilderness Run winner	Hope Valley	
6/23/1991	Record Courier	Alpine transportation needs to clean up bookkeeping	Government	Leonard Turnbeaugh, Eric Jung
6/23/1991	Record Courier	Dull-Price engagement	Marriage	Cheryl Dull, Greg Price, Gerald Price, Jeannine Price
6/30/1991	Record Courier	Fire damage in Woodfords	Fire	
6/30/1991	Record Courier	Historical Complex is transformed	Museum	Charles Keebaugh, Vern Essig, Bob Rudden, Dee Rudden, Stuart Merrill, Sandi Wright, Dawn Riddle, Mark Vaughn, Carolyn Vaughn, Nancy Thornburg
7/1/1991	Motorland	Exploring the Emigrant Trail near Lake Tahoe	Travelogue	John Fremont, Kit Carson, Snowshoe Thompson

7/4/1991	Record Courier	Alpine County gravel pit hearing continued to July 25	Government	Hubert Bruns, Tim Pemberton, Gary Ceragioli, Hank Murdock
7/4/1991	Record Courier	Devine outruns Markleeville 10-K field	Contest	
7/11/1991	Record Courier	Death Ride continues growth spurt	Bicycle	
7/11/1991	Nevada Appeal	Cycling challenge	Bicycle	
7/18/1991	Record Courier	Drought one reason Alpine County budget is overdrawn	Government	Barbara Ryan, Jeanne Lear, Leonard Turnbeaugh
7/21/1991	Record Courier	Death Ride draws a variety	Bicycle	Wayne Martin, Joe Chandler
7/28/1991	Record Courier	Hot springs	Hot Springs	Mary Shields
8/4/1991	Record Courier	Remember When? 25 Years Ago - Drought not alleviated	History/Water	
8/11/1991	Record Courier	Cowboy poets are on tap at Alpine Museum	Museum	
8/11/1991	Record Courier	Thornburg-Dusko rites told in ceremony at Kirkwood	Marriage	Stephanie Thornburg, Fritz Thornburg, Nancy Thornburg, Karen Keebaugh, Lillian Thornburg
8/11/1991	Record Courier	Ride and tie a family affair	Contest	Kathy Ceragioli, Gary Ceragioli
8/15/1991	Record Courier	Lightning starts fire near Emigrant Trail	Fire	
8/15/1991	Record Courier	Take a hot soak	Hot Springs	
8/18/1991	Record Courier	Bryan J. Sparks	School/Award	John Sparks, Cheryl Sparks
8/18/1991	Record Courier	Remember When? In Hope Valley	History/Hope Valley	
8/19/1991	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Alpine fish-poisoning project begins today	Fishing	
8/22/1991	Record Courier	World's Toughest Triathlon Set	Contest	
8/22/1991	Record Courier	Tahoe runner wins Bear Valley 10-K	Bear Valley	Linda Mantynen
8/25/1991	Record Courier	Alpine streams touted for plants	Fishing	Judy Warren
8/29/1991	Record Courier	Turner passes world's Toughest Test	Contest	
9/1/1991	Record Courier	Gravel pit decision appealed	Government	Hubert Bruns, Gary Ceragioli, Hank Murdock

9/1/1991	Record Courier	Mine operation	Mining	Irving Krauss
9/1/1991	Record Courier	Annual Tribe picnic draws 750	Washoe	Sari Payne, Goldie Bryan, Dale Bennett
9/1/1991	Record Courier	Remember When? 50 Years Ago - Helping out	History/fishing	Douglas Sorensen
9/1/1991	Record Courier	Alpine psychologist delivers academic paper at Oxford	Biography	Dotti Cohen
9/5/1991	Record Courier	Alpine County looks to Redistricting	Government/Washoe	Wilma Rule, Eric Jung
9/12/1991	Record Courier	Gentry wins Kirkwood 10-K	Kirkwood	
9/15/1991	Record Courier	Ileen Long	Obituary	Ileen Price Long, Bill Long, Jim Long, Bob Long, Lester Price, Lela Price
9/26/1991	Record Courier	Alpine County hit by budget crunch	Government	John Brissenden, Diane Brigham, Lyn Mangianeli, Jeanne Lear, Paul Wallace
9/12/1991	Record Courier	Alpine grand jury looks at alcohol prevention funds	Crime	Barbara Ryan, DeAnn Wickenberg
9/12/1991	Record Courier	Tiny county has small pool of jurors	Population	DeAnn Wickenberg
9/29/1991	Record Courier	Remember When? Hand injured	History/Accident	Pete Mayo
10/3/1991	Record Courier	Alpine supervisors approve boundaries	Government	Wilma Rule, Jack Francis, Ann Wade, Eric Jung, John Bennett, Karen Keebaugh, Nancy Thornburg, Don Jardine
10/6/1991	Record Courier	California resident objects to 'unwarranted air of superiority'	Opinion	Nancy Thornburg
10/6/1991	Record Courier	Kirkwood Ski Games scheduled Oct. 19-20	Kirkwood	
10/17/1991	Record Courier	Changing season	Travelogue/Hope Valley	
10/20/1991	Record Courier	Tennis teams end season on winning note	Schools/Sports	Gary Chandler. Carol Kelly, Keri Callison
10/24/1991	Record Courier	Alpine Children's Center has openings for kids	Kids	
10/27/1991	Record Courier	Take trip over Monitor	Travelogue	

10/27/1991	Record Courier	Xochi Klinger: She's big on trying new things	Business/Biography	Xochi Klinger, Richard Klinger, Fritz Klinger
10/31/1991	Nevada Appeal	Mary Duarte	Obituary	Mary Duarte, Harold Duarte
10/31/1991	Record Courier	Editor	Opinion/Fire	Nancy Thornburg
10/31/1991	Record Courier	Mary Ann Duarte	Obituary	Mary Ann Duarte, Harold Duarte
10/31/1991	Record Courier	DHS students tutor others	Schools/Washoe	Kate McCartney
10/31/1991	Record Courier	Alpine County timber Sale scheduled for November	Wood	George Fernandez,
10/31/1991	Record Courier	Snow in Carson River basin is good start	Water	
11/7/1991	Record Courier	Markleeville couple has trouble communicating in court	Courts	Fidel Diaz Ceballos, Steve Kibbe, Christopher Woodhall
11/7/1991	Record Courier	Auditor answers grand jury report	Crime	Barbara Ryan, DeAnn Wickenberg,
11/7/1991	Record Courier	Alpine land raises questions	Government/Environment	Don Jardine, Kenneth Hellwinkel, Nancy Thornburg, Eric Jung, Skip Veatch, John Brissenden
11/10/1991	Record Courier	Alpine Family Support sets holiday drive	Community	Edie Veatch
11/10/1991	Record Courier	VFW speech winner honored	School/Award	Kari Callison
11/17/1991	Record Courier	New fire fees in place in Alpine County	Government/Regulations	Jeanne Lear
11/21/1991	Record Courier	Alpine board appeals ban on snowmobiles	Government/Regulations	Eric Jung, John Bennett
11/28/1991	Record Courier	Navy Seaman recruit	War	Adam W. Coyan, Gary Coyan, Wanda Coyan
11/28/1991	Record Courier	Storytelling at Diamond Valley	Schools	
12/1/1991	Record Courier	Eugene Scossa	Obituary	Eugene Scossa
12/1/1991	Record Courier	Smokeout jazzercise	Community	
12/2/1991	Nevada Appeal	Claims plane stolen	Crime	Frederick Klinger
12/5/1991	Record Courier	History lecture	Museum	

12/5/1991	Record Courier	Alpine Supervisors place new state on June ballot	Government	Jeanne Lear
12/8/1991	Record Courier	Justin Peets	Birth	Justin Peets, Terrie Peets, David Peets
12/8/1991	Record Courier	Selling holiday trees is a family affair	Business	
12/15/1991	Record Courier	An inability to read can limit anyone's potential	Social Services	Liz McGeein, Al Moak, Annette Jones, Rubie Hughes,

Record Courier 1-7-90

## Local skiers place at Mammoth

A pair of local products posted top-10 finishes at the recent Rondle Snow Buffalo slaloms held at Mammoth.

Jeremy Purdy, an Alpine County product who races for the Mammoth Ski Team, sped to second place in the Dec. 30 men's

slalom with a 97.67 clocking that placed him just fractions of a second behind Todd Kelly of the U.S. Ski Team in the No. 1 spot. Kelly won the race in 97.54.

Tim Kawcak, a 1984 Douglas High graduate who competes for the Cross-M Ski Team, placed

ninth overall in the same race in a time of 102.36.

Purdy also placed third the day before, behind Toni Standteiner of the U.S. Ski Team and Squaw Valley's Andre Rickenbach.

Kawcak finished 13th overall in the same race.

# Alpine Supervisors hire Assistant to the Board

Record Courier 1-7-90

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

The Alpine County Board of Supervisors hired a new Assistant to the Board at its regular meeting Tuesday.

Jeanne Lear, a paralegal in the Alpine County District Attorney's Office, was selected from among seven candidates to replace current assistant David Dolinar.

According to Dolinar, whose last day was Friday, the board also selected officers and discussed a proposed rate increase by Bear Valley Disposal Service.

Dolinar said board member John Brissenden was elected president and member C. Ann Wade was elected vice-president.

The board approved a request by Bear Valley Disposal to increase rates by about 20 percent. The company cited increased

costs as the main reason for the rate hike.

Board member Eric Jung told the rest of the board at the Dec. 19 meeting that the company had not had a rate hike in nearly five years.

"I don't think anyone will object to the increase," he said when the item was first brought up.

Dolinar said that the board approved the increase on the condition that it be spread out among Bear Valley customers.

The increase was originally slated only for condominiums at \$10 per unit.

SEI Solid Waste Management justified the rate hike in a letter to the board. According to the letter, increased insurance costs, wages and operating expenses were the reasons for the rate hike.

The board of supervisors direct-

ed Dolinar to write the company and outline the conditions of the rate hike.

A plan to purchase a fire protection system for county buildings has been put on hold until the county receives a third bid on the installation, Dolinar said.

According to a Nov. 2 letter sent to supervisors by Historical Records Commission Chair Nancy Thornburg, a 1987 proposal to install alarms in 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 are working on additional estimates for the supervisor's consideration.

1-11-90 Record  
Carolyn Pohl Courier

Carolyn A. Pohl died in Woodfords Dec. 20, three days before her 83rd birthday.

Born in Irvington, N.J., she devoted her life to the profession of education.

Issue of immigrant parents, Mrs. Pohl began her formal education in a one-room schoolhouse and rode a horse to public school. In 1926, she graduated from Newark Normal School and began a career teaching children of immigrants in the public schools of Belleville, N.J.

Guided by her Normal School motto, "One who dares to teach must never cease to learn," she earned Master of Arts and Master of Education degrees at Rutgers University and Columbia University.

She assumed leadership roles in both local and state educational organizations, was a member of Kappa Delta Pi and a life member of the National Education Association.

After 38 years of educational service, she retired to Englewood, Fla., but made frequent trips to

Gardnerville to visit family members.

Surviving are a sister Ann McGuinness of Woodfords; niece Carol Muir of Gardnerville; and nephews Jim and Niall McGuinness; and many appreciative students.

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### **Librarian receives Appreciation Award**

Jeanne Lane, a librarian for the Alpine County Unified School District, received an Appreciation Award at the school board's Jan. 9 meeting. Lane is a resident of South Lake Tahoe.

Board President Lynn Doyal, presenting the award, cited Lane's dedication to increasing the district's use of computers and video services. She was also lauded for her contributions to the drama program and chess club at Diamond Valley School.

The award was the first of its kind ever given by the Alpine district.

# Trash rate hike possible for Bear Valley

Record Courier 1-18-90

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

Bear Valley residents may find their trash rates increased in the near future.

According to Alpine County Board of Supervisors Deputy Clerk Barbara Jones, the board held the first reading of a proposed amendment to the ordinance that establishes trash pick-up rates.

Jones said only a few residents attended the meeting that would see a raise in trash rates.

SEI Solid Waste Management came to the board in December requesting a 20 percent rate increase for trash collection to condominiums in the area.

According to Jones, the company claimed it needed the rate increase because condo residents were not cleaning up around their trash areas and the sanitation company was ending up doing maintenance.

At the Jan. 2 meeting, the board approved changing the ordinance, on the condition that the company return with a proposal for spreading the increase to all its customers.

The board approved raising residential rates to \$17 per month for roadside service and \$26 for porch service. Condominium rates were raised to \$8.50 per month on a six-month probationary basis. If residents don't clean up their areas, then the sanitation company

can return to the board of supervisors and request that the ordinance be changed again to reflect an increase to \$10 per month.

Commercial rates will go up to \$8.50 for one can per week, with an additional \$2 per can per week up to three cans.

A bin a week will cost a Bear Valley business \$55 per month, and two bins will cost \$75 a week.

The board will discuss the ordinance again at its Feb. 2 meeting. If it is adopted, the rate increase will go into effect 30 days after passage.

Jones said the meeting will be held in Markleeville.

SEI Solid Waste Management justified the rate hike in a letter to the board.

According to the letter, increased insurance costs, wages and operating expenses were the reasons for the rate hike.

The board of supervisors directed Dolanar to write the company and outline the conditions of the rate hike.

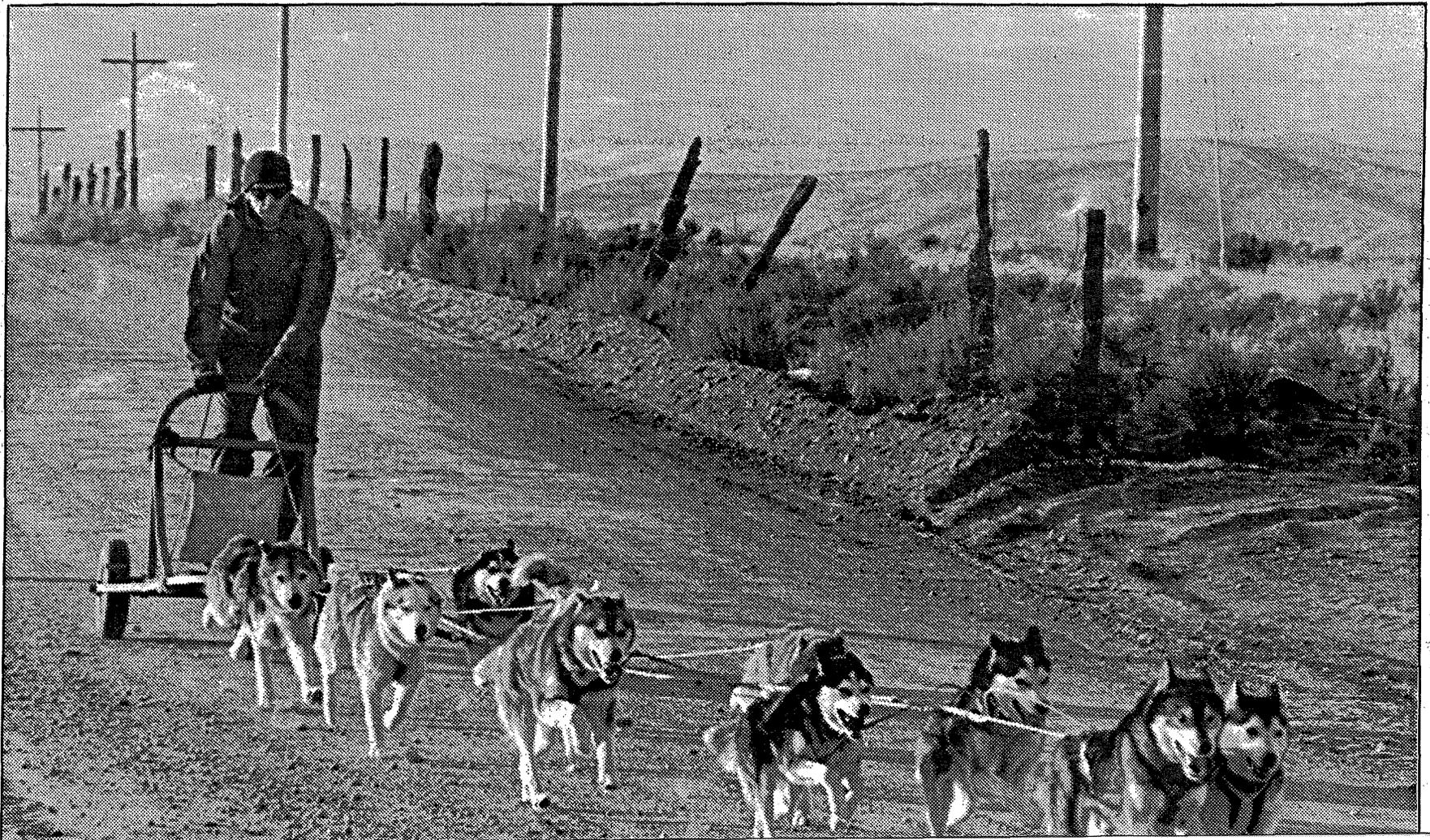
In other business, the board:

- Approved an agreement for distribution of funds under the Rural Community Fire Protection Program of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act.

- Continued a request from Bob Rudden to lease the Markleeville Store as public restrooms during the winter until more information could be collected on how much it would cost to heat them so the water doesn't freeze.

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## Dry land training

Snow may be missing from East Valley Road, yet Gordon Hutting finds the calm rolling hills and quiet location to his liking as he works out his team of dogs. Hutting, a Kingsbury resident, will exchange the this set of wheels for a sled this Saturday and Sunday when he enters the sixth annual Canine Connection Sled Dogs Races in Hope Valley. The races, co-sponsored by the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce and Sierra Nevada Dog Drivers, get underway at 9 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday on a course that begins two miles west of Pickett's Junction on Highway 88. The competition will include International Sled Dog Racing Association (ISDRA) sanctioned three-, six- and eight mile sprint races, an eight-mile freight pull as well as a weight pull. R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch

# Alpine homebuilders face new fee

Record Courier 2-8-90

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

Residents building a new house in Alpine County may find they have an extra expense in the near future.

According to Transportation Director Leonard Turnbeaugh, one of the requirements for new construction may soon include a 2,500 to 3,000 gallon tank to aid firefighting.

Turnbeaugh told members of the Alpine County Board of Supervisors while discussing a written request from the California Board of Forestry for comments on the public resource code for statewide standards in state responsibility areas.

The only area in which Alpine County is affected, according to Turnbeaugh, is in the area of private reserve water supplies.

"The water system is of primary importance to us," he said of the potential regulation to require a water tank to be installed at every newly built home in the wildlands.

"This would give every house a water supply," he said. "However, one of the drawbacks is that it is very expensive and that the homeowner will have to maintain the tank and keep it full and keep the water from freezing."

Kim Zagaris of the California Office of Emergency Services said the tanks would serve to supply water where none is otherwise available.

"This will mitigate some of the hazard," he said. "It is virtually impossible for some of the areas to have hydrants installed."

Zagaris estimated that well

over half of the state's firefighting resources are concentrated south of Tehachapi and that the north doesn't have enough resources to fight the fires which may occur in the Sierra counties.

Turnbeaugh said the water could be contained in either a tank or a pond.

"There is the potential for a lot of 3,000 gallon hot tubs," he said jokingly.

Board president John Brissenden said he felt there should be some flexibility in the rule and directed Turnbeaugh to put together a communication and bring it back to the board at its

Feb. 20 meeting.

The deadline for applications for Alpine County Health Officer was extended by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday.

Assistant to the Board Jeanne Lear told board members only two applications had been received by the post to date, and that one of those was unqualified.

The deadline, which was to be tomorrow has been extended one week to Feb. 16.

One chore which awaits the arrival of a new health officer is an application for funds from Proposition 99, the tobacco tax which is designated to fund health education.

# Alpine County starts abuse hotline

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

A cry for help, a phone call in the dark, that is what sponsors of a new 24-hour crisis hotline hope people will make when they see child abuse.

Brent Gardner of the Alpine County Department of Social Services said the hotline is designed to report child abuse or neglect within the county.

Gardner said the key to eliminating child abuse and neglect is to correct the situations which cause it.

"Ideally we would like to think that children are not being abused or neglected," he said. "But child abuse and neglect is a widespread

problem."

He said that too little knowledge of parenting skills, marital friction and poverty are all causes of frustration which might lead to abuse or neglect.

"We encourage people who see something to call the number," Gardner said. "The key ingredient is that we want people to talk."

Gardner said the reason for instituting the hotline is that before, people called the Alpine County Sheriff, who on weekends is dispatched out of Douglas County.

"So many people have scanners in the county that everyone new what was going on," he said.

Now when someone calls the number they get a answering ser-

vice, which takes down the reporting person's phone number and then contacts a social worker, Gardner said.

Then the social worker can call the number and ask a series of questions to determine who the child being abused is and why the person thinks the child is being abused.

Gardner said the neglect case will be investigated whether the person reporting the incident gives a name or not.

"We try to get as much information over the phone as we can," he said. "So if we need to roll on something we know what is going on."

The hotline number can also be used if someone just has a ques-

tion about neglect or abuse.

"Social services and law enforcement can work together in a way that helps families," he said. "Now if families want to contact social services they can without going through the sheriff's office."

Fliers with the hotline number were passed out to Diamond Valley schoolchildren to take home Tuesday.

Gardner said the new hotline will streamline service and make it more efficient.

The hotline number is 694-2151. For information about abuse or neglect from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday call the Alpine County Department of Social Services at 694-2235.

# Hickey, Kelly lead alpine skiers

Record Courier 2-11-90

Brian Hickey and Dan Kelly posted top-10 finishes to lead Douglas High School during Tahoe Basin Ski League competition held at Ski Incline Wednesday.

The duo helped Douglas squeeze past South Tahoe for fifth place in the boys team scoring during the league's first slalom race this season. Douglas edged South Tahoe's boys by a 127-121 margin.

Douglas finished last overall in the six-team meet with 222 points. North Tahoe led the pack by a 354-335 margin over Incline.

Hickey, a junior, cracked the league's top 10 for the second time in as many weeks when he placed ninth with a combined time of 81.99. Kelly, a senior, was

close behind at 82.26.

North Tahoe's Chris Matson outdistanced the field with a time of 68.27. Matson finished more than five seconds ahead of his nearest opponent, North Tahoe teammate Eric Wallis.

Mike Supko also placed 24th and Sean Cardinal 26th to round out the team scoring for Douglas' boys.

The girls race featured a three-way scramble for first place between North Tahoe's Melissa Praxmarer and Mia DeMattei and Emily Miller of Incline.

Praxmarer took a one-second lead with a 33.85 clocking on the first run then made the advantage stand to claim first place. She finished in a time of

71.29, followed by DeMattei at 72.16 and Miller at 72.61 — all with times that would have placed second in the boys race.

Douglas was led by Sherri Hollander's 22nd place finish. Chrissy Brown fell on her first run, but finished the course and wound up 25th overall.

Brown finished eighth at Kirkwood one week before. The freshman was just three seconds out of first place after her first run in that race — won by South Tahoe's Seba Johnson, who represented the Virgin Islands at the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary.

The league schedule will continue Tuesday when Whittell High hosts a slalom at Heavenly Valley.

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IN A tongue-hanging, snow-spraying rush, San Jose competitor Ralph Whitten's dog team rounds a corner Saturday.

# rs call of the wild



ds the final corner in the sixth annual Canine Connection sled dog race at Hope Valley

# Dogs race in sledding event

By **MARK EVANS**  
Tribune Staff Writer

The sky over Hope Valley on Sunday was a streaked mix of thin gray clouds and blue sky. A soft breeze and 50 degree temperatures added to what might have been a perfectly lazy afternoon.

But lazy is hardly how you'd describe the commotion in the center of the valley where hundreds of howling dogs were poised to run in the sixth annual Canine Connection dog sled races.

Eight, six, four and three-dog sled teams lined up for their heats in the grueling races, made all the tougher by hotter-than-usual temperatures.

"It was good out there today," said Doug Pruitt, a native of western Washington and winner of the six-mile, six-dog race through a winding and challenging course. "But it would have helped the dogs a lot if it was 20 degrees cooler."

An uninitiated spectator would have been struck by how ferociously the dogs — most of them pure bred Alaskan or Siberian huskies — lined up for their events. Harnessed in leather, they growled and snapped, their eyes wild with a passion hard to

describe.

"They're born that way, with an attitude that they want to run and want to be out there," said Dotty Dennis, race site foreman for the event. "A good musher will know how to read the animals and have a good rapport with them," she added, explaining how some dogs were

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**Dotty Dennis**

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born to lead, and others to fulfill secondary roles.

"Geez, it sure looks like they want to run," observed one spectator from across the eight foot-wide starting chute where the races began, as the rest of the crowd which lined the chute joined in the 10-second countdown to race

time. "It looks like they're ready to go like hell," boomed the race announcer, after describing the streaked coats and pricked ears of another team of Alaskan huskies.

As anxious as the dogs looked before the race, some 20 to 30 minutes later, with six miles of furious running behind them, the teams crossed the finish line clearly exhausted, panting, with their red tongues dangling.

"It's hard on the mushers, too," said Denny Holden, of Lodi, Calif., who raced an eight-dog team during the two-day event. "You've got to help the dogs along, and really pay attention out there. The turns are tight enough where you have to (pay attention)," he said, noting that one driver on Saturday fell from his sled as his dog-team negotiated a tight corner.

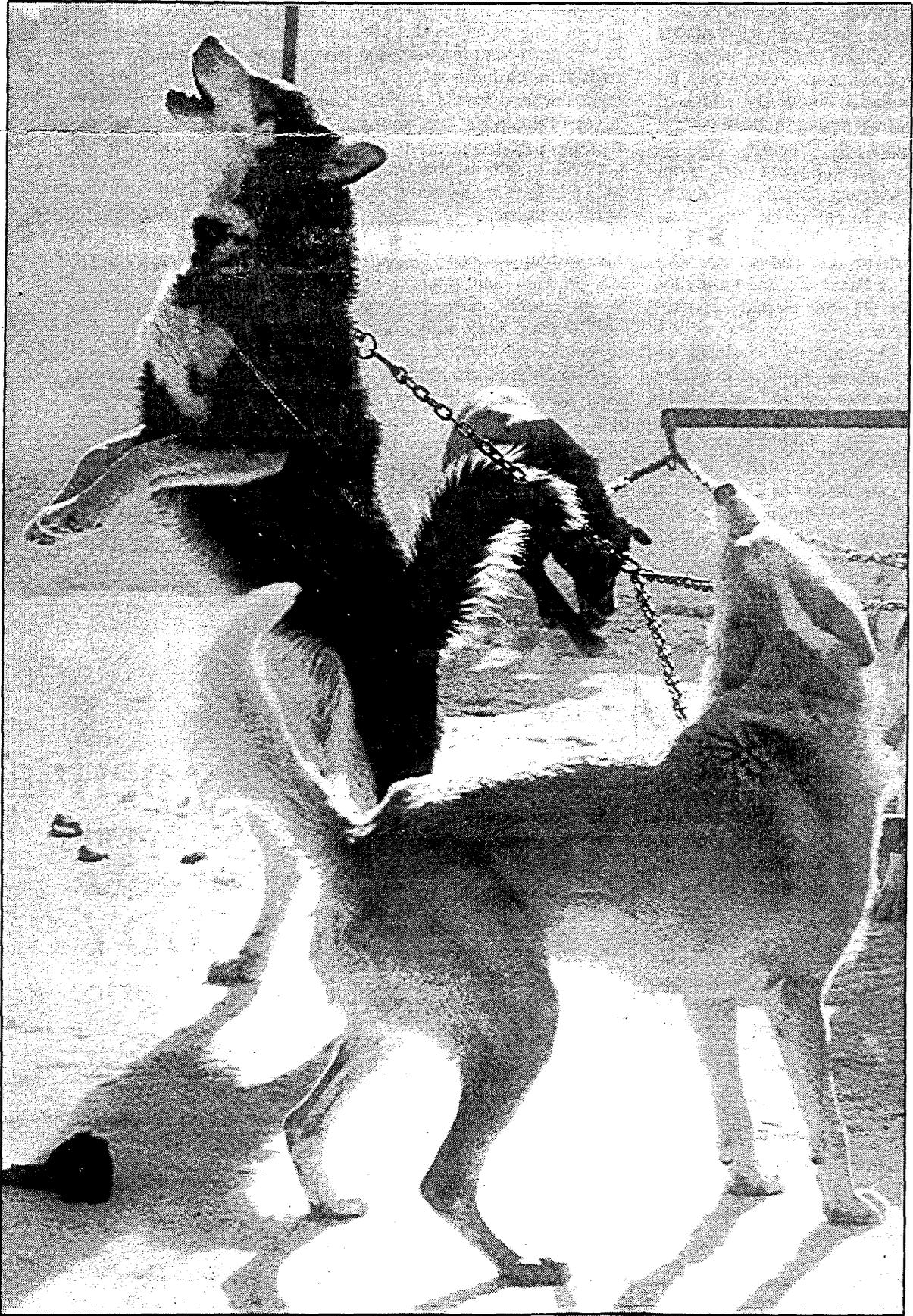
After the races, most of the mushers and their assistants gathered in the dirt parking lot for hot coffee and conversation. Their dogs, chained to the trucks and trailers which will take most of them to next weekend's racing in Mt. Hood, Ore., relaxed in the sun, their eyes less wild now, waiting for their next chance to do what they were bred to do.



**DEBBIE PASLEY** of Carson City, wearing her "dog" earmuffs, watches the action at the dog race.

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HOWLING AND jumping with four-legged enthusiasm, these sled dogs let their owner know they are ready to run.

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# Alpine County considers fee increase for building permits

Record Courier Feb. 22, 1990

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

It may be a little more expensive to get a building permit in Alpine County in the near future.

Saying building department fees have not increased since 1982, Alpine County Transportation Director Leonard Turnbeaugh told the Board of Supervisors Tuesday that increased mailing cost were a big factor in the need for a fee increase.

"In trying to get word out to people, our expenses are more than our revenue," he said at the board's regular meeting.

Turnbeaugh said the building department has taken steps to reduce costs, but that because the department has to mail notifications to larger areas than the required 300 feet, costs have increased.

Most of the increases are in the cost of a map. A preliminary map is proposed to be increased by \$50, a final map will go from \$200 to \$300 in addition to the \$10 per lot currently charged.

The price of a variance or use

permit will also increase under the proposal from \$100 to \$200.

Also in order to defray the cost of mailout, the person requesting a use permit, general plan amendment, rezoning or master plan revision will have to pay additional costs incurred by the department.

The supervisors set the discussion for approval of the proposal for their next meeting on March 6.

The board also approved a 4.5 percent cost of living pay increase for county elected officials.

The pay raise will not affect board members themselves, but the other elected offices in the county.

There are eight officials affected by the payraise, the sheriff, assessor, auditor, constable, county clerk, district attorney, superintendent of schools and the treasurer.

The total cost for a salary increase retroactive to July 1 would have been \$10,770, however, the supervisors approved making the increase retroactive to Feb. 1 instead, which will reduce the total to about a third.

Supervisors discussed the pos-

sibility of increasing their own pay, but decided to wait until the budget process begins.

In other business:

•Approved applying for tobacco grant funds provided by Proposition 99.

Assistant to the board Jeanne Lear told the board it would be prudent to block out the funding, but that after making the initial application the board should wait until it has hired a health officer before going any further.

The tobacco grant would provide \$60,000 to Alpine County in the first year for tobacco education and prevention.

•The board approved authorization to pursue hiring an additional public health nurse to supplement the current staff until a health officer is hired.

•Discussed the possibility of leasing bathrooms from the Markleeville Store to use as public restrooms during the winter.

The board decided to wait until the Markleeville Chamber of Commerce had a chance to provide input on the proposal.

It would cost the county \$1,034 to put heat in for the bathrooms.

# Task force prepares bark beetle battle plan

Record Courier Feb. 25, 1990

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

As spring approaches so does planning on ways to combat the annual invasion of tree-eating beetles.

Thursday, members of the Bark Beetle Infestation Task Force met in Markleeville to discuss methods of preventing the beetles from doing any more damage.

Three timber salvage sales are in the works according to United States Forest Service representative Barry Stern.

The sales will try to eliminate dead and infested trees in two areas of Alpine County and one area of north Douglas County.

Stern said trees at Poor Boy Creek and Grover's Hot Springs in Alpine County and Clear Creek

on the Valley side of U.S. 50 are targeted for sales.

"We have put a lot of energy into this year's projects, but we are also looking three to four years ahead," Stern said.

Stern said the Poor Boy and Grover's Hot Springs sales will take priority over the Clear Creek sale.

"If something has to be pushed aside, it will be Clear Creek," he said. "That is a tough one (to treat), because of the slope and the soil erosion."

Stern said the beetle infestation is worse because of the drought. Usually the beetles will attack the tops of trees, but due to the drought, they are attacking the entire tree.

The bark beetles bore a hole below the bark of a tree, lay eggs

and excavate galleries which cut the veins in the inner bark and kill the tree.

According to literature published by the task force, a beetle infestation can last as long as eight years and kill up to three-quarters of the trees in the forest.

"We want to treat acres and we want to treat as many as we can."

Treating the forest stands infested with the beetle means removing dead and infested trees and thinning the remaining trees to about a third of their current density.

Three varieties of bark beetle are striking trees in the Sierra, the Ips, the Jeffrey Pine beetle and the fir engraver.

John Swanson of the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit brought the task force up to date

on the status of treatment efforts in the Tahoe basin.

Swanson said the chief problem at the Lake are the fir engraver and the Ips beetles.

"I don't think we are going to be exempt from the Jeffrey Pine Beetle, which is starting in the lower elevations and working its way up," he said.

According to Swanson, nearly 10 percent of the forest stand has been lost to infestation and drought.

"What we have seen is getting worse, and it will continue to get worse before it gets better," he said.

Swanson said the Tahoe basin was essentially clear cut in the middle of the last century.

"The forest before was dominated by pine, but most of the

pine was taken out and we are left with principally fir," he said. "Fir is not as well adapted as the pine was, so any minor stress shows up as a big blip on the screen."

In addition to the limited tree variety, Swanson said there has been no timber management in the basin.

"People have loved the place to death," he said. "Every tree is someone's favorite."

Swanson said a very rough estimate of the damage done is there are 200 million board feet of dead timber standing in the forest around Lake Tahoe.

"We don't need to do a survey to figure out we have a problem," he said.

Of the total dead timber, Swanson said only a quarter could be reached with traditional log-

ging technology.

The Tahoe basin produces about four million board-feet of timber every year. Typically, one-quarter of that is dead timber.

Swanson said the logging program is going to re-focus on removing dead timber.

According to Swanson, green-tree sales will be set aside, in an attempt to clear the beetle infestation from the Tahoe basin.

The goal of the dead timber sales is to remove between 12 and 20 million board-feet of dead timber every year for the next two or three years.

Land-owners can prevent the spread of beetles by not doing heat, smoke or mechanical damage to trees, not stacking firewood near green trees, and pruning mistletoe from trees.



AWARDS. Diamond Valley School gave out block D awards. From left, back row, are Sonja Caldera, Melissa Lewis, Angela Jones, Kendra Reid, Jennifer Homer; front row, Chrissy Mendivil, Jana Martin, Jason Bryan, Kindra Raqueno and Mikaela Jones. DVS photo

## DVS gives block awards

# Democrats plan Indian Cultural Show and Sale

Record Courier Feb. 25, 1990

Affordable Indian art and handicrafts will be sold at the Douglas County Democrats Indian Cultural Exhibit and Sale March 3.

According to show chairman, Lois Backlund, the event will offer beadwork, moccasins, cradle boards, oil paintings and some ironwood sculptures.

The Democrats have sponsored Indian Rug shows in the past, which have been well received.

This show, she said, is an effort to have a show where people could buy affordable Indian art of good quality.

The event will showcase art works and handicraft by Washoe, Paiute and Shoshone artists and artisans, residents of the Carson River, Walker River and Truckee River basins.

"The Smokin' Moccasins," an Indian dance group from Alpine

County featuring young people aged 2-13, will perform at 11 a.m.

The show will be held at the Carson Valley United Methodist Church social hall, 1548 U.S. 395 in Gardnerville, 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Admission to the show is free, and there will be raffle tickets and prizes available.

Indian tacos and refreshments will be sold.

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Circle line



WINNIE MENDIVIL, RIGHT, AND MENTOR JOHNNETTA COLE

## Mendivil honored in Clairol program

Winnifred Mendivil of Markleeville, Calif., is the recipient of the 1990 Clairol Mentor Program award in the field of education, a national award.

The program, in its second year, is the newest addition to the company's public service programs for women. It is the only nation-wide, company-sponsored program that encourages mentoring women in a variety of career fields.

As part of the program, the company sponsored a search of aspiring women in 11 career fields garnering more than 2,500 entries. These women have been matched with leading women from the same professions who are recognized for their contributions to their individual fields and who will serve as mentors.

Mendivil, who is the American Indian Liaison for Alpine County

School District, won a \$1,000 grant and an all-expense paid trip to New York City where she was honored at a gala award luncheon featuring actress Linda Evans, chairperson for the Mentor Program.

Mendivil was paired with Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole, president of Spelman College, who will serve as her mentor throughout the year. Mendivil is a member of the Cheyenne Tribe of Oklahoma.

The American Indian Liaison position was created by the Alpine County School District to address the needs of native Americans. Other counties in the region are looking at this as a model for programs in their area.

Previously, Mendivil was director of training at the American Indian Training Institute and a

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and a prevention counselor at a variety of schools.

To apply for the Clairol Mentor Program award, women were invited to submit a short typed statement of 100 words or less describing their view on the value of a good mentor relationship and how it could play a role in career success.

In her prize-winning essay, Mendivil wrote: "When I think of a good mentorship program I

envision a positive role model that is a trusted friend. A person that can provide guidance based upon her life experiences and career successes. A mentor would fill the void in my life since I have never had a positive role model or mentor."

For information about the program, contact The Clairol Mentor Program, c/o the National Women's Economic Alliance Foundation, 1440 New York Avenue, N. W., Suite 300, Washington D.C, 20005.

League finals at Kirkwood Monday

Record Courier March 4, 1990

# Douglas ski team shows improvement

The Douglas High School alpine ski team saved its best for last when the Tahoe Basin Ski League regular season concluded last Wednesday at Sierra Ski Ranch.

Douglas climbed out of the cellar for the first time in its inaugural season as a member of the Tahoe circuit by finishing fourth in the team standings. The Tigers scored a season-high 247 points to edge cross-county rival Whittell (242) and Incline (240) for the No. 4 spot.

Individually, Liza Bitton placed sixth in the girls slalom race and Brian Hickey 10th in the boys competition to lead Dou-

glas. Still, coach Jeanne Turnbeaugh pointed to an overall team effort as a highlight for her squad.

"I was mainly proud of the fact that 100 percent of our kids finished. I don't think any other team did that," she said. "And that was on the difficult course we've seen all season. It was steep, and very icy; they set the course the night before and then it rained, so the course was like a bullet."

From a team standpoint, North Tahoe claimed top honors by a 332-318 margin over host-South Tahoe.

By winning the meet, North Tahoe's

Lakers raised their season point count to 35, followed by Whittell in the runner-up spot with 26 points. Incline finished third with 20 points, followed by Tahoe-Truckee and South Tahoe with 19 each, and Douglas with eight.

North Tahoe's Chris Matson and Melissa Praxmarer had little difficulty continuing their dominance of the Lake circuit. Praxmarer negotiated two runs on 44-gate slalom course with a combined time of 81.89 that put her nearly six seconds ahead of anyone else in the field, while Matson won by just under two seconds.

Hickey placed 10th in the boys race with an effort of 95.49. His second-run of 39.53 was the seventh fastest time of the day.

Dominique Etchegoyhen also finished 20th, Mike Supko 22nd, Gary Chandler 24th and Sean Cardinal 28th for the Tigers.

In addition to Bitton's sixth-place showing, senior Megan Cooper finished 18th, Danielle Stewart 21st and Sherri Hollander 24th for the Douglas girls.

The season will conclude Monday when Kirkwood hosts the league champi-

onship meet. The meet is scheduled for a 10 a.m. start.

Individual honors will be at stake in a meet that will bring together the top eight boys and girls from each of the league's six teams. Each racer will make one run on a slalom course, with the top 16 advancing to a round of head-to-head competition.

"The format is unusual, but it should be interesting to watch," Turnbeaugh noted. "The best team has been decided, now it's time to find out who the best individual is."

# Kirkwood skiers look forward to Junior Olympics

Record Courier, Mar. 8, 1990

A quarter of Kirkwood Ski Education Foundation athletes will hit the road this weekend for Junior Olympic races at different locations.

The group includes Gardnerville's Liza Bitton, who is headed to Schweitzer, Idaho, for the J-2 age group Junior Olympic meet, and Greg Kudrna along with Gary Chandler of Kirkwood, who are traveling to Jackson, Wyo., for the J-3 Junior Olympics.

Bitton will be joined in Schweitzer by Kirkwood teammate Cathy Crim, of Placerville, Calif.

John Crim, 19, also received an invitation to the Western States Championships which get underway this weekend at Red Lodge, Mont.

In addition to being talented on the slopes, the Kirkwood skiers are academic standouts as well. Chandler, a Douglas High freshman carries a 4.26 grade point average; Bitton is a 4.0 student at Douglas; and Crim is ranked No. 1 academically in her junior class at El Dorado High School. John Crim is a dean's list student at U.C.-Davis, where he is an engineering major.

The Record Courier  
March 8, 1990

## Alpine firing prompts department review

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

The backlash from the firing of an Alpine County social worker led Supervisors to direct that the Social Services Department be reviewed.

Alpine County Supervisors directed Assistant to the Board Jeanne Lear to conduct a review of the department in the wake of the firing of Brent Gardner, a social worker by department director Chet Moore.

After an hour-long personnel session, board chairman John Brissenden directed Lear to "arrange for a review of the Department of Social Services."

Lear said the review will be conducted by an outside entity and will look into the function and management of the department.

Supervisors then approved a request by Moore to advertise for the position previously held by Gardner.

Gardner said he was disappointed by the board's action.

"I hoped more would come out of it," he said. Gardner said a list of allegation regarding the department has been submitted to the supervisors.

According to Gardner, he first heard about his firing when Moore called him into his office the morning of Feb. 28 and told him he might be terminated.

"Moore called me in and said I was no longer performing my duties in a satisfactory manner," Gardner said. "When I asked him what the problem with my work was, he said I was a probationary employee and that he didn't have to give a reason.

"He said the meeting was over and that he would meet with me again after he made a few phone calls," Gardner said.

Gardner said that when he returned, he was handed a letter of termination and told to be out of the building by 5 p.m.

"I was Pearl Harbored by the entire thing," he said.

When Gardner asked to see his personnel file, Moore handed it to him, but it contained no evaluations."

Moore said he could not comment on the firing because it is a personnel matter.

Gardner told supervisors Tuesday morning that he did not feel the firing was warranted.

"If there were complaints you would have heard them before now," he told the supervisors.

In an interview Tuesday afternoon, Gardner said he didn't know what he would do now.

"I felt pretty effective in the position," he said. "I deeply regret parting with the people I got to know from the department in this manner."

Gardner moved to Alpine County four months ago to join the Department of Social Services.

# Alpine still seeking health officer

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

Alpine County continues to seek a health officer, and county supervisors discussed the search Tuesday.

According to Jeanne Lear, assistant to the board, said the county has received several applications, but most of the applicants have been concerned with what the county expects from its health officer.

"When we wrote the job description for the advertisement, we put out a wish list," Lear told board members. "We were looking for a clinically-oriented doctor who was also able to handle emergency response."

Lear said the county has sent out 750 fliers advertising the position.

She said that during the discussion on the candidates by the interview committee the basic question of whether the county should provide primary health care came up.

"We decided that if we are going to have a doctor and pay a doctor then we want the doctor to doctor," she said.

According to Lear, the county is looking for someone who will fulfill three separate functions, administration, mental health, and primary care.

According to Nancy Schwartz, of the

California State Health Department, public health is mandated by the state and is therefore state-supported but primary care is outside the scope of the practice.

Board chair John Brissenden said public health education in the county is lacking.

He suggested inviting an audit to determine if the health department is operating as it should.

"We should invite a friendly audit from the state to tell us if we are running the health department right."

Supervisor Eric Jung said that whatever the decision of the board, it should be county-wide.

"Whatever we do, I would like to look at Kirkwood and Bear Valley also," he said. "However, we need to get someone on board right away."

The supervisors authorized the search committee to offer the position at part-time immediately.

In other business:

•The board waived the first reading of an ordinance amending the general fee schedule for services.

The amendment would increase the costs of filing some maps and include building department costs for zoning changes.

The board will hold the second reading at its March 20 meeting and the fee increase will

take effect 15 days later should it be approved.

•The board waived the first reading of an ordinance to approve a contract between the county and the California Public Employee's Retirement System.

The contract would allow public safety officers to participate in the retirement system.

The board will hold the second reading at its March 20 meeting.

•Glenn E. Bissell, who does mosquito control for the county in Bear Valley, told the board that he may not be able to continue doing it.

Bissell said that most counties have their own mosquito abatement programs.

"It might be to your benefit to take over," he told supervisors. "You can't pick up a mosquito control person. There is no one left in California who does the work as a private employee."

One reason Bissell cited for wanting to give up the contract was that his insurance costs have soared in the past few years.

"My insurance since 1986 has gone up 500 percent," he said. "I almost didn't do it last year."

Bissell said he did not want to leave the county without the service and would do it this year.

The county approved the contract.

**Full Regalia**

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March 11, 1990



Fancy dancer Carlos Mandivil of the Smokin' Moccasins dance group is decked out in his finest at the Indian exhibit and dance held at

the Methodist church social hall. The group will also perform March 23 at the Dresslerville Senior Center. R-C photo by Eugene Jack

## Conway remembers Former postman misses chance to be in Almanac

by JOYCE HOLLISTER  
Staff Writer

Vernon Conway, a member of the Mechoopda Indian Band of Chico, Calif., missed being in the Carson Valley Almanac by a couple of days.

We had his picture, courtesy of freelance photographer Jay Aldrich of Minden, but we didn't have his permission to use it.

By the time Aldrich was able to ask Conway if it would be all right to use his photograph, it was too late.

A three-page feature in this year's issue is a group of Washoe elders called "Faces of the Washoe." The photographs hang in a place of honor at the Dresslerville Senior Citizens Center.

But then, Conway is not a Washoe. His father was a Wintun and his mother, a Yuki and Wialiacki, northern California Indians.

His grandfather, William "Billy" Jennings Conway started the Conway Arrowhead Indian Herb Co. with his son (Conway's father) Isaiah.

According to Conway, the company sold herbs all over the country and the world, making good money. They sold only all

natural herbs.

Later, Conway's two uncles joined the firm and the four men were well known Indian doctors. They were the largest natural herb producers west of the Mississippi.

Prior to the death of General John and Annie Bidwell, early California pioneers, the Conway family was employed on the Bidwell "Spanish Grant" Ranch. Family pictures of the Conways hang in the Bidwell home, now a museum in Chico.

The Conway family were members of an all-Indian band and were Indian dancers as well as taking on their duties at the Bidwell Ranch, according to Conway.

Conway carried on the performing tradition when he was in a play called "Indians." Conway played Geronimo, and his four daughters were ushers and his son worked backstage.

At the time, Conway was living with his family in San Francisco where he was the only Indian letter-carrier among 1,500 carriers of the U.S. Postal Service.

"Indians" was highly praised for its portrait of how the U.S. treated the Native Americans in the West. Director of the show

was the director of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," which ran for seven years in San Francisco.

For six months, Conway was in the play six nights a week, after putting in a full day as a letter-carrier.

He looks back on those days fondly, remembering that when he got over his first few nights' nervousness, he did a pretty good job as Geronimo, who in actuality was a small man, only about 5 feet tall.

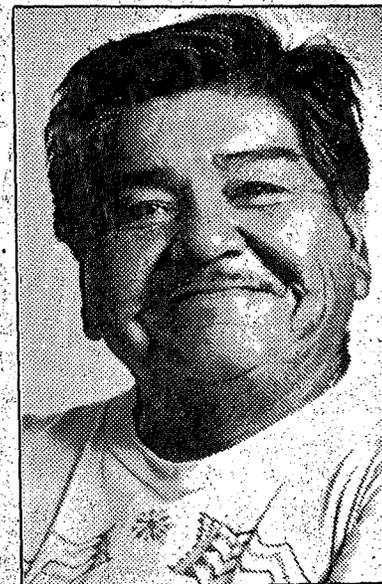
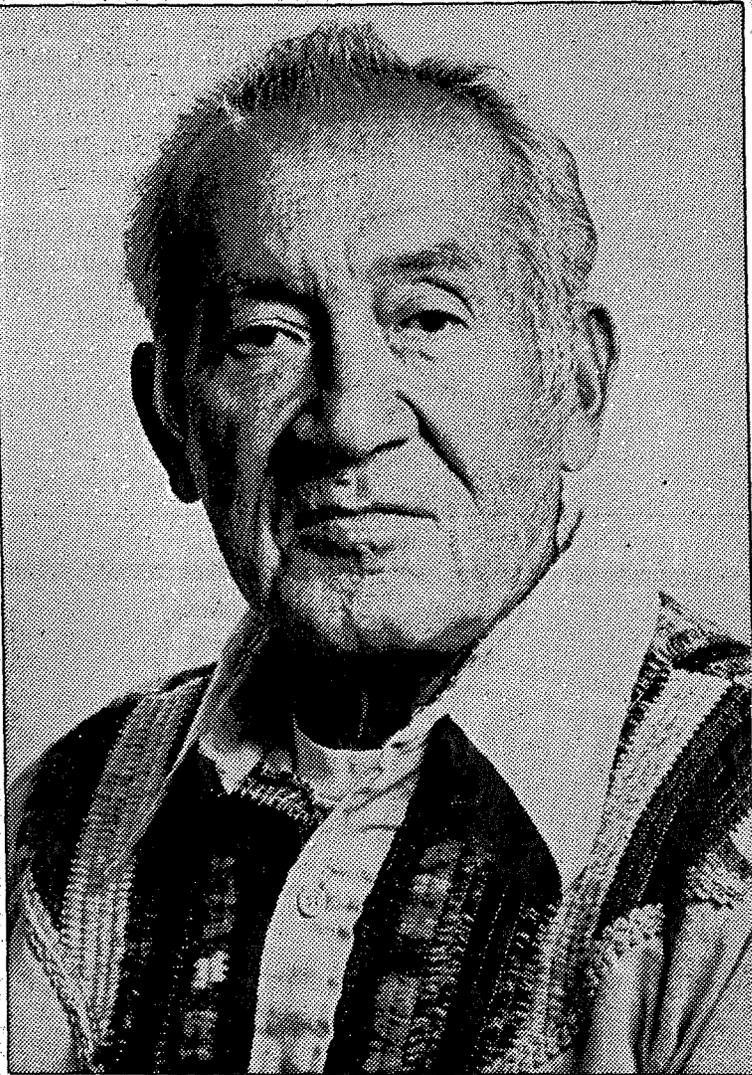
Conway attended the Sherman Institute, an Indian School in Southern California and served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He attended Laney's College in Oakland and was on the board of directors for the American Indian Center in San Francisco and the Alcatraz Indian Occupation.

He served on the board for XABENPAO Indian Education in Lakeport, Calif.

He and Charlotte, his wife of 15 years, moved to Nevada about 10 years ago, first living in Carson City and now in Douglas County.

Mrs. Conway was director of the Gardnerville Senior Citizens Center nutrition program for a year and Conway served as board president for the Stewart Indian

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**VERNON CONWAY.** Some photos of the Washoe Tribe elders were selected to be included in this year's Carson Valley Almanac. Two of them are Belma Jones and Vernell Frank, right. Vernon Conway, above, unfortunately didn't make it. Jay Aldrich photos

Museum.  
He is a member of the Stewart Indian Community Baptist Church, and the Conways frequently take part in activities at

the Dresslerville Senior Citizens Center.  
Photographs of Washoe elders to be included in the Carson Valley Almanac this year are

Ninga and Reba Anthony, Lorene Auchoberry, Dabert Wyatt, Belma Jones, Vernell Frank, Tommy Smokey and Goldie Bryan.



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March 15, 1990

### Wheelchair basketball

Saturday will be a homecoming of sorts for Gary Price of Gardnerville when he plays for the Silver State Highrunners against the Douglas High boys varsity basketball squad in a wheelchair game. The game, presented by the Nevada Rural Center for Independent Living, is scheduled to tip off at 3 p.m. in the Douglas gym. Price is a 1979 Douglas graduate who is a member of his school's basketball hall of fame and the Nevada high school basketball coaches association hall of fame. A \$2.50 donation will be asked at the door, with children 8-and-under being admitted free of charge. Proceeds will go to the Nevada Rural Center for Independent Living, a non-profit community-based organization that provides support service and training for the disabled. R-C photo

# Alpine County hires health officer

Record Courier March 22, 1990

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

Alpine County's search for a new health officer may have come to an end Tuesday.

The Alpine County Board of Supervisors approved the hiring of Dr. Richard Botto, a South Lake Tahoe physician, as the new health officer.

According to assistant to the board, Jeanne Lear, Botto will work three days a week in the county.

He will spend two days operating the public health clinic and a third administering the department.

"He will also be available to the staff when he is needed," she said.

According to Lear, the Health

Advisory Board, which did the interviews and recommended Botto, suggested the board do a review in three months and again in six months to see out the position is working out.

The board also approved hiring acting-mental health director Dr. Dotti Cohen as the mental health director.

Originally the county was seeking a physician who would hold both positions, but Lear told supervisors that Botto did not express any interest in holding the mental health directorship.

Hiring Cohen will not result in any increase in costs to the county.

Cohen told supervisors she had been thinking of applying to be mental health director for some

time.  
"I've been doing it for nine years," she said. "It makes more sense to jump in and do what I'm already doing."

The public health officer's position has been open since December.

Botto's salary will be about \$42,000 at 60 percent time. One third of the salary will come from the county budget, one third from A.B. 8 which provides state funding for public health, and one third will come from Proposition 99, the tobacco tax initiative approved by California voters last year.

In other business:

•The board approved a resolution approving an Alpine County Sheriff's Office application to the

state for an off-highway vehicle grant.

According to Assistant Sheriff Skip Veatch, the grant will go to pay overtime so deputies can patrol public wilderness to monitor snow-mobilers.

•Waived the second reading of an ordinance to change the general fee schedule for the building department.

Saying building department fees have not increased since 1982, Alpine County Transportation Director Leonard Turnbeaugh told the board at its Feb. 22 meeting that increased mailing cost were a big factor in the need for a fee increase.

Turnbeaugh said the building

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department has taken steps to reduce costs, but that because the department has to mail notifications to larger areas than the required 300 feet.

Most of the increases lie are in the cost of a map. A preliminary map is proposed to be increased by \$50, a final map will go from \$200 to \$300 in addition to the \$10 per lot currently charged.

The price of a variance or use permit will also increase under the proposal from \$100 to \$200.

Also in order to defray the cost of mailout, the person requesting a use permit, general plan amendment, rezoning or master plan revision will have to pay additional costs incurred by the department.

•Heard a presentation by Economic Development Services,

a Sacramento, Calif. consulting firm, on the potential improvements to Markleeville's water system and airport.

Improvements to the water system were estimated to cost nearly \$600,000, while the airport improvements may cost as much as \$5 million.

According to Rose Marie Moore of the consulting firm, priority should be given to repairing the water system.

# Dick Reuter: Original man of the mountain

Record Courier 3/18/90

by ROBERT FROHLICH  
R-C News Service

Forty years have come and gone at Squaw Valley, and with it a vast assortment of remarkable employees. None, perhaps, have been as remarkable as past Squaw Valley ski patrolman and Mountain Manager Dick Reuter.

"I think Dick is one of the most respected people in the ski industry," says Squaw Valley USA President Jim Mott. "I know that apprenticing under Dick was the luckiest thing to happen in my career. I was able to learn a vast knowledge about this mountain and about avalanche control. I learned a lot about my endurance and stamina also."

Reuter and his family moved south from Squaw Valley in the early '70s to help open the Kirkwood Ski Resort. Reuter, at age 67, is still that resort's mountain manager.

Reuter, born in Nebraska, says he came west with his family in

1936. His first experience in the Sierra-Nevada was the slow grind in his father's old Essex over Donner Summit.

Reuter spent three years in the army during World War II, seeing action in the Normandy invasion and elsewhere in Europe. Back in California in 1946, he headed into the mountains. There he cut timber, built rail fences, trapped marten and ran a ski rope tow in Lassen National Forest, his first job in the ski industry.

But in 1954 marten trapping was restricted, and shortly after he headed on into the Tahoe Basin and began working at Squaw Valley in 1955. His association with Squaw Valley lasted 17 years. During his span at Squaw he did everything from shovel snow and run lifts to being a patrolman, the head of the ski patrol during the time of the Olympics, to finally Mountain Manager.

Most of all, Reuter, along with a handful of others such as Norm Wilson, Monty Atwater, Ed

LaChappelle, and Dick Stillman survived to become the fathers of modern avalanche safety.

"I was hoping to find a job in one of the ski resorts for winter time work," he remembers. "I decided I liked Squaw Valley best. The place had two lifts and some rope tows. That was it. It's just a different world now. They've got all this sophisticated equipment everywhere. The lifts are so improved, all those old clunkers are gone. The business has come a long way."

Reuter describes like a storyteller, and his past experiences are easy to grasp and have a bit of wit in them. However, at the same time one comes to understand the tremendous determination this 6-foot 4-inch massive man has, for he emits the gentle but confident personality of a man for whom obstacles could be overcome with just common sense and hard work.

He has needed that strength because Mother Nature has not

always been kind to him. He has unleashed Class 5 slides that have gone from the face of Headwall all the way past Cornice Two and destroyed the old Cornice 1 top terminal. He has also been caught in a Class 5 slide and survived.

"I was ski checking Headwall and that slide went off. It sounded like a box of powder going off. I was caught up in it and thought to myself I wasn't going to come up out of it this time when the damn thing popped me out like a pumpkin seed."

Reuter was almost killed when he fell from a ski lift tower while doing repair work on a stormy day.

"It was real slick. I fell about 50 feet when the cross tower frame collapsed. I hit the snow, but only after hitting the treads of a snowcat, too. That was the worst."

Mott clearly remembers that same incident. At the time of the fall he was on the ladder rungs of the same tower.

"I called Dan Schultz and we got him down the mountain," Mott recalls. "He was in bad shape. I thought he was a goner. But he made it. Only a guy with his strength. It was miraculous."

Reuter has also partially lost his hearing from dynamite blasts and firing a cannon for avalanche control. First developed and implemented by Monty Atwater at Alta and Squaw Valley, Reuter still uses a 75mm recoilless artillery piece at Kirkwood to provide protection to snow safety crews.

"I would say that I've been lucky through the years. I've played some hunches correctly which have saved me, but the main thing to always keep in mind is that nature and the great outdoors doesn't play any favorites. Nobody, no matter how expert, know for sure during snow safety. Mother Nature always has the last say. We've had a perfect record here at Kirkwood for close to 20 years, but it could end tomorrow. I never take anything for granted."

Reuter mentions retirement shyly from the ski industry. When he does finally leave it will be a sad moment. There will be no doubt, however, that a lot of his influence and character will remain. From the late Bernie Kingery at Alpine Meadows, to Liam Fitzgerald at Snowbird, to snow safety director Joe Broadhurst at Kirkwood, to Squaw Valley's own Jim Mott, these men and others were trained and apprenticed under Dick Reuter. "I'm thinking of retiring, but only to go more full time into the tree falling business," he says. "I have no regrets about my life in the mountains. You should do what you want to do, and try to pick a job that you like. I just can't see it any other way. The hell with money. It's nice to have, but I've seen people with a lot of money who have a lot of problems." Editor's note: Robert Frohlich's ski column, "Ski Beat," appears regularly in the Tahoe World of Tahoe City.

# Alpine County hires outside firm to review department

Record Courier 3-18-90

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

He should have a full report for the April 3 meeting of the Alpine County Supervisors.

An outside consultant has been hired to do a review of Alpine County's Department of Social Services.

Lear said the consulting firm consists of retired public service employees.

According to Assistant to the Board Jeanne Lear, Loren Enoch of Public Service Skills, a consulting group out of San Leandro, Calif., has been hired to conduct the review.

The review was ordered by supervisors at their March 6 meeting after the firing of a probationary employee by Social Services Director Chet Moore.

Lear said Enoch indicated to her that he would be able to complete the review over the next few weeks.

Brent Gardner told supervisors that his Feb. 28 firing was inappropriate, since he had been given no warning or reason for the firing.

According to Gardner, he first heard about his fir-

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AMBER MCGEEIN



SUSAN KUHL

# Miss Alpine County Pageant is set Saturday at Turtlerock

On March 31, Susan Kuhl and Amber McGeein will compete for the title of Miss Alpine County. Both girls are seniors at Douglas High School residing in Alpine County.

Miss Alpine receives a \$500 scholarship. The first runner-up will receive a \$350 scholarship.

The Alpine County Chamber of Commerce presents the Miss

Alpine pageant each year. Their president, Dave Kirby, owner of the Woodfords Station, will be the Master of Ceremonies for the event. Music will be provided by the Alpine Trio.

The Miss Alpine Pageant will be held at Turtle Rock Park — between Woodfords and Markleeville.

Come meet the contestants at 7

p.m. The pageant starts at 8 p.m. Those wishing to bring hors d'oeuvres would be appreciated.

The pageant is free. Families wishing to bring their children may.

There is a no-host bar.

Susan and Amber will be judged on poise, charm, personality and talent by three out-of-town judges.

## Obituaries

### John Etchemendy

Funeral services will be held Monday at St. Gall Catholic Church, for former longtime Gardnerville resident John Etchemendy, 103, who died March 26, 1990 at his Reno residence.

Born in Arneguy, France on Aug. 27, 1886, to Michael and Josephine Saragueta Etchemendy, he came to America and arrived in Reno in 1907, where he worked for the Western Pacific Railroad.

Etchemendy moved to California, where he herded sheep in the Blue Lakes, Red Lakes and Hell Hole areas.

He returned to the Carson Valley in 1910 and moved to the Smith Valley where he worked for the Reading Company.

Etchemendy met his first wife, Jennie Trounday, in San Francisco and the two were married in Fresno, Calif. in 1916. They then moved to Wellington.

In 1917 Etchemendy moved to Gardnerville where he operated first the French Hotel, and then the East Fork Hotel. He purchased the Overland Hotel in 1921, which he would operate for 51 years.

He was also a wool-buyer until he reached his one-hundredth birthday.

Jennie Etchemendy preceded him in death October 1949 and he married Jeanne Lartirigoyen nearly 10 years later in 1958. She also

preceded him in death in 1973. Etchemendy was a member of St. Gall Catholic Church. He belonged to Zazpiak Bat Basque Club of Reno and was a member of the Carson City Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 1006 since 1917.

He is survived by two sons, Col. John Etchemendy and Col. William E. Etchemendy, both of Reno; two daughters, Josephine and Marie Uhalde, both of Reno; one sister, Marie Cubialde of Buff, Wyo.; 13 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by four brothers, three sisters and two sons.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Walton's Chapel of the Valley Cemetery and Mausoleum in Carson City.

A Christian wake service will be held at St. Gall at 7 p.m. Sunday.

The burial Mass will be said at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Gall by Father Juan Corona. Burial will follow at Garden Cemetery in Gardnerville.

Contributions may be made to St. Gall Catholic Church Memorial fund.

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

### Clinton Brown

Services were held Wednesday at Walton's Chapel of the Valley Cemetery and Mausoleum for

Gardnerville resident Clinton Floyd Brown, 39, who died Saturday.

A native of Reno, he was born Nov. 25, 1953 and had been a Gardnerville resident for the past 12 years, coming from Coleville.

He was a self-employed horse-shoer.

Mr. Brown graduated from Coleville High School in 1971 and attended Yuba College in Marysville, Calif., for two years and Cal Poly-San Louis Obispo for two years.

He was a representative of the United States in the Farrier's Olympics in Canada and president of the Nevada State Farriers.

Survivors include his parents Floyd and Loretta Brown, paternal grandparents Alfred and Lucile Chain, and sister Lanette Yanny, all of Coleville; maternal grandmother Rose Bassman of Reno; brother Dale Brown of Loma Rica, Calif.; three nieces and one nephew.

Private cremation will take place at Masonic Gardens Crematory in Reno. Private inurement will be at Antelope Valley Cemetery in Coleville at a later date.

The family asks memorial contributions be sent to: Transportation Fund for Kerak Crippled Children, P.O. Box 728, Reno 89504.

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

# Tahoe City man injured in Carson Pass ski accident

Record Courier 3/29/90

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

A Tahoe City man was injured Saturday afternoon in a snowboarding accident above Carson Pass.

Nick Perata, 23, was airlifted off a mountain on the far side of the pass by California Highway Patrol Helicopter H-20.

According to a CHP spokesman, Perata received a head injury when he ran into a rock above U.S. 88 near the pass.

The spokesman said at the scene that Perata was snowboarding when he struck a patch of gravel and struck his head on the rock.

The CHP helicopter, which was dispatched out of Sacramento, took Perata to South Lake Tahoe Airport where he was met by an ambulance which took him to Barton Memorial.

According to a spokeswoman for the hospital, Perata was treated

and released from the hospital.

Units from Alpine County Sheriff's Office and the county search and rescue team also responded to the accident.

# Shooting incident remains under investigation

Record Courier 4-1-90

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

A man, shot in a reported domestic dispute in Alpine County Saturday, was taken to Carson Valley Health Center with moderate injuries.

According to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, the man was apparently struck in the head by a single shotgun pellet.

Paramedics immobilized the man's head and took him and an unidentified woman to the medical center. The man, whose identity was not released, was apparently shot during a reported dispute in Alpine County and rode in a brown 1975 Dodge van to Centerville.

Douglas County deputies responded to a report of a man with gunshot wounds at the Valley Bar in Centerville at 11:47 a.m. Saturday. Douglas deputies stood by while Alpine County Sheriff's deputies investigated the scene of the incident near Markleeville.



A man who suffered a gunshot wound is transported from the Valley Bar in Centerville to

Carson Valley Health Center Saturday. R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch

# Alpine County Supervisors to discuss solid waste plan

Record Courier 4-1-90

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

In order to get a jump on what is becoming a widespread problem, Alpine County Supervisors will discuss establishing a comprehensive solid waste strategy at their next regular meeting in Markleeville Tuesday.

Supervisors are scheduled to consider a resolution establishing waste reduction goals and endorsing a strategy for coping with Alpine County's future waste problems.

The item is sponsored by Supervisor Eric Jung in Bear Valley and would create a starting point for the county's waste and

recycling activities.

California Assembly Bill 1462 requires that County Solid Waste Management Plans be revised to include a 20 percent recycling goal.

The resolution before the supervisors would require a listing of current recycling activities in the county, a study of waste composition to identify recyclable materials, review waste ordinances and rate structures to identify changes needed to enhance recycling efforts and the implementation of a purchasing policy which favors the purchase of products containing recycled or recyclable materials.

In other business, the board will

discuss applying for \$30,000 in development grant funds.

The grant calls for \$7,200 in matching funds from the county to develop a plan to retain business and increase tourism in the Markleeville area.

The Markleeville Enhancement Committee is requesting that supervisors approve the concept of a picnic area in Markleeville.

According to the agenda, the committee is arranging to have the area, near the Markleeville Creek Bridge, and access to it cleared and two picnic tables and a garbage can added.

The meeting is at 9 a.m. at the Alpine County Administrative Office Building in Markleeville.

Funds from the grant will go to the Sheriff's Veatch said he wasn't sure whether the state resistance," he said.

# Alpine County vows to reduce solid waste

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

Reducing the amount of solid waste coming out of Alpine County is the goal of a resolution passed by the board of supervisors Tuesday.

Board member Eric Jung said the resolution was a response to a conference by the Local Government Commission, which is offering assistance to design and implement solid waste controls.

Jung said the commission is offering selected communities up to 50 hours of consultant time to determine methods of recycling solid waste.

While California law requires counties to revise their solid waste management plans to establish a 20 percent recycling goal and a network of local recycling centers,

Jung said the state would probably not require Alpine County to comply in full, but that the county should try to comply anyway.

"The state is probably going to go easy on us, but this is also a moral issue," he said. "The time to start charging ahead on this is now."

The board had already directed board assistant Jeanne Lear to compile a list of the recycling resources in the county.

Director of Transportation Leonard Turnbeaugh said setting up a recycling plan would also send a signal to Douglas County.

"It will show Douglas County we are sincere about reducing the amount of solid waste we send to their dump," he said.

In a related note, the board set a public hearing on a rate hike request by Douglas Disposal for garbage collection in Markleeville

and Woodfords.

The hearing is set for the supervisors' April 17 meeting.

According to a letter to supervisors from the company, the rate hike is being requested as the result of a \$3 per ton fee required for any solid waste received from outside Nevada.

The rate hike will be between 1.78 and 3.56 percent.

In other business:

•The board approved a policy statement for the Health Department with revisions, but said a survey of what residents want in the way of health care was premature.

•Heard a report from the California Department of Fish and Game on items of interest to the county.

Patrick O'Brien, fisheries management supervisor for the depart-

ment, told supervisors that a preliminary version of the Hope Valley Master Plan has been written and is undergoing internal review.

He said the plan would be released for general review by the public in June.

Fish planting in the county has been cut back, according to O'Brien.

He said the department is stocking fewer, but larger fish in the county's waterways.

"We find we get a better return on the larger fish," he said.

Two ranchers at the meeting criticized the department's use of Rotenone in streams to kill fish for restocking of different species.

Doug Joses and Jim Cuneo, ranchers who use the alpine meadows for grazing, questioned the use of the poison which is used in small amounts.

# State to help Alpine fight drugs

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

Alpine County law enforcement officials will get a little financial help with their war on drugs.

The Alpine County Board of Supervisors approved a request by the Sheriff's Department to apply for a \$75,000 grant from the federal government under the 1988 Anti-Drug Abuse Act.

According to Assistant Sheriff Skip Veatch, past grants were made on a competitive basis, however, the California Office of the Budget has arranged for each county to receive some portion of the funding on the basis of their crime index.

Alpine County will receive the minimum, since it has only about two one-thousandths of one percent of the state's total crime.

Veatch said getting the money was just a matter of applying for it.

Funds from the grant will go to the Sheriff's

Department, the district attorney's office and the probation department.

We are looking at making an impact on drug abuse in Alpine County," Veatch said.

Veatch told supervisors that \$10,000 will go to the district attorney, \$15,000 will go to the probation department and the remaining \$50,000 will go to the sheriff's office.

District Attorney Hank Murdock said the distribution will change as law enforcement brings more people into the system for drug abuse.

According to Veatch, there is a possibility the funds could be used to purchase specialized equipment or to start K-9 units in both Markleeville and Bear Valley.

However, the funds cannot be used to supplant the normal law enforcement budget.

The grant does require a 25 percent matching funds, however this year California will provide the county's share.

Veatch said he wasn't sure whether the state

would continue to provide matching funds, but that the county could pull out if it felt the program wasn't worth continuing.

"We can pull out anytime, but I hope we can justify the expense in the future," Veatch said.

Board President John Brissenden said he had problems with the program because it did not address education.

"We are spending billions and billions of dollars on a problem that won't go away," he said.

Murdock answered saying there are already programs in place for education and that the funding is just for law enforcement.

"These funds are strictly for law enforcement, the idea is to find them, ferret them out and punish them," he said.

Board member Donald Jardine said he supported applying for the grant.

"With the tough stands Carson City and Douglas County are taking, people involved with drugs may start seeking the path of least resistance," he said.

# Fishing seminar set

Record Courier 4-5-90

Norman Reuther from the California Department of Fish and Game and Joe "Sep" Hendrickson will be the featured speakers when the Fish Connection hosts the second in a series of fishing seminars at Sharkey's Casino next Tuesday, April 10.

The seminar is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. upstairs at Sharkey's.

Reuther will speak on the topic of fishing in Alpine County.

"He'll be covering a good area

that sits right in our backyard," said Sue Solgat of the Fish Connection. "You're talking about Blue Lakes, Red Lake, Caples Lake and Indian Creek Reservoir, which has actually been doing well lately."

Hendrickson, a well known fishing guide from Crockett, Calif., will discuss trolling for trout.

A crowd of 176 turned out for last month's seminar, co-hosted by the Merchant Marine, Sharkey's and the Fish Connection.

# Remember when?

Record Courier

April 12, 1990

**NEW BRIDGE** Members of the California state highway department were at Woodford's last Saturday and closed a deal with Grant P. Merrill for the purchase of a strip of land for a right of way to straighten out the Markleeville road at the Wye where a new bridge is to be built.

# Alpine supervisors ask for director's resignation

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

The director of Alpine County's Department of Social Services was asked to tender his resignation Wednesday as the result of a department review ordered by supervisors.

Chet Moore was asked to resign Wednesday after supervisors released the results of the review by independent consultant, Loren Enoch.

Moore, who appeared at Friday's special meeting of the Alpine County Board of Supervisors with his attorney, David C. Becker of Combellack, Driscoll & Runkle, did not issue a statement after he heard the super-

visor's final word.

After a closed personnel session, supervisors issued a statement saying Moore would be offered the opportunity to resign until April 16 and that he would be placed on 60 day paid administrative leave starting Friday.

Board President John Brissenden said he would supervise the department until Assistant to the Board Jeanne Lear gets back from vacation.

Before the meeting with supervisors, Moore expressed ambivalence at the board's written statement, released Wednesday.

"There is 75 percent of me that wants to stand up for myself, but there is another 25 percent that wants to do what is right for the

entire county," he said.

Moore was hired by Alpine County to work with the GAIN program in October 1988.

He was appointed interim social services director March 7, 1989 and hired on as full-fledged director on July 5, 1989.

According to a cover letter signed by Brissenden and attached to Enoch's report, the director and the staff share responsibility for the conflict which struck the department after the firing of Social Worker Brent Gardner by Moore.

The cover letter also said members of the department staff also forced out other directors by undermining their authority.

One staff member said he did

not feel the paragraph was warranted.

Vocational Counselor Bill Campbell said most of the people now working for the department did so while Moore was director.

Gardner said Moore's resignation was a vindication.

Gardner said he has offered to return to work.

"It is up to the supervisors," he said. "The important thing for me is that we put this incident behind us and go back to doing what we were to begin with."

Enoch's report said several options were examined and rejected during the review process.

According to the report, department employees were knowledgeable and effective in their posi-

tions and both sides in the dispute were inflexible, so the only option was for Moore to resign.

The review did not look at Gardner's firing, nor did it address questions about cases handled by the department.

However, the report said the situation that existed within the department was intolerable.

"The staff is unanimous in reciting the administrative deficiencies of the director, as demonstrated by placing in jeopardy both their relationship with the director and possibly their employment, and the director cites his efforts and achievements in bringing administrative accountability to a loosely-organized and independently-oriented staff," the

report said.

The report was written based on a review ordered by supervisors at their March 6 meeting after Gardner came before them and said his firing was unfair.

Enoch works for Public Service Skills, a consulting group out of San Leandro, Calif., an independent consulting firm which examines local governments.

On Tuesday supervisors heard Enoch's report.

They issued a written statement on Wednesday and held a special session on Friday to work out the details.

Brissenden said he expected Moore to cooperate with the transition.

# Disposable diapers may be target of sales ban

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

Residents and visitors to Alpine County may have to bring their own diapers in the near future.

Supervisor Eric Jung called for an outright ban on the sales of disposable diapers at the regular meeting of the Alpine County Supervisors Monday.

"Not only are they a problem with the amount of space they take up in landfills and that it takes them skillions of years to decompose, but they are a health hazard as well," he said. "We should not just be taking the back end and recycling in, we have to educate people on how to help recycling on the front end."

Jung also called for the county to start purchasing materials that can be recycled easily, like envelopes without plastic windows and white instead of yellow legal pads.

Bob Rudden, owner of the Markleeville General Store, said that while he agreed disposable diapers were a problem, he wondered how the people who visit

Alpine County would fair.

"I am not going to go broke if I can't sell disposable diapers," he said.

Carol Fogarty of the East Fork said she didn't have a problem with a ban.

"I only sell about one package per season," she said.

Jung called for the ban during a discussion on recycling activities in Alpine County.

Assistant to the Board Jeanne Lear put together a list of recycling efforts in the county, which focus almost solely on aluminum.

Among recyclers on the list are Choices for Children, the Alpine Children's Center, Bear Valley School, Grover Hot Springs State park, the U.S. Forest Service and the Alpine County Employees Association.

According to Jung, the next step is to find out if the county will be able to get rid of what it saves.

"Is the board interested in purchasing as much recyclible material as possible?" Jung asked his fellow board members.

He also suggested adding an extra

requirement to building permits to provide space for recycling.

Jung said the resolution was a response to a conference by the Local Government Commission, which is offering assistance to design and implement solid waste controls.

The commission is offering selected communities up to 50 hours of consultant time to determine methods of recycling solid waste.

While California laws requires counties to revise their solid waste management plans to establish a 20 percent recycling goal and a network of local recycling centers, Jung said the state would probably not require Alpine County to comply in full, but that the county should try to comply anyway.

"The state is probably going to go easy on us, but this is also a moral issue," he said. "The time to start charging ahead on this is now."

Board member C. Ann Wade said she felt more comfortable with waiting until a consultant has had a look at the proposal before going forward.

Board member Donald Jardine suggested staff put together a proposal on all the recycling efforts by the county.

In other business:

•The board held the first of two public hearings on a trash rate hike.

Douglas Disposal attorney Jeff Rahbeck told supervisors a \$3 per ton increase is necessary to cover a \$3 increase in disposing of solid waste in Nevada.

The second and final hearing on the increase will be at the supervisor's next meeting on May 1.

•Granted Fogarty permission to go ahead with the installation of an above-ground fuel tank, under the supervision of the county health department.

The Alpine County Building Department denied a permit to the East Fork Resort to install the tank.

The 2,000-gallon tank will be the first to be installed in the county.

Leonard Turnbeaugh said the department did not have enough information to tell whether the tank would be safe or not, or what to require to make the tank safe.

"We were concerned with the possibility of having a 2,000-gallon bomb near the public," he said.

Fogarty said she contacted three counties where the tanks are allowed.

"We want to do everything we can to make it safe," she said. "I don't want to have a bomb in my parking lot."

Jardine suggested the board designate a lead agency to deal with this particular tank and Jung agreed, saying the resort should be allowed to install the tank.

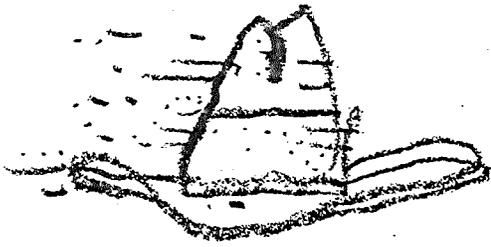
•Approved sending a letter to Caltrans asking the California transportation department open Emmet's Pass.

The 8,730-foot pass links Bear Valley with the rest of Alpine County along S.R. 4.

According to Jung, the expected opening date for the pass is in late May.

•Supervisors accepted Director of Social Services Chet Moore's official resignation Tuesday.

The board will seek a new director and approved an emergency item to seek temporary help for the department, strapped by one firing and Moore's resignation.



## CARSON COUNTRY

*Explorations in the Carson Valley and Nevada's capital*

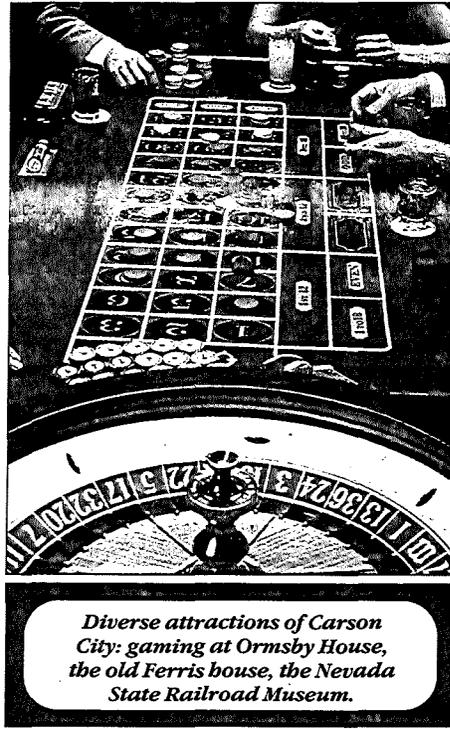
By Lynn Ferrin

The pioneers knew a good thing when they first saw the Carson Valley country: The waters ran cold and clear out of the mountains, and the grass grew tall in meadows full of songbirds. Hot springs boiled up from the ground and the sun was shining much of the time. What a place to settle down, do some dairy ranching, build some nice towns.

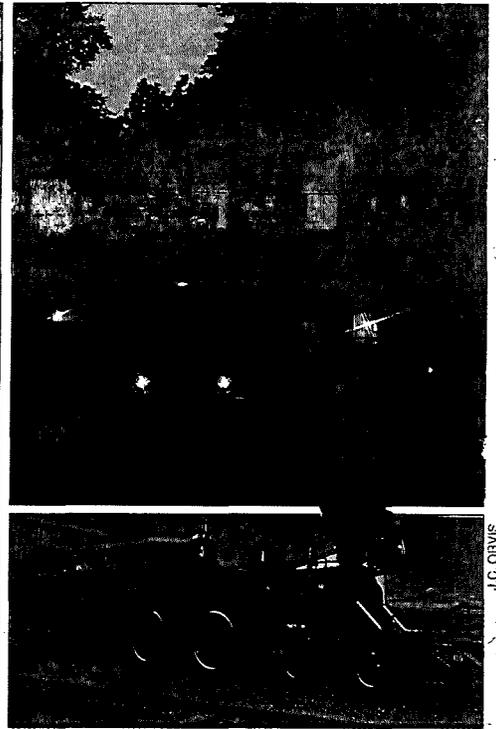
Good news: it's still like that.

Indeed, the Carson Valley is a very pleasant place for "a getaway, not far-away," as the local flacks tout, with a surprising variety of ways to occupy your time. Up in the Toiyabe National Forest, the snows lie on the peaks into summer; there are hiking and riding trails through the fragrant woods, and fishing and camping, and running rafts down the bright East Carson River. In the homey towns you can go on a walking tour, poke around history museums, feast family-style in a Basque restaurant, belly up to the bar in a century-old saloon, or build your biceps at the slot machines. Even someone who doesn't usually like driving will be impressed by the panorama along the backroads.

The Carson Valley lies southeast of Lake Tahoe at the foot of the Sierra Nevada. This is the dramatic, sheer side of the range, the face it turns to the desert, with the pine woods dropping down to the sage. Even when rains sweep the Sierra crest, the valley often basks in the sunshine. The Carson River emerges from the melting snows and runs along as if it were going



*Diverse attractions of Carson City: gaming at Ormsby House, the old Ferris house, the Nevada State Railroad Museum.*



somewhere, only to disappear into the sinks of the Great Basin.

However, where the East Fork of the Carson flows through that boundary country of mountain and desert, of California and Nevada, it is a fine rafting and kayaking stream during spring runoff. (A couple of dam proposals threaten part of the river, but there are also moves to make it a National Scenic River. Above the state border it's already a California Wild and Scenic River.) The river runs along the base of the mountains to Markleeville, then turns northeast and strikes out across the sere foothills, roadless country except for a few dirt tracks. In the 19 miles from Markleeville to the takeout near U.S. 395, the East Carson drops about 700 feet. It flows through tangles of willow, and groves of ponderosa where the cliff rose blooms in spring (nice for camping and picnicking). And there are the birds: large families of Canada geese, dippers, red-shafted flickers, a merganser mother leading her darling ducklings through the rapids. Swallows nest in the old lava along the banks. Best of all, the Carson passes a hot mineral spring with several tiny pools for soothing soaks—particularly wonderful on a starry night.

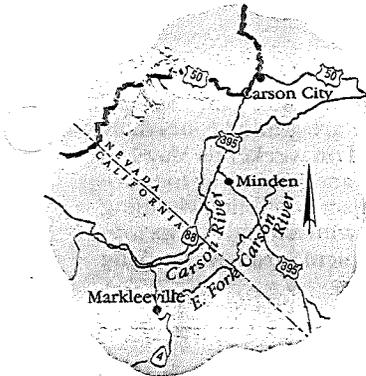
A dozen or so rafting outfitters work the river in April and May—you can get a list of them from the Carson Ranger District. Most put their rafts in the water somewhere along California State Route 4 or 89 south of Markleeville.

Much of the mountain country around here is on the Toiyabe National Forest, largest in the lower 48. The Carson Ranger District alone is bigger than most forests.

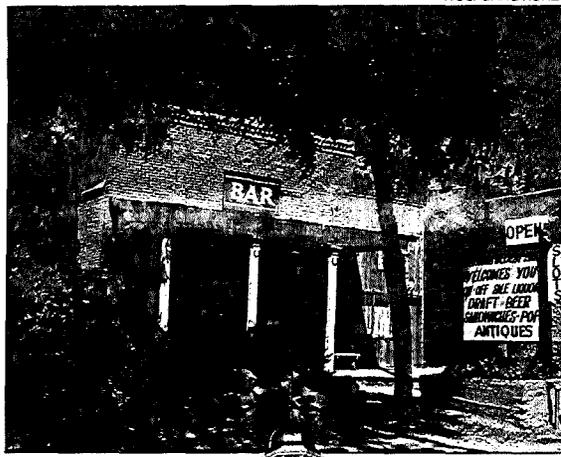
The best resource for exploring the Toiyabe is the newly remodeled U.S.F.S. visitor center in Carson City. Among other things, you can pick up free hiking guides to several Eastern Sierra trails, including those in the Carson-Iceberg Wilderness to the southwest.

Take, for example, the Wolf Creek trail off State Route 4 south of Markleeville.

Getting there is half the appeal: Drive south on Highway 88, away from Minden on some sunny morning, with a detour along the Carson River Road (West Fork), which presents views of green pastures spreading beneath the snow peaks. Blackbirds—both yellow-headed and red-winged—sing from the fence posts, and magpies sweep the skies. For a wacky and indulgent breakfast, stop at the folksy Woodfords Store and order home-made berry pie a la mode. Then follow Highway 89 through bucolic Markleeville, Alpine County's seat, to the junction with State Route 4; the Wolf Creek turnoff is another two miles. It leads about five miles into Wolf Creek Meadows. For a pleasing day hike, amble a few miles along pretty Wolf Creek canyon, with the creek gurgling over its gravel bed and snowfields far above. Yellow-tail butterflies convene beneath the Jeffrey pines, and shooting stars and wild iris



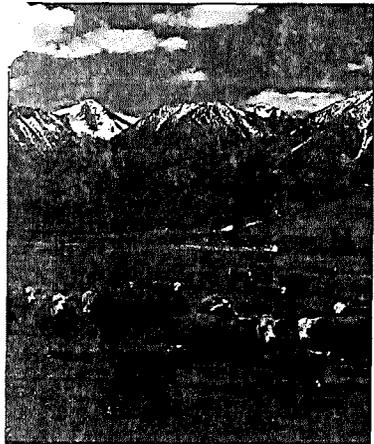
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Carson Valley

Genoa Bar, top, and 1870 Capitol Building

bloom in the boggy meadows. Beavers have been at work among the aspens, and you may have to scramble over downed trees.

If you'd like to explore on foot along the upper reaches of the East Carson River, you can use the High Trail or the Low Trail, both from the upper end of Wolf Meadows. You'll need backpacking equipment to explore deeper into the Carson-Iceberg Wilderness, say a loop along the river and out along Wolf Creek, or to such places as Carson Falls, up to the Pacific Crest Trail or along Silver King Creek.

To get back to the Carson Valley, and enjoy some epic scenery, drive S.R. 89 over 8,314-foot Monitor Pass. Distance from the East Carson River over to U.S. 395 is 18 miles. To the west is the grand green-and-white sweep of the Sierra wall, to the east the Walker Valley and the barren ranges of the Great Basin; aspen groves flourish in the hollows. You'll pass Heenan Lake and cross Sagehen Flats, and look up the vast sward of Slinkard Valley. Sometimes this is a road less traveled by cars than by mountain bikes. Snow closes this road in winter, and the few strong Nordic skiers who venture this way are rewarded with the phenomenon of skiing through sagebrush and tumbleweed.

Heading north on U.S. 395, you soon come to a jolly blue giant: Topaz Lake, created by a dam across the Walker River and divided by the state line. The lake is cobwebbed with the tracings of water-skiers and motorboats, the

shores lined with fishermen going for German browns and rainbows.

At the north end of the lake is the friendly oasis around Topaz Lodge, which has AAA-approved motel rooms, a big dining room overlooking the lake, an RV park and picnic tables under the trees, and live cabaret music on weekend nights. But even at mid-day, gamblers are busy at the slots and electric poker.

It's 22 miles back to Gardnerville and Minden, which have melded into one long town along the highway. This megatown is at its best and brightest after dark, when people come in from the boonies to the fleshpots and watering holes. Have a huge appetite? Take it to one of the three Basque Restaurants—the Overland, the Country Club, or J&T—where humongous platters of steaks and lamb chops are passed down long tables and the red jug wine flows. (Health food disciples and heart patients, dine elsewhere.) The upscale crowd gathers at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden, with its glittering casino, deluxe hotel rooms, and busy restaurants. At the other end of the town and the scale is Sharkey's casino, interesting for its collections of historic boxing photographs and western saddles.

Gardnerville also boasts a delightful common called Lampe Park, with velvet lawns, a playground, and willow trees bending into a creek where white geese drift, and a backdrop of snow-capped mountains.

Westward, tucked into an ankle of

the Sierra, is the hamlet of Genoa, which locals pronounce "jen-OH-ah" and was Nevada's first permanent settlement. Its founders were sent here by Brigham Young in 1851.

You may find yourself lingering for hours in Genoa, despite its vest-pocket size. Under the blacklocust and maple trees stands Mormon Station Historic State Monument, once a trading post where the westering wagon trains paused. The exhibits help you relive Indian, pioneer and Pony Express days—and the saga of Snowshoe Thompson, who skied the mail from here over to Placerville. Across the street, in the 1865 courthouse, is the Carson Valley Museum. Among its exhibits are a large room of Washoe artifacts, a blacksmith shop and the old jail.

Genoa gets busy on a summer weekend night, what with the revelers wandering in and out of the Genoa Bar, Nevada's oldest saloon, and dinner guests coming to the Italian and Cajun restaurants, and browsers at the Country Store, which stocks everything from videos to ice cream to antiques, and the target-shooters down at the Little Mondeaux Gun Club.

Ahhhhh. What a way to end a day in the Carson Valley: self-simmering in a hot spring. Many of these come bubbling out of the Sierra's cutting edge, and one of the nicest is at Walley's, 1.5 miles south of Genoa. It was founded as a spa in 1862, became a hotel, fell into ruin for a while, and was recently rebuilt in Victorian style. Now you have a choice of six sparkling outdoor mineral pools, each hotter than the last, indoor steam rooms, and dry saunas, all for \$9 per person, all day. (No children under 12.) You could also stay here, at one of the country-inn-style cabins. From the dining tables in the spa's genteel Zephyr Restaurant, you can see out across the valley and beyond, to the sunset on the Pinenut Range. Dinner is served Friday through Sunday, with brunch on Sunday.

**North to Carson City**

Carson City is not in Carson Valley, but over a slight rise in the Eagle Valley. At first glance, Nevada's capital looks about as interesting as a bowling ball, even with those neon signs screaming outside a few casinos. (Mark Twain, who arrived here in the 1860s, described the town as "pretty scattering" in his western classic, *Roughing It*. He also complained about the "Washoe zephyrs" that blew through town regularly.) But spend some time in Carson City, and you grow quite fond of it. Along its tree-shaded streets are handsome old state buildings and well-kept Victorian homes, and its museums are good backgrounders in

# Alpine starts search for new Social Services Director

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

Alpine County Supervisors approved advertising for a new director of Social Services at their regular meeting Tuesday.

The board received the official resignation of former director Chet Moore at its April 17 meeting.

Moore's resignation will go into effect on June 17, he is currently on administrative leave.

Assistant to the board Jeanne Lear told board member that finding a director for the social ser-

vices department may be as difficult as finding a health services director.

"Once again we may be looking for someone who is hard to find," she said. "It has to be someone who can administer and someone who can take on a case load."

The board approved advertising through Merit Systems, which is recognized as a statewide recruiting resource.

Board Chairman John Brissenden and Lear are acting as the department heads until someone is hired.

Moore resigned after a review

of the department was ordered by supervisors in response to protests over the firing of social worker Brent Gardner.

After a closed personnel session, supervisors issued a statement saying Moore would be offered the opportunity to resign until April 16 and that he would be placed on 60 day paid administrative leave.

In other action, a bill before the California Legislature to regionalize vital services is being opposed by the board of supervisors.

According to Larry Busby of the Central Sierra Planning

Council, there is a good chance AB 4242 could pass the legislature.

The bill would remove authority over transportation and other regional issues from counties and place it under a special regional government.

In the case of Alpine County, the board, which is also the local transportation committee would give that power up and the state and federal monies that funds it.

Busby said many counties oppose the bill because they see it as a threat to their authority.

The bill is the result of the feel-

ing in Sacramento that local governments are not addressing regional problems.

It would form a regional committee which would take over air and water quality, transportation, solid waste management and other regional issues from city, county and special districts.

The 11-member committee would consist of six elected members, two members from cities, two members from counties and one from the special districts.

•Approved a rate hike requested by Douglas Disposal and set a public hearing and first reading

for a second rate hike for Tuesday, May 15.

Supervisors approved a \$3 per ton rate increase for the Markleeville-Woodfords area and will consider an additional \$12 per ton fee at the public hearing.

For a residential customer with two cans, both rate hikes would increase service from \$9.10 to \$10.71.

The \$3 rate increase was due to a Nevada law which added a surcharge on out of state garbage. The \$12 increase is to pay for shutting down the Douglas County Landfill.

# Missing Alpine County hikers located safe

Record Courier 5-3-90

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

Three people reported lost Sunday night were located safe and sound Monday morning.

According to the Alpine County Sheriff's Department, LeAnn Burkwell, 25, her 45-year-old father and his 45-year-old girlfriend set out Sunday morning

under clear skies and light clothing.

The three were hiking through Boneyard Canyon to the Carson River when a sudden snow storm struck.

They lost their way in the storm, but found the Carson River where canoers gave them shelter and warm clothing.

Burkwell, a Diamond Valley

Elementary School teacher, was reported missing Sunday night, and more than 12 searchers went into the field to locate them.

The CareFlight helicopter located them along the Carson River and airlifted them out Monday morning. None were hurt. Burkwell was back teaching her first-grade class in Diamond Valley on Tuesday.

# Waiting for a nibble

Record Courier 5-6-90



Ryan Sturges, left, and Josh Howy of Modesto, Calif. wait for a bite on the East Fork of the Carson River Sunday. Saturday marked the annual opening day for trout streams throughout the

Sierra. Every year, Sturges and Howy and their families make the annual trip to the river near Markleville to try their luck. R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch

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# Obituaries

Record Courier

5-13-90

Graveside services were held Saturday at Woodfords Cemetery for Minden native Josephine B. Burbank, 60, who died Wednesday at Washoe Regional Medical Center in Reno.

She was born in Minden Feb. 7, 1930 and had lived in Markleeville for the past 20 years, coming from Vallejo, Calif., and Nixon, Nev.

Mrs. Burbank was a homemaker. She was a member of the Senior Citizens Center in Dresslerville.

Survivors include an adopted son, Allen Brown, of Yerington; and four nieces.

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

# Alpine County considers hiring fish coordinator

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

Complaints about where fish are planted every spring may result in the hiring of a fish coordinator by Alpine County.

According to Leonard Turnbeaugh, chairman of the county Fish and Game Commission, a proposal to hire a fish planing coordinator was brought up by the Markleeville Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber offered to pay up to half the cost of hiring the coordinator according to chamber president Dave Kirby.

"We had a discussion concerning the hiring of a fish planting coordinator, and we wanted to bring it to the board," he said.

Elwood Davis, who planted the fish this year, told board members at their May 1 meeting that he was tired of taking flak everytime he

plants fish.

"The fish are for everyone, not just businesses," he said at the last meeting. "I don't like to have to take this flak. I've had a bellyfull."

Fish and Game Commission member Bud Moll said he felt the fish had to be evenly distributed.

"Markleeville and Woodfords are not the center of the county," he said. "It is not right to dump a load of fish in a small segment of the West and East Carson Rivers."

When supervisors asked whether fish and game money could be used to pay the other half of the proposed fish coordinator's salary, Turnbeaugh said he didn't know.

"We might not be able to use fish and game funds for planting," he said.

Between 15 and 18 tons of fish are planted in Alpine County waterways a year.

Moll told supervisors he did not

feel the county needed a paid assistant.

"What we need is help," he said.

In other business supervisors:

•Waived the first reading of an ordinance allowing a rate hike for Douglas Disposal.

The company requested a 14.26 percent rate increase to pass along a \$12 per ton tipping fee to its customers in Markleeville and Woodfords.

The rate increase is set for adoption at the board's June 5 meeting.

•The board will hold a meeting in Bear Valley May 31 to discuss its loss of a lawsuit to Bear Valley Auto Park which will force the district to triple the amount it will have to spend to condemn the property.

According to board counsel Henry Murdock, a jury found the

property was worth \$379,000 instead of the \$130,00 the county was offering.

Supervisors will discuss whether to continue on with the

condemnation or to bail out at the special meeting.

•Received a request from the Historical Records Commission to consider the lack of smoke detec-

tors and fire alarms in county buildings.

Last year the county decided to wait until the 1990-91 budget to add smoke detectors.

## Indian Creek Reservoir filling up

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

Looking more like a pasture than a lake, Indian Creek Reservoir between Diamond Valley and Markleeville began re-filling this week.

Representatives from the South Tahoe Public Utility District told Alpine County Supervisors that flows of eight cubic feet per second or 16 acre feet will be flowing into the lake after test flows are done.

District counsel John Weidman told supervisors that the district wanted to ensure flows were correct before increasing the flow to fill the reservoir.

"We had to draw it down for maintenance," Weidman said. "Ordinarily this is not much of a problem, but this is the fourth year of drought."

Weidman said the district would bring the lake level up as high as it can this year and should have it at its normal level by next year.

"The drought caused a real need for supply fill water," he said. "It looks like we are going to have to purchase additional water rights to bring the

reservoir up to its required level," Weidman said.

Weidman told board members the district began diverting West Fork Carson River water to the reservoir on Monday.

The water is part of 204 acre feet of water rights acquired from the purchase of Harvey Place.

The district is entering into negotiations to purchase the Schwake Ranch, according to a letter sent to supervisors.

"We are making an effort to get it filled and then get some insurance to prevent it from getting this low again."

Weidman reported to supervisors concerning an effluent spill was reported at Diamond ditch near the Markleeville Airport culvert.

The spill was caused when foreign material clogged the grate at the Airport Road crossing causing the effluent to back up.

Weidman said the district engineer was inspecting the ditch to try to prevent future blockage.

"You can't help but have a spill once in a while," Weidman said. "I hope people continue to report them when they see them."

# Cajun Connection in Alpine

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Bring your tennis shoes or socks to Diamond Valley School in Woodfords tomorrow night at 8 for a rousing dance and concert called the "Cajun Connection" featuring the California Cajun Orchestra.

The orchestra is the only band in California that specializes in authentic traditional French dance music of southwest Louisiana.

Instruments in the band are accordion, guitar, fiddle, drums, bass and rubboard.

Lead players Danny Poullard (accordion) and Suzy Thompson (fiddle) recently appeared in a film about Cajun music by Les Blank.

Poullard and Charlie St. Mary (rubboard) were born in southwest

Louisiana and Thompson received a National Education Association grant to study Cajun music there in the 1980s.

Band members Eric Thompson (guitar), Bill Wilson (bass) and Sam Siggins (drums) learned Cajun music directly from older traditional musicians.

The word Cajun is derived from "Acadian," which was the name for the original French settlers of Nova Scotia.

When the British gained control of the territory in 1755, many were forced from their homes and as a result fled to Louisiana, which at that time was a French possession.

With a great number relocating

in the western portion of Louisiana, many aspects of their French culture remained intact. They were, of course, influenced over the years by other ethnic groups.

The event is sponsored by the Alpine County Arts Commission and funded in part by Alpine County and the California Arts Council. Tickets are available in advance through the arts commission and will be sold at the door.

Refreshments will be offered by the Diamond Valley School Parents Club. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and youths; free for children under 10.

For more information, call (916) 694-ARTS.

# Stargazing scheduled at Sorensen's Resort

5-17-90  
Save the weekend of May 18-20 for an exciting view of the night and early morning star filled sky. Dr. William Straka will offer a late spring astronomy presentation at Sorensen's Resort in Hope Valley on these dates.

Star viewing is scheduled for Friday and Saturday evenings from 9-10 p.m. on May 18 and 19. At 8 p.m. on Saturday only, he will present a slide show entitled "Exploring the Planets" featuring the latest pictures from Uranus and Neptune.

For the more hearty starwatcher, Dr. Straka will offer a special pre-dawn viewing of Mars, Venus, Saturn and the Austin Comet at 4 a.m. on Sunday, May 20, and only by pre-arranged reservation.

Dr. Straka is a scientist from

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Lockheed Research Laboratory and is working on the Manned Mars Mission projected for the years 2020.

He has taught astronomy and physics and has done research on Supernova remnants, low mass stars, evolution and black holes.

Guests are urged to dress warmly and to bring binoculars. Hot drinks will be available at the evening starviewing sessions.

Donations will be accepted and matched by Sorensen's Resort to benefit the Alpine County School Science Program.

Sorensen's is located in Hope Valley, just east of the Highways 88/89 junction. Just 20 miles south of Tahoe or up Highway 88 from Minden.

For more information, call Sorensen's Resort at 694-2203.

## Pleasant Valley Sunday

Record Courier 5-20-90



Signs of spring are certainly apparent in Pleasant Valley near Markleaville. The valley offers a trailhead to the Pacific Crest

Trail and some breathtaking scenery along the way. R-C photo by Guy Clifton

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**ERIE CISNEROS**  
Staff Writer

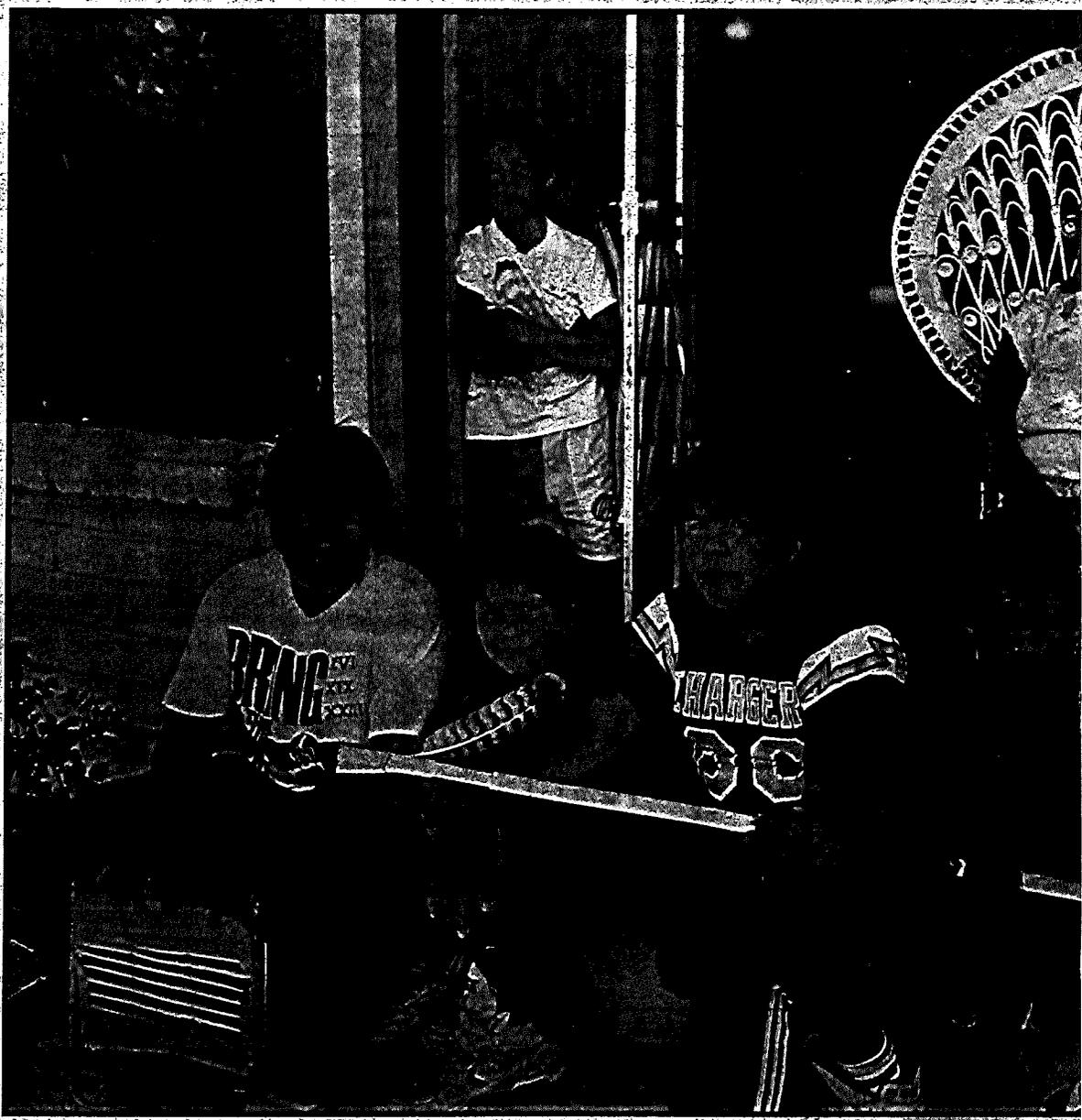
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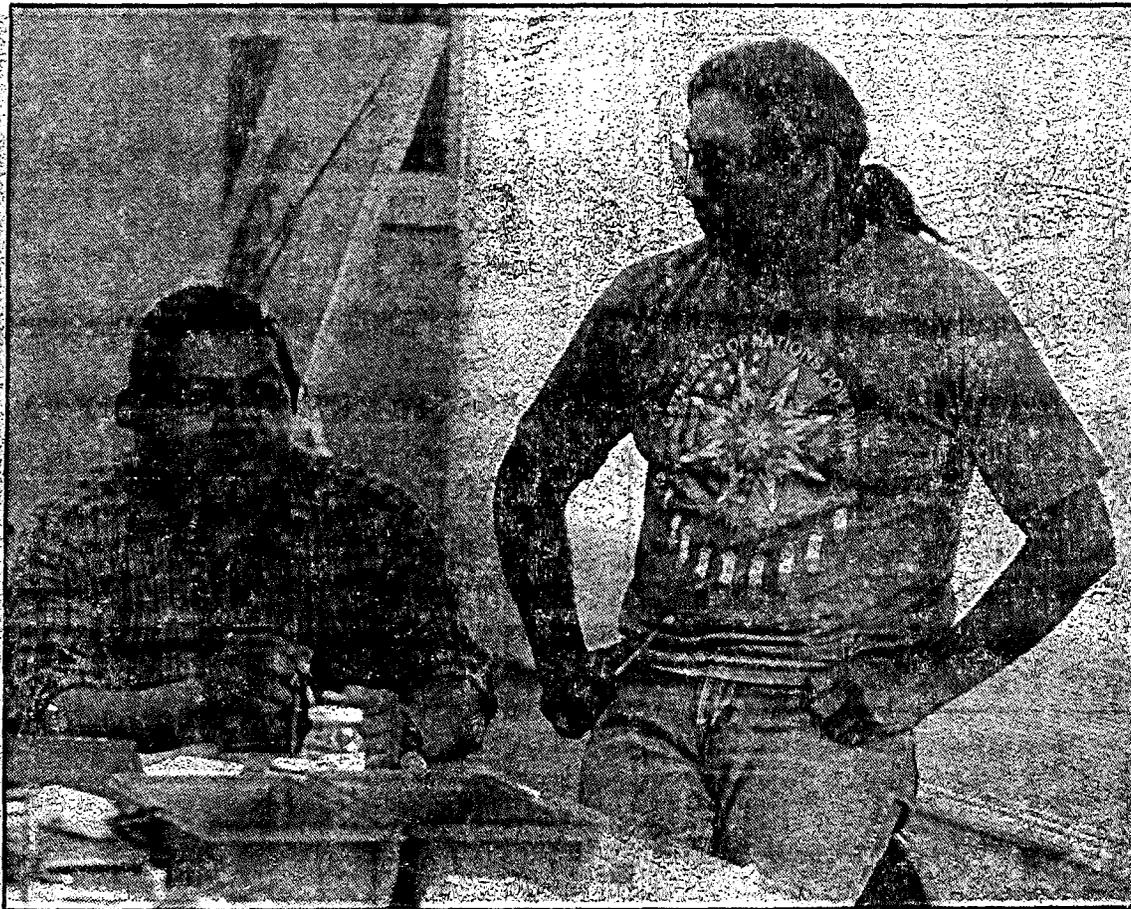
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**WITH AN** eye toward the future, Kevin Jones, right, administrator of the reservation's community center, and his brother Lindsay discuss steps tribal leaders are taking to improve Washoe youths success in schools.

"The old people are set in their ways, so we have to put all our energy towards the kids," he said.

Originally, the Washoe tribe inhabited land around the southern end of Lake Ta-

the Lake Tahoe area leading a government surveying expedition, Col. John C. Fremont observed the Washoes, characterizing them as a peaceful people whose diet included fish and pine nuts.

nally overcame the Washoes, who became the chief labor force for farmers and ranchers in the Carson Valley, where the tribe was shifted.

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American furniture and decorations. One house even has a Nintendo game, therefore, a few youths consider the home the community's entertainment center.

is affectionately called "grandma" by almost all of the reservation's children, whom she sends off and picks up at Diamond Valley Elementary School.

Other Washoes work in nearby communities, but the reservation provides enough security so that some of the Indians don't feel pressured to seek employment. According to Jones, about 75 percent of the adults on the reservation are now working.

"Those who don't have cars, don't have jobs," said Pete.

During the winter, Kirkwood Ski Resort employs 20 or so tribe members in various maintenance positions, said Jones, who was able to obtain a bus to transport the workers to the resort on a daily basis.

To buy gas, food and supplies, the Hung A Lel Ti have to travel to Gardnerville.

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**D**inah Pete, 50, is grateful to be living on the reservation. Born on the nearby Christiansen Camp, she recalls growing up in poverty conditions without the conveniences of running water, electricity or plumbing. Despite her complaints that the homes of the Hung A Lel Ti are made of cheap materials and have thin roofs and walls, she appreciates the government assistance that allowed her to buy her home for \$25,000.

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# Sierra Scene

## Trying to focus on

By LISA MARIE CISNEROS  
Tribune Staff Writer

**D**espite a history of disappointment for local American Indians whose ancestors were displaced from the fertile land they inhabited around Lake Tahoe, the Hung A Lel Ti band of the Washoe tribe, living in the dry, desolate, Alpine County valley known as the Woodfords Reservation, is focusing on the future.

"The past is the past; it's too late to do anything about that. The children, they are what is positive about this place. It's the things that these people are doing in this educational center," Kevin Jones, administrator of the reservation's community center, said of the facility's new learning program.

Improving the Washoes' way of life has been an ongoing process for Jones, who is vice chairman of the Washoe tribal council. Organized in 1966, the council exists today to oversee the special interests of the Woodfords, Carson City, Dresslerville, Reno-Sparks Colony and other Washoe reservations. One of the council's primary objectives is to improve relations with local school districts to improve the attendance, achievement, and therefore the future of Washoe students.

One result of these efforts is the recognition program for American Indians recently installed in the Diamond Valley School District.

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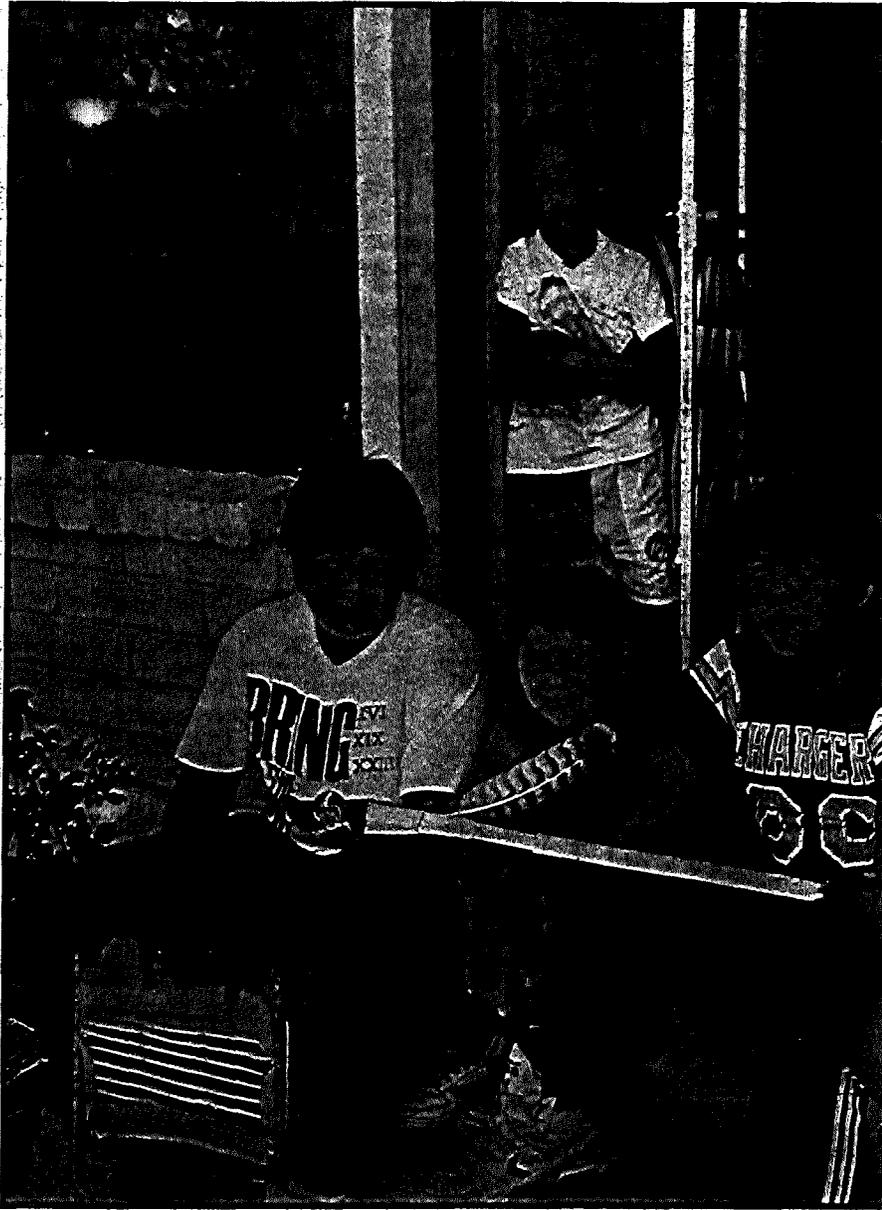
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Tahoe Basin, signaling an end

President Mobutu Sese Seko has offered reassurances that he will not reverse his surprise decision to convert the Central African nation to a multiparty system.

In a message to the National Assembly, he promised political reforms announced April 24 would proceed, but warned he would not tolerate disorder.

The Zairean leader, who has held absolute power since 1965,

mandated a Western-style democracy.

At least 23 people were slain, most of them looters, according to officials. At least 34 students were detained.

The Bembas, Zambia's biggest tribe, wield most economic, political and military power, but like other Zambians many have become disenchanted with rising unemployment, steep inflation and top-level corruption.

## Focusing

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Some vendors, including an ice cream truck and frozen food seller, have recently included the reservation in their rounds.

For the most part, Jones said the reservation is built to capacity because there isn't enough employment to support more people.

The reservation is miles away from the nearest creek, where the band's youths enjoy swimming. Fortunately, the area has plenty of willows, from which some Washoes strip the bark to weave into baskets, a craft the Washoes have perfected.

With the exception of a few

green lawns that grow on imported soil, yards in the reservation are rocky and weed-ridden patches of clay-like dirt.

"On the whole 80 acres, there's about 12 trees," said Lindsay Jones, Kevin's brother. "We probably got the worst piece of land around here."

Calling it a "rock pile," the bitterness of centuries-old grief about the plight of the American Indian is evident in Lindsay's remarks. He explained that his people negotiated with the federal government for the Turtle Rock Park area, but the Fish & Game Department interceded, arguing that a reservation would damage the deer habitat.

"So obviously the deer came first," he said.

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## 4 Carson student hikers found unharmed

By PATT QUINN-DAVIS  
Appeal Staff Writer

Four junior high students and their counselor spent a long night in close to winter conditions high in the mountains north of the Grover Hot Springs area Saturday after becoming lost during a school outing.

The group of Eagle Valley Junior High School students, between 12 and 15 years old, were found un-

harmed about 11 a.m. Sunday on a wooded 9,000-foot mountain near Burnside Lake northwest of Markleeville in Alpine County.

They were a part of a group of 30 students from the junior high school who went on the school-supervised trip.

Alpine County Sheriff's Department Dispatcher Garth McCormack said the four students and their counselor, Warren Wish, went hiking about 11 a.m. to Burnside Lake,

northwest of Grovers Hot Springs. They were scheduled to return at 1:30 p.m.

Assistant Principal Wally Keller, who participated in the outing, said Wish's group got lost after it forged ahead of other groups of slower students on the hike to Burnside Lake. Wish was unavailable to comment on his weekend because he is in a daylong meeting.

He said the first four miles of trails to the lake were well-

defined, but the last mile was through green meadow grass that does not leave an adequate trail.

He said Wish's group lost its way because of a forked area in a stream the group erroneously followed when trying to return to the rest of their party.

The larger group of students eventually returned to the bus to wait for Wish's group, Keller said. When it didn't return, an area ranger's station was notified. The 25 students

were sent back to Carson City while teacher Kathy Kellie waited for Wish and his students to return, Keller said.

The Sheriff's Office began a search after being contacted about 5:15 p.m. and the search began, Dispatcher McCormack said.

The search Saturday continued until 2 a.m. Sunday with no luck, McCormack said. The search resumed again at 6 a.m. Sunday.

Alpine County Search and Rescue

Coordinator David Fontana said he searched by horse until late Saturday. The terrain is very rough, with thick forests and huge boulders in the area. Snow was also reported in the Burnside Lake area Saturday.

It was a whistle from one of the lost hikers that finally alerted rescue groups to their location Sunday morning, Fontana said.

The group was found safely in a "very wooded area with steep ter-

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## Found

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rine," Fontana said. They survived the ordeal "extremely well," sheltering themselves under a large rock and gathering plenty of wood to burn.

They were equipped to survive two or three days in the wilderness, and had set up a system for each in the group to whistle each half hour, Fontana said.

Alpine County refused to release the names of the students because they are juveniles.

Fontana said getting lost hiking is easier than many believe, especially this time of year. He said trails are thick with pine needles and other debris that can obscure an otherwise clear path. Usually hikers get

lost when they try to explore new areas and get off the trails. Then they get "turned around," he said, and can't find the trail that is obscure anyway.

"Be prepared for the worst" when hiking, Fontana advises, and make sure packs are well-equipped.

Several groups converged on the area to search for the five, Dispatcher McCormack said, including the U.S. Forest Service, Douglas County Search and Rescue, Carson City Search and Rescue and Alpine County Search and Rescue. Several "Woof" groups of search dogs were pressed into service, and Stead airport sent three helicopters to help, he said.

None of the students suffered injuries, Fontana said.

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### **Lost students found safe**

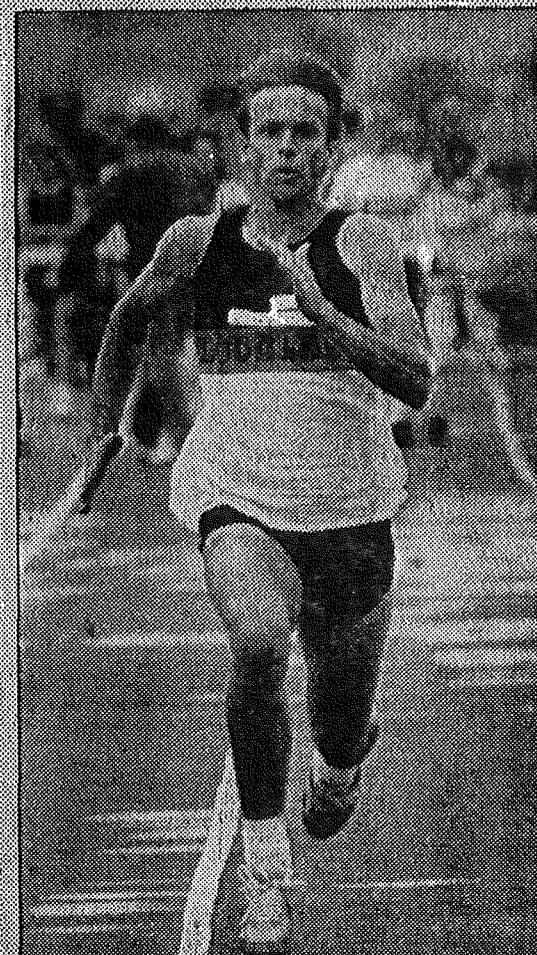
**CARSON CITY** — Four local junior high students and their counselor were found safe Sunday after being lost overnight in wintry weather near Grover Hot Springs.

The students were found on a wooded, 9,000-foot mountain near Burnside Lake, northwest of Markleeville in Alpine County, Calif..

The students and Eagle Valley Junior High counselor Warren Wish were part of a group of 30 students. They got lost after forging ahead of slower students hiking to Burnside Lake.

Snow was reported in the area on Saturday as a late-season storm moved through the region. But authorities said the lost students and counselor found shelter under a large rock and were able to build a campfire.

## Top Tigers



The Douglas High 1,600-meter relay team of (from the left here) Jon Danckwerth, John Arnold, Jason Deem and Ryan Griffis ran to second place in a school record time at the Nevada AAA state track and field championships Saturday night in Las Vegas, a performance which made the quartet the school's final Athlete of the Week recipients of the spring season. The Tigers crossed the finish in a time of 3:28.4 with Arnold running a 51.1 leadoff split, followed by Deem (52.3), Danckwerth (53.4) and Griffis (51.8). This was the fourth time Arnold has received the Warren Reid Insurance-sponsored Athlete of the Week award in 1989-90 — he was honored once in soccer and twice in basketball. R-C photos

## Alpine seeking information about illegal tire dumping

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

Alpine County authorities are seeking information in connection with the dumping of 150-200 tires and rims at the south end of the Markleeville Airport.

According to Transportation Director Leonard Turnbeaugh, the tires were discovered early last week and tire tracks leading away from the tires indicated a dual-wheel van truck may have been used to move the tires.

Turnbeaugh said someone else left two 55-gallon drums containing used crank-case oil along

Diamond Valley Road right next to the Carson River in a second incident.

California and federal law requires the county test to tell what is in the substance before it can remove the drums.

Fortunately, neither of the drums were leaking and none of the oil was spilled.

"This could have been worse, especially if the barrels contained any toxic substances," Turnbeaugh said. "We had to have someone come down to test for what was in the drums and then have them pick it up."

Turnbeaugh said the county

spent nearly \$1,000 to get the two drums removed.

"The bad part is that the oil could have been gotten rid of legally for free," he said. "If they brought it in (to the county transportation unit), it wouldn't have cost us near as much."

Turnbeaugh estimated the whole amount could have been disposed of for \$25.

The Alpine County Road Department will probably have to clean up the tires and rims, too, Turnbeaugh said.

Anyone with information about either incident should contact the Alpine County Sheriff's Office.



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Tribune photo by Taylor Flynn

CHRIS CURTIS of Kirkwood chains up his car near the summit of Carson Pass Wednesday, as an ambulance carrying victims of a collision between a car and livestock truck rushes by.



OFF AND RUNNING: A field of 167 participated in last year's Carson Valley 10-K Run, and race organizers are hoping for an even better turnout Saturday when the third annual event which will start and finish at the Carson Valley Inn. The 6.2-mile race, a benefit for Douglas High athletics, will start at 10 a.m. Debbi Waldéar of Kirkwood (No. 129 here) has been the women's winner the last two years. R-C file photo by Chris Tumbusch

*(Linda Mantynen to left + behind #136)*

## Carson Valley 10-K Saturday

# Defending champs expected back

by DAVE PRICE  
Sports editor

It's said the third time is a charm. If so, keep an eye on Debbi Waldear when the gun goes off at the third annual Carson Valley 10-K Saturday in Minden.

Waldear has been the runaway women's winner in the Minden race each of the last two years with times regarded as fast regardless of gender. She finished first among the women and 10th overall last year in a time of 38:04, breaking her own course record of 39:47 from the previous year.

A 10 a.m. start is scheduled for a single-loop race that starts and finishes at the Carson Valley Inn.

Late registration will be taken Saturday morning. The entry fee is \$15, which includes the race, a souvenir T-shirt and admission to the post-race party.

Medals will be award to the top three

finishes in six men's and women's age categories and special plaques will be awarded to the fastest male and female overall.

A turnout in the range of 150 to 180 runners is predicted by race coordinator Bill Henderson of the Carson Valley Inn. Last year's event attracted 167.

The race, co-sponsored by the Carson Valley Inn, Gardnerville and Carson City Fleet Feet stores, KGVM Radio and The Record-Courier, raised an estimated \$600 for Douglas High athletics last year.

Mariane Zerebko, last year's runner-up in 41:02, is also expected back for the race, as is Linda Mantynen of Woodfords, who finished fifth last year.

Mantynen, 41, is coming off a strong showing this past weekend at the Pacific Sun 10-K in Kentfield, Calif., where she turned a time of 38:25 to place second in the women's masters division behind Laurie Binder.

First place on the men's side appears

to be an issue that is more wide-open.

Lake Tahoe resident Andy Takaha is the defending champion, having won last year's race in a time of 34:55 that was respectable considering the stiff head wind runners had to battle over the two-mile homestretch. The course record of 32:10 by Rich McCandless in 1988 was also set in rain and wind.

Takaha intends to be at the starting line Saturday, although by his own admission, he isn't in top form.

"This will be my first race since August. I hurt my achilles at the Tahoe relays last year; I tried to run through it, but I got so discouraged I finally said to heck with it," said Takaha, whose best time is 31:50 for the 6.2-mile distance.

"I still have a long way to go; maybe if I lose 15 pounds in the next five days I'll be ready to run a good race Saturday," he added.

The men's race was a close one last year, with 33 seconds separating the top

five finishers. Tim Minor finished second in 35:00, five seconds out of first.

Takaha's training mate, Tim Powell, finished fifth in that race and is coming off a second-place effort of 35:35 earlier this month at the South Lake Tahoe Fleet Feet anniversary run. Powell's personal best for 10 kilometers is 31:18.

Craig Wanner was fourth at last year's Carson Valley 10-K, but the 33-year-old Gardnerville man improved over the summer to post a 10-K time of 32:06 at the Lunar Lunacy Run in Gardnerville. He also ran a lifetime best of 2 hours, 32 minutes and 37 seconds at Sacramento's prestigious California International Marathon in December.

One expected entrant to keep an eye on is Kevin Buscay. The former Douglas High distance ace who now runs for the University of Nevada, Reno, is easily capable of challenging the 32:10 course record given the right weather conditions and good competition.

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# People

## 1890: Bridge falls in river

100 YEARS AGO

May 30, 1890

Genoa Courier

**ACCIDENT.** Last Monday morning, as Lewis Vallen was driving Robt. A. Trimmer's team across Markleeville Creek of that town, the bridge fell into the stream, it having been damaged by the high water. Chas. Grover was on the wagon with Vallem and both of the young men were thrown headlong into the water. The horses managed to reach the bank with the front wheels of the wagon and ran away. The remain-

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der of the wagon and the load of provisions and tools, which the boys were taking to Trimmer's wood camp, were washed downstream. The boys reached the shore in safety after a hard struggle with the mad waters.

## Smith, Waldear win Valley 10-K

The third annual Carson Valley 10-K drew 146 racers to the Carson Valley Inn yesterday morning.

Top overall winners in the 6.2 mile race were Tracy Smith, 45, of Bishop, Calif., with a time of 34:11 in the men's division, and, for the third time in a row, Debbi Waldear, 40, of Kirkwood was the first woman finisher with a time of 38:45.

Tim Powell, 29, of South Lake Tahoe was second with a time of 35:06; B. Lee Hurren, 25, of Carson City was third at 35:53.

Other top finishers were Guillermo Sanche, 35, Sparks, 35:59; John Cobourn, 43, Zephyr Cove, 36:00; Tim Sullivan, 38, Reno, 37:21; Terry Tubbs, 43, South Lake Tahoe, 38:11; Marc Reynolds, 42, Fallon, 38:32; Scott Smith, 35, Gardnerville, 38:47.

Women's second place was won by Connie Comiso, 34, of Honolulu, with a time of 39:50 and women's third place went to Linda Mantynen, 41, of Markleeville, with a time of 40:22.

The event is co-sponsored by the inn, the Carson City and Carson Valley Fleet Feet stores, The Record-Courier and KGVM with all profits going to Douglas High School Athletics.

Complete results will appear in Thursday's R-C.

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# Alpine County voters go to polls Tuesday

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

Record Courier  
6-3-90

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According to County Clerk Karen Keebaugh, none of the seven nonpartisan county offices up for election are being sought by more than two candidates.

The offices of District 1 supervisor, auditor-controller and sheriff are being contested.

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The only way any of the contested county elections would appear on the general ballot in November is if there is a tie, otherwise the elections will be final.

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Assistant Sheriff Henry C. "Skip" Veatch and supervisor John Bennet will square off for Alpine County Sheriff. Current sheriff, Larry Kuhl is retiring.

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Voters will also wade through a collection of 17 ballot initiatives.

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# Carson water storage tops Alpine agenda

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by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

The fate of water rights formerly belonging to the Dressler family ranch will be discussed in Alpine County Tuesday morning.

The Alpine County Board of Supervisors will discuss possible litigation over an attempt by an Colorado company to divert water rights from the Carson River into storage.

Aqueduct I's plan to divert water rights from the Carson River into storage will be discussed by supervisors.

The company has filed with the Nevada State Engineer to transfer 4,632.3 acre feet of irrigation water rights into Mud Lake Reservoir.

The board will also discuss an ordinance banning the sales of disposable baby diapers in Alpine County.

The ban was introduced by supervisor Eric Jung as part of an overall attempt by the county to protect the environment.

It was introduced during the approval of a resolution to study solid waste in Alpine County.

Jung said the resolution was a response to a conference by the Local Government Commission, which is offering assistance to design and implement solid waste controls.

Jung said the commission is offering selected communities up to 50 hours of consultant time to determine methods of recycling solid waste.

While California laws requires counties to revise their solid waste management plans to establish a 20 percent recycling goal and a network of local recycling centers, Jung said the state would probably not require Alpine County to comply in full, but that the county

should try to comply anyway.

In other business:

- The second reading and consideration of adoption for an increase in rates for Douglas Disposal in Woodfords and Markleeville will be held.

- Supervisors will discuss a resolution approving the purchase of property for the construction of the new Markleeville fire station.

- The board will discuss setting final budget hearings for July 18, 19 and 20.

- About 75 people attended a special meeting of the Alpine County Supervisors in Bear Valley Thursday.

Board and gallery members discussed the ramifications of a jury decision on the condemnation of a parking lot by the county.

On May 2 a jury said the Bear Valley Auto Park was worth nearly three times more than the county offered as fair value for the

property.

According to board counsel Henry Murdock, a jury found the property was worth \$379,000 instead of the \$130,00 the county was offering.

The board has until June 21 to decide whether it will pursue the condemnation procedure or walk away.

According to board assistant Jeanine Lear, supervisor Eric Jung proposed that the local County Service Area purchase the parking lot.

Two committees were formed to study buying the parking lot, one made up of members of the CSA, local businesses and community members and another made up of Jung and Murdock to negotiate the price and payment schedule for the auto parks.

Lear said the board will have to come to a decision at its June 19 meeting.

# Few challengers in Alpine County races

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Tribune News Service

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## Alta Alpina cycling events set

The Alta Alpina cycling club will continue its summer calendar of activities with a pair of fun rides this weekend.

A group ride is scheduled Saturday, starting at 10 a.m. from the Carson Valley Swim Center.

Sunday, cyclists are invited to try the Tour DeGroan, a 60-mile ride that includes passage over Luther Pass and Kingsbury Grade.

The ride starts at 9 a.m. from the Lakeside Casino at Stateline.

The club's Wednesday night race series will continue June 13 with a time trial through Jacks Valley. A 6 p.m. start is scheduled from the intersection of U.S. 395 and Jacks Valley Road.

The Alta Alpina club is also gearing up for the ninth annual Tour of the California Alps — the

Death Ride, which it co-sponsors along with the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce. The Death Ride is scheduled for July 14.

Another event on the local cycling calendar is a four-day mountain bike tour of Hope Valley being offered by Sorensen's Resort on June 24-27.

For information on the tour, call Sorensen's at (916) 694-2203.

## Sorensen's offers watercolor class

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Sorensen's Resort is again offering two watercolor classes in spring and fall, conducted by accomplished artist "Lady" Jill Mueller.

They are planned for June 11-15 and Sept. 25-29.

The class is designed for the hearty artist/adventurer with some experience. Mueller will take participants into the high country to capture the budding High Sierra spring and the spectacular colors of fall in Hope Valley.

Both times of the year offer a

variety of natural landscape to the artistic eye, from lakes and streams to high mountain meadows and snow covered peaks, said Sorensen's John Brissenden.

An award-winning artist, Mueller has been painting since 1977 and teaching since 1981. Primary focus for her paintings are Mono Lake, Yosemite, Nevada landscapes, Mammoth and Hope Valley.

The week-long seminars include daily painting on location and two evening classes. Each

course is \$195 with a required deposit of \$95 to register for the seminar.

A three-day class will be available for \$125.

Lodging and meals are available at Sorensen's Resort, a historic settlement with 22 cabins and three bed-and-breakfast units on Highway 88, just south of Lake Tahoe and 14 miles east of Kirkwood.

For more information, or to register for the watercolor workshop, call Sorensen's, (916) 694-2203.

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# Incumbents run strong in Alpine County races

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

Incumbents dominated the Alpine County elections Tuesday.

Supervisor Donald Jardine and Auditor Barbara Ryan both retained their positions in the primary election which saw participation from 72 percent of the registered voters in the county.

Nearly 500 of the 677 voters registered in the county cast ballots in the California primary election.

However, for county-wide offices, Tuesday's contest was it.

Most of the county seats were unopposed, but there were three races, for supervisor, auditor and to fill retiring Sheriff Larry Kuhl's seat.

Barbara Ryan won her fifth term as auditor when she defeated challenger Assistant Auditor Marilyn McKenzie, 304-161, and Jardine defeated businessman George Kralik of Markleeville, 100-42.

The race for sheriff's office saw assistant sheriff Henry Veatch

defeat supervisor John Bennett, 317-144.

Veatch said he thought it had been a clean race.

"I'm glad there was no mud-slinging," he said. "I didn't say anything bad about John and I didn't hear him say anything bad about me."

Bennett said he thought it had been a good fight and the two men shook hands after the final results were announced.

McKenzie said she enjoyed running for office.

"I really enjoyed the experience," she said. "I'll be back in four years."

Ballots from five precincts were counted by 11:30 p.m. County Clerk Karen Keebaugh said she was pleased with the turnout.

Most of the bond issues were narrowly defeated in Alpine County, with only the state \$800 million school facilities bond act which would provide capital outlay for the construction of schools passing. However proposition 123 only passed by 34 votes.

Most of the law and order propositions sailed past the voters including a measure to expand the definition of peace officer for imposing the death penalty and a measure to limit the constitutional rights of a defendant to those offered in the federal constitution.

A gas tax measure that will go to reduce traffic congestion by building state highways failed in Alpine County by 17 votes, 216-233.

Alpine County Democrats approved Dianne Feinstein and Republicans approved Senator Pete Wilson to run for governor in November.

In the unopposed races David Peets for assessor, Edwin V. Schalbert for constable, Karen Keebaugh for county clerk, Henry G. Murdock for district attorney and James Parsons, Ed.D. for superintendent of schools were all approved.

Justice Court Judge Thomas M. Kelly and Superior Court Judge J. Hilary Cook were also approved.

Statewide elections will be held in November.

# Disposable diaper ban put on hold in Alpine County

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

The battle to ban disposable diapers was placed on hold Tuesday, however Alpine County Supervisors approved a resolution asking store owners not to sell them.

Meanwhile County Counsel Hank Murdock was directed to check with the California Attorney General's office on the legality of the ban.

Murdock recommended the board not approve the ban since it would be unenforceable.

"This is a noble idea," he said. "But I don't recommend the board try to regulate interstate commerce."

Murdock expressed doubts that the board could implement an ordinance that banned the sale of a legal commodity.

While supervisors agreed that it would be a good idea to wait on the attorney general's opinion,

ordinance sponsor Eric Jung said the passage of the resolution would not stop his campaign against the diapers.

"This is the wimpiest kind of solution," he said. "What is a resolution going to do? It is going to go out to the store owners and end up in the same landfill as the diapers."

Jung said he will bring the issue back once the county has a response from the attorney general's office.

"I will bring it back here if we don't hear something soon," he said. "I don't want to see us just hold up a sign."

Mike Berry, President of Kirkwood, said most of the disposable diapers in Alpine County are coming from outside the county.

He said most of the sales out of the Kirkwood General Store are on an emergency basis.

Berry suggested that supervisors consider a more general poli-

cy that includes other environmentally sensitive items.

He said one thing that ought to go are styrofoam cups.

"If you are going to address the problem, do it in a larger area, so we don't stutter-step and take a direction that doesn't solve the problem," Berry said.

One thing the county should do, according to Berry, is negotiate with Amador County on garbage pickup from Ione.

He said Kirkwood was going to begin to separate garbage, but that it didn't make much sense to separate the garbage if it all goes into one truck.

"It is silly for us to separate garbage into three separate receptacles and then have one truck from Ione pick it all up," he said.

"We have a mandate to clean up the environment," Berry told supervisors, "and if we don't get it through, we are inherently corrupt."

In other environmental action,

supervisors also discussed the acquisition of the Dressler water rights by Aqueduct I.

The Colorado-based company purchased the water rights to the Dressler family ranch.

The company has filed with the Nevada State Engineer to transfer 4,632.3 acre feet of irrigation water rights into Mud Lake Reservoir.

Board counsel Murdock said the company is seeking to sell the water rights to a municipality.

"Right now we don't have a handle on how to prevent this,"

Murdock said. "A private owner has properly transferred the water rights to a new owner. Once you sell someone a car, you can't tell them what to do with it."

Two incidents of illegal dumping may prompt Alpine County to establish its first secret witness fund.

Director of Transportation Leonard Turnbeaugh told board members that it cost the county nearly \$1,000 to clean up nearly 500 old wheels and tires and another \$1,000 to have two drums filled with crankcase oil checked

and removed.

"To legally dispose of the tires it would have cost them \$88," Turnbeaugh told supervisors. He estimated it would have cost the people who left the two 55-gallon drums of oil a stone's throw from the bank of the Carson River \$25 to dispose of it legally.

Sheriff Larry Kuhl expressed his support for a secret witness program. "These programs have been successful," he said.

However, the program is probably too late to deal with the dumping that inspired it.

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# Indian students recognized with special dinner

by JOYCE HOLLISTER  
Staff Writer

Honored guests at a special dinner in Dresslerville were the young and the old.

The young were the high school students of the Washoe Tribe who have stayed in school this year. The old were the elders of the tribe.

It was the first of what organizers hope will be an annual event, the Indian High School Recognition Dinner, held May 30. Every year, the tribe gives recognition to students, and until this year the elementary, middle and high school students were honored together.

"We decided to give special attention to the high school," said Washoe Tribe's education counselor Sherry Smokey. "We really need to encourage that age group — and they got some good encouragement from the speakers."

Awards were also given to the students, and outstanding students from Woodfords, Carson Valley and Carson City were given certificates and a gift.

The 1990 outstanding Indian students were Lawanda Fred of Woodfords, Clint Wyatt of Gardnerville, and Victor Richard

and Jeanne Rivera of Carson City. Fred and Wyatt are Douglas High School students.

The idea for the dinner came from Winnie Mendivil, the American Indian Liaison at Diamond Valley School in Alpine County.

Guest speakers were Washoe Tribal Chairman Vernon Wyatt and his wife Maxine, Douglas High School Principal Hal Butler and his wife Vickie, Superintendent of Alpine County schools Jim Parsons and the tribe's new drug and alcohol abuse counselor Norme Delorme, who gave the invocation.

Parents of the students were invited, and special guests were tribal elders Velma Jones, Joanne Martinez and Theresa Jackson.

Afterwards, the high school boys went over to where Hal Butler was sitting, and thanked him for coming.

"We were very proud of our high school boys to take the initiative. It was a very adult thing to do, to shake his hand and thank him," Smokey said.

"You know," Smokey added, "many of these kids think nobody cares."

Butler said later that he is pleased to see the direction the Tribe is taking — that of focusing



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CLINT WYATT

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on the importance of education.

"They emphasize the balance of keeping their heritage that they have and being involved in the general society," he said. "I think the emphasis of getting the best of both cultures is the direction that's really going to change the school performance of a lot of Indian students."

"I felt really good about the students who were there. It was well

attended by the current high school students, and there were a lot of students who had accomplished pretty effective work, whether it be classroom or sports. The parental support was really high."

Mendivil said she feels that parental support is crucial for keeping high school students in school.

"Until parents start taking a

more active role, we're never going to be totally successful," she said. "It is the parent they go home to every day. It is the parent who does get up or does not get up (with the student) each morning."

Mendivil was pleased with the outcome of this first dinner.

"I think next year it will be bigger and better. I appreciated the words of Hal Butler and Dr. Parsons."

Mendivil echoed the words of Butler when she said that a balance of both cultures, the Indian heritage and that of the general society, is needed, particularly to combat problems of drug and alcohol abuse among young people.

"There is research that shows when the Indian student is successful in blending his tradition with his education and academics, his alcohol and drug abuse is practically nil," she said.

"If you have an Indian student that totally identifies with the white society, he's going to have a high rate of alcohol abuse, if an Indian is totally into his Indianness, the same thing. If you can blend those two, traditions and culture and education, then the battle to fight drug and alcohol abuse is won."

"That's the example I try to live. Your children and your traditions

and your elders become more important. Everything comes full circle in life."

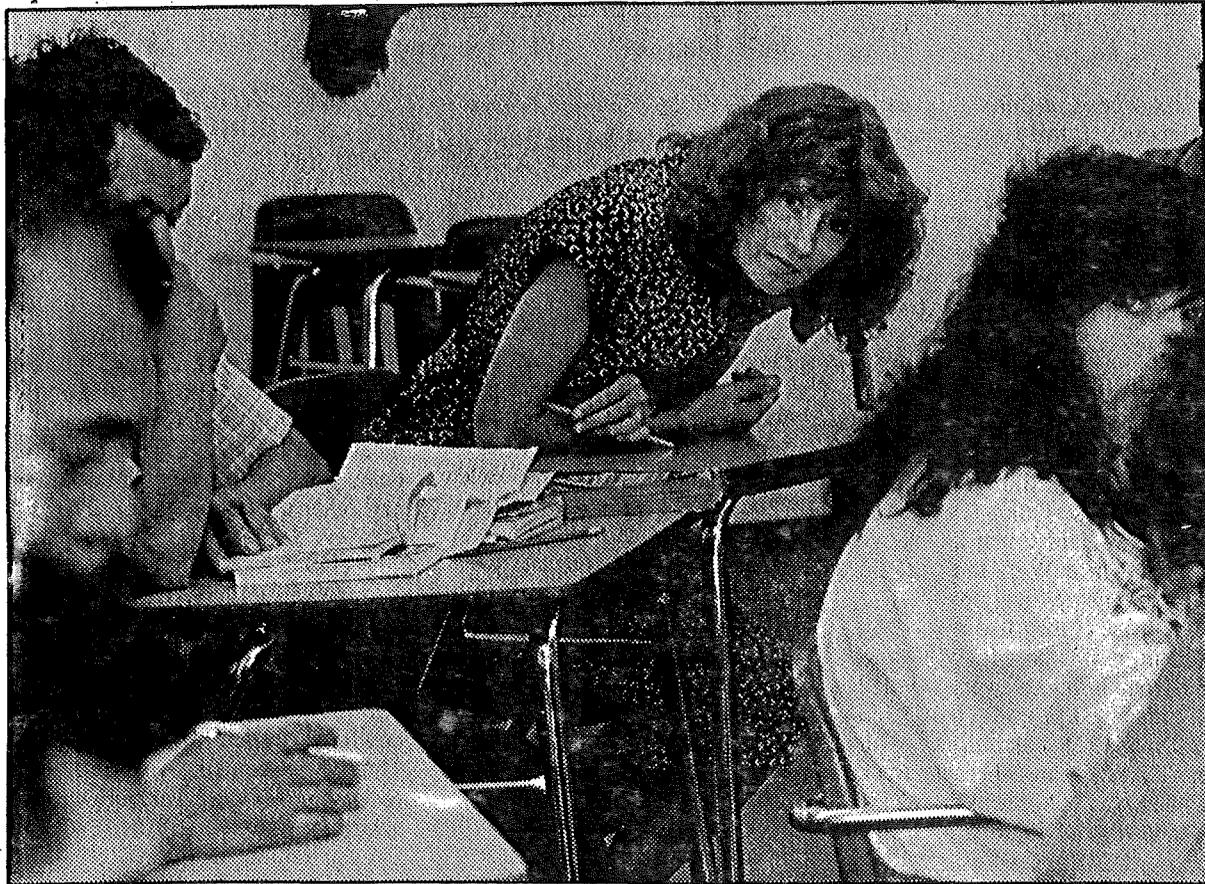
"One of the things I was so impressed with the other night," she added, "a lot of the elders came up to me and said they wouldn't miss this for the world. We need to do more of this."

The dinner was held at the Dresslerville Senior Citizens Center, and the dinner was put on by volunteers Rene Aguilar, Laine Fred and Norma Smokey, who cooked roast beef and decorated the tables with white linen cloths and roses. Seventy people attended the event.

Door prizes donated by local businesses and agencies were also hand out.

Smokey said they would like to thank Sorensen's in Hope Valley, Sierra Pines Resort, Alpine County School District, Woodfords Tribal Council, Sharkey's, McDonalds, Carson Valley Inn and Washoe Tribe Smoke and Gift Shop for their donations.

An Indian Club is forming at Douglas High School for next year, under the direction of Delorme, Mendivil and Smokey, as well as Washoe Tribe probation officer Ed Burns.



# Murphy loves to teach

## Spotlight On Teachers

by CHERYL NAUMANN

"I love teaching after all these years...it is wonderful to be employed at a job you love...I look forward to going to work," says Sunny Murphy, who literally began the special education program at Douglas High School 14 years ago, after having gone to school at the University of Texas and worked both in Texas and Arizona.

Teaching special education to high school students involves the academic areas as well as a new work experience program, providing students with actual "on the job" training.

While students are working, they can receive high school credits and help "prepare themselves for independent living," she said.

Over and above her work at Douglas High School, Sunny also teaches English to Western Nevada Community College students, who consist of adults in the Amnesty program trying to become permanent residents of the U.S.

"I have a good time doing this...it's a lot of fun," she added.

"Everyone should contribute at one time or another," said Sunny, in reference to the Douglas County Professional Education Association. Sunny has given her time as DHS building representative for about "10 years or so." Several years ago, Sunny also served as secretary.

"It's very important to belong to your professional organization," she asserted.

At home in Markleeville, Sunny

loves to play her guitar, especially simple folk tunes and bluegrass music. Sunny belongs to the Northern Nevada Bluegrass Association.

When she is not playing her guitar, Sunny considers herself a "voracious reader" and enjoys cross-country skiing and traveling to Europe, being smitten with Ireland and Scotland.

"I love their music!"

### LAURIE LEE FORBUSCH

"Each school year is always new...I've never had two identical classes," explained Laurie Lee Forbusch, who has taught second grade for 25-1/2 years, including schools in Lemmon Valley and Carson City, and is currently teaching at Jacks Valley Elementary School.

Furthermore, "children's personalities are different...therefore, you have to teach differently to different children," she said.

Because Laurie Lee believes that "children learn best when they're happy," she tries to instill humor in her students. "It takes a lot of spontaneity on my part."

Being a third generation Nevadan, Laurie Lee's "roots" return to Irish immigrant miners who first came to Virginia City

and for a brief time in Yerington, where Laurie Lee was born.

"My dad ran heavy duty equipment in mines," she said.

So Laurie Lee spent a portion of her formative years in small Nevada towns, such as Brucite, Gabbs, and Mina.

"The only traffic problem in Mina was getting run over by burrow," she said.

Since Laurie Lee's grandmothers were teachers, she feels that they provided a strong influence for her to enter the field of education in the first place. Both grandmothers "taught all over Nevada" in one and two room schools.

"Grandma O'Leary was the principal at Hawthorne Elementary School 61 years ago." Moreover, Laurie Lee's mother worked for the state of Nevada in the office of teacher certification.

"Membership in the teacher's association began on my first day of teaching," said Laurie Lee. "I think of the association as a professional organization."

Owning a self-contained 29-foot motorhome provides Laurie Lee some freedom to travel.

"I love to drive my motorhome because you can stop anywhere," she said.

In fact, each summer Laurie Lee drives to her 15-acre farm in southwest Missouri.

Editor's note: Cheryl Naumann writes about teachers in the Douglas County Professional Education Association Newsletter.

AMNESTY CLASSES. Sunny Murphy looks intently at a student during one of the Amnesty classes she conducts at Douglas High School

For details about Murphy's school career, see Spotlight on Teachers. R-C file photo by Chris Tumbusch

# Bad brakes cause cow carrier crash

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

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Two cows were killed on their way to slaughter when a runaway cattle truck overturned Wednesday morning.

The double-decker cattle truck, carrying 24 cows, was west-bound on S.R. 89 when the driver, Robert Hendrick, 38, of Fair Oaks, Calif. stopped to set his brakes.

After making the adjustment, Hendrick started down the other side of the pass heading towards Markleeville when he discovered he had no brakes at all.

According to the California Highway Patrol, Hendrick managed to maintain control of the truck for about five miles, reaching speeds of about 40 mph.

However, when he reached the curving portion of the highway, he realized he would not be able to control the truck and ran it up Loope Canyon Road, an access road for the Curtz and Morningstar Mines, to stop it.

CHP officer Robert Lillywhite said the truck was fine until it stopped because of the side road's uphill grade, but since it had no brakes, the truck began to roll backwards down the hill.

Two of the cattle were killed and one escaped when the truck jackknifed 45 feet from the highway at about 9:30 a.m.

It took CHP troopers and local firefighters until 5 p.m. to get the cows corralled, the truck towed and to clear the area.

Neither Hendrick nor his passenger, Matthew Ouelette, 59, of Suisun City were injured in the accident.

Lillywhite said CHP investigators from Sacramento examined the truck and that Hendrick would be cited for failure to maintain the truck's brakes and the owner of the truck, Valley Livestock, will be cited for failure to maintain equipment.

He said he didn't know what would happen to the dead cows, but that he'd heard the injured ones would be taken to a feedlot and fattened to remove the bruises. Apparently, those that were uninjured went on to slaughter.

## Smith Valley, Markleeville races on tap

*Record Courier 6-21-90*

Area running enthusiasts will have two events to choose from this weekend when the Smith Valley Coyote Chase and Markleeville 10-K are held.

The fourth annual Coyote Chase 5-K and 10-K will be held

Saturday, starting at 8:30 a.m. from Smith Valley High School.

Sunday, the Markleeville 10-K will be held as a benefit for the Alpine County Emergency Medical Team.

The race will start at 9 a.m. from

downtown Markleeville and take runners on a course to Grove Hot Springs and back.

Also coming up, the Douglas County Recreation Department's Lunar Lunacy will be held June 7, at 7:30 p.m. from Lampe Park.

# Water rights transfer may be quashed

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

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6-21-90

A transfer of water rights by a Colorado-based water speculation company may be quashed by state and federal legislation.

At least that is what opponents to the transfer are hoping for.

Aqueduct I, Ltd., a limited private partnership, purchased the water and land rights for the Dressler family ranch in Douglas and Alpine Counties in October.

The company then filed with the Nevada State Engineer to transfer water rights into Mud Lake for storage.

Concerns that the transfer of Carson River water could end up damaging fisheries upstream have spurred Alpine County officials to discuss ways of opposing the transfer.

Alpine County Supervisors heard a report of a meeting held last week with the California Water Board.

Board Chairman John Brissenden requested the Department of Water Resources consult with the Fish and Game Department and the California Attorney General's Office to find a way to stop the transfer.

Brissenden said legislative solutions were also being sought in the federal and state legislatures.

Transportation Director Leonard Turnbeaugh suggested supervisors look into ways of ensuring water rights remain with the land.

Turnbeaugh said the transfer could impact the fisheries in Alpine County, the private property through which the transfer would be made and on irrigation in the county.

"Both the state of Nevada and the state of California should be concerned about this," he said.

In other business:

- Accepted a standard agreement with California Rural Health Services after hearing a report from Doreen Wysocki, program manager for the local health services section.

Wysocki told board members that state legislation which would have given the county a full-time health worker fell through.

County Sanitarian Bob Karrasch's position is currently funded 60 percent.

The county sent letters of support for the legislation which would have increased Karrasch's position to full time in December.

- Approved the purchase of a new defibrillator for the Alpine County emergency medical technicians.

According to Dottie Cohen, an Alpine County EMT, the defibrillator could be used to prevent the death of heart patients in the county.

She cited two cases where the defibrillator could have made a difference.

"A week ago today we answered a call," she told supervisors. "The patient stopped breathing as we arrived. We did everything we could do, it was an almost perfect call, except he died."

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## Alpine approves parking lot purchase

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

The pursuit of parking in Bear Valley led the Alpine County Board of Supervisors to narrowly approve the purchase of two parking lots.

Supervisors cited a lack of parking, especially during ski season.

A survey determined that the area was short 157 parking spaces. The two lots would add 214 spaces.

Four letters of intent have been received by the county from Bear Valley businesses promising to pay part of the cost for the lots.

The rest of the burden will be shouldered by the Bear Valley County Service Area. The service area acts as the area improvement district and its funding comes from the county budget.

Supervisors had to approve purchasing the lots or walk away from the entire deal before today.

Negotiations with the owners of Bear Valley Auto Park parking lots B and C have the price of the two lots down to \$320,000 from the \$379,000 awarded to the com-

pany by a jury during condemnation procedures.

According to board assistant Jeanine Lear, the difference will be acknowledged as a gift to the county for tax purposes.

The county placed fair value of the lots at about \$130,000.

Had supervisors voted to walk away from the condemnation, the county would have had to pay nearly \$120,000 in legal fees.

Markleeville General Store owner Bob Rudden asked the board why the county was still involved in the lots.

"Seems to me a decision was made," he said. "It seems we should cut our losses. You took a roll of the dice and you lost, now you should forget it."

Board Chairman Bob Brissenden pointed out that the west slope of the county pays most of the taxes.

"I would like to point out that 80 percent of the revenue comes from the other side of the mountains," he said, "and 80 percent of the services come right here (Markleeville)."

Markleeville resident Nancy Thornburgh said supervisors

would not be too eager to spend the \$40,000 it loaned to the CSA to make the original purchase if it was their money.

"What would you do if the money was divided up among the supervisors and you had to pay \$8,000 each," she said. "It is a lot different when it is your money."

Supervisor Eric Jung said Bear Valley resident's roads are not plowed because of the amount of snow.

"All we are asking is for the county not to get any further in the way," he said.

However, board member John Bennett expressed fears the county will end up getting stuck with the bill.

"No matter what the property owners say, we are still responsible for the lots," he said.

Bear Valley resident Warren Jang told board member he hoped they would approve the purchase.

"You are going to be confronted with this problem in the future," he said. "In the long haul it will probably be cheaper."

Supervisors approved entering into a stipulated settlement with the auto park owners by one vote,

with supervisors John Bennett and Donald Jardine voting against the proposal.

They also approved forgiving \$40,000 loaned to the Bear Valley County Service Area to cover the original estimated cost of the parking lots.

According to Lear, the service area had \$90,000 saved up in its budget and the county loan was to cover the \$130,000 thought to be needed to pay for the lots.

However, during the April 30 condemnation trial, the jury found the parking lot to be worth about three times what the county estimated. After the vote, Jardine attempted to provide a safety valve so the county can back up should the stipulated settlement be rejected by the judge; but he was assured that the item would return to the board if it falls through.

"It is a hard stretch that a judge would not accept a stipulated settlement," Lear said.

"It's a hard stretch that we are paying this much for five acres," Jardine replied.

Bear Valley is located on the western slope of the Sierra on S.R. 4.

# Plan calls for temporary grazing moratorium

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According to a preliminary plan, released by the department last week, heavy grazing (the traditional use for the land) has had a negative impact on plant species both along the river and in the surrounding meadows.

The wildlife area will cover a 2,840-acre parcel straddling Highways 88 and 89, 12 miles south of South Lake Tahoe.

According to the preliminary plan, the area is to be set aside to protect fish and wildlife resources.

The plan proposes a moratorium on grazing in order to prevent further damage to the land.

The streamside of the Carson River and of Meadow Creek are denuded of vegetation and the bank is eroding.

When the evaluation of habitat conditions is completed, grazing would be allowed to maintain the area's ecological balance but would be closely watched and halted if further damage occurs.

Currently, grazing is allowed on neighboring Forest Service lands. The plan states that cattle will be allowed to cross the

wildlife area to get to Forest Service lands with a week's notice.

According to the plan, the stream side bank of the Carson River has deteriorated due to erosion and sloughing.

Grazing has destroyed most of the over-stream canopy and only a few heavily-browsed willows remain by the side of the stream.

Land for the wildlife area was purchased with \$4.5 million provided from the Wildlife, Coastal Parks and Conservation Fund of 1988 and from mitigation associated with the construction of a hydroelectric project on the north fork of the Stanislaus River.

The department is scheduled to

hold a public hearing on the area on July 10 in Markleeville. The final plan will be issued in August.

The wildlife area is a habitat for four animal species listed as endangered or threatened by the state of California.

Among them are the great gray owl, the willow flycatcher, the red fox, and the wolverine.

The Lahontan cutthroat trout, listed as a federally threatened species, inhabited the area historically and may be transplanted to the West Fork of the Carson River in the future.

Fish and Game officials will have its work cut out for it to repair the area's natural resources.

Most of the recreational use will focus on walk-in access. According to the plan, motor use is not compatible with the aesthetics of the area.

Hunting and fishing will be allowed with walk-in access also. Motorized traffic such as off-road vehicles and snow mobiles will be prohibited.

Meanwhile the Trust for Public Lands, which has been purchasing land in the valley to protect it from encroachment by South Lake developers, held a gathering Friday to celebrate adding 6,500 acres to the total it has purchased to protect Hope Valley from developers.

According to John Brissenden,

the trust has purchased 17,000 acres in the valley. He said the organization currently has purchased about two-thirds of the land it needs to.

Aaron Peskin of the Trust for Public Land said the organization has acquired two pieces of land in the Carson Iceberg Wilderness along Silver King Creek and the east fork of the Carson River and an 880-acre parcel on the north side of U.S. 88 near Blue Lakes Road.

However, Peskin told Alpine County Supervisors in April that while there are only a few acres left to purchase, they are the most significant and pristine areas left under protective option.

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by MELANIE MARTIN  
Staff Writer

The Carson Water Subconservancy District will discuss the proposed transfer of water rights from the former Dressler ranch into Mud Lake at its Wednesday meeting in Dayton.

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# Masse Junior Olympic winner

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Diamond Valley Elementary School 4th grader Gregg Masse returned home with hardware from the recent TAC Pacific Association Junior Olympic track and field meet in Cupertino, Calif.

Masse soared to first place in

the bantam boys age group long jump with a mark of 13-4 during competition at DeAnza College.

The Markleeville athlete also picked up a pair of place finishes in the sprints by placing third in both the bantam boys 200-

and 400-meter dashes.

With the place finishes, Masse qualified for a return trip to the Bay Area, where he will compete this Saturday and Sunday at the Junior Olympic regional meet at Stanford University.

100 YEARS AGO  
June 27, 1890  
Genoa Courier

**PROPOSED CHURCH.** A Methodist minister from Oakland visited Carson Valley with a view to establishing a church on East Fork, and it is stated he met with great encouragement.

It is proposed to build the church in Gardnerville, and Mr. L. S. Ezell informs us that he offers to donate a suitable lot either across the street and a little west of Mason Krummes' blacksmith shop or around the turn east of his buildings, whichever may be pre-

## Remember when?

ferred. As the minister speaks German as fluently as English, he will be able to fill a long felt want in the Valley.

**FOURTH AT GLENBROOK.** The citizens of Glenbrook announce that they will celebrate the Fourth of July in grand style. In the afternoon there will be games, foot-racing, boat-racing, glass-ball shooting, wrestling matches, etc. In the evening they intend on giving the finest display of fireworks ever seen at Lake Tahoe. The closing scene will be a grand ball given by F. S. Jellerson. The public is most cordially invited.

\* **ADDITION.** Fred Bruus who live on West Fork below Fredericksburg is preparing to to build a s story and a half addition to his dwelling, which will have three rooms below and two above. John Cross will do the carpentering.

50 YEARS AGO  
June 28, 1940  
The Record-Courier

**HUMILIATION.** Last Saturday at midnight, when Wm. Scheele awakened to find a building at the Berrum ranch burning, he jumped out of bed, ordered the men to form a bucket brigade, and then rushed to the telephone to call the fire department. He then busied himself turning a head of water into a nearby ditch and performing other duties to to bring the fire under control.

About half an hour later he looked down and was somewhat humiliated when he discovered that he had been on a midnight parade minus his pants.

**UNINFORMED.** There are a few uninformed persons who will tell you that Kingsbury grade is little used and then only by travelers forced by circumstances to drive over the short route to Lake Tahoe. That county commissioners spend far too much money for repairs on a road that is but lightly traveled. Last Sunday afternoon, by actual count, more than fifty cars passed Kingsbury summit in sixty minutes, both to and from Lake Tahoe, and a majority of them carried out-of-state license plates. This scenic route is being heavily traveled and it is a credit to the board of county commissioners that the roadbed is in splendid condition.

\* **FISHING.** Fishing on both forks of the Carson river in Douglas county as well as in streams and lakes of Alpine county has been exceptionally fine during the past week, according to reports of sportsmen.

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# Area fishing has been on the upswing

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**Lake Tahoe** — The kokanee salmon fishing has been improving from Camp Richardson to Taylor Creek. Trolled red magics in 40 to 70 feet of water are catching fish from 9 to

## Fishing log

by Rick Muller, R-C News Service

13 inches.

**Mack fishing** has been slow for fish up to five pounds. Trolled minnows in 120 to 200 feet of water are the top producers.

**Rainbow trout fishing** has been good for silvers to 3 pounds. Trolling off Rubicon Point, Sugar Pine Point and the Tahoe City flats has been the most consistent method.

**Fallen Leaf Lake** — Boaters are still filling their limits with kokanee up to 2 pounds. Mack fishing is also good

for drifters using minnows on the south end. Shore fishing has been fair for rainbows and browns. Inflated crawlers seem to be taking most of the fish.

**Echo Lakes** — Both the upper and lower Echo lakes have been good for rainbow and brook trout and kokanee salmon. Shore fishermen are using worms, eggs or power bait while boaters are having their success trolling blades and a worm.

**Caples Lake** — Caples is still good

for planted rainbow up to 2 pounds.

**Red Lake** — With a fresh plant of fish last week, Red Lake should be good for bank fishermen using the standard trout baits.

**East and West Carson Rivers** — With both rivers receiving weekly plants of rainbow, fishing has been good for bait and fly fishermen.

**Upper Truckee River** — The Truckee and all tributaries that flow into Lake Tahoe opened today.

**Round Lake** — This hike-in Lake, located approximately three miles off Highway 89 near Luther Pass, has been excellent for cutthroat trout to 3 pounds. Power bait and worms or spinners like the rooster tail are catching many limits of five. Take your insect repellent.

**Editor's note:** Rick Mueller is a fishing guide in Lake Tahoe who works at The Outdoorsman of South Lake Tahoe.

# Gailson tops at Markleeville

by DAVE PRICE  
Sports editor

The feats of John Gailson don't come as any surprise to anyone who has followed his running career over three decades.

The 36-year-old Caples Lake man made his first local appearance of the summer last Saturday when he broke the tape at the Markleeville 10-K, winning the 6.2-mile race — which included a 500-foot climb from Markleeville to Grover's Hot Springs State Park — in a time of 35:43.

The time was well off his own course record of 32:39 set last year, but his slowness afoot can be excused. After all, Gailson rode his bicycle from Caples Lake Resort, located atop Carson Pass, then he hopped off the bike and won the race while wearing sandals.

Surprising?

Not from a man who has competed at the national level both as an alpine and nordic skier. He cracked the top 100 at the 1977 Boston Marathon and also won the grueling Lake Tahoe Marathon four straight years between 1976 and 1979, highlighted by an impressive best of 2 hours, 28 minutes and 32 seconds over a course that spans from Incline Village to Spooner Summit and back, a record time that was never remotely challenged.

His record-setting performances go back even further. As a stand-out at South Tahoe High, during a two-week span in 1971, Gailson lowered his lifetime best for two miles by 27 seconds when he ran 9:14.5 at his section meet.

Saturday, Gailson outdistanced a field of 133 that included Dominique Westlake of South

Lake Tahoe, who finished second in 36:12.

The women's division was a hotly contested affair.

Kim Bruym of South Lake Tahoe, winner of the Big Sur Marathon earlier this year, was tops among the ladies with a 40:03 clocking.

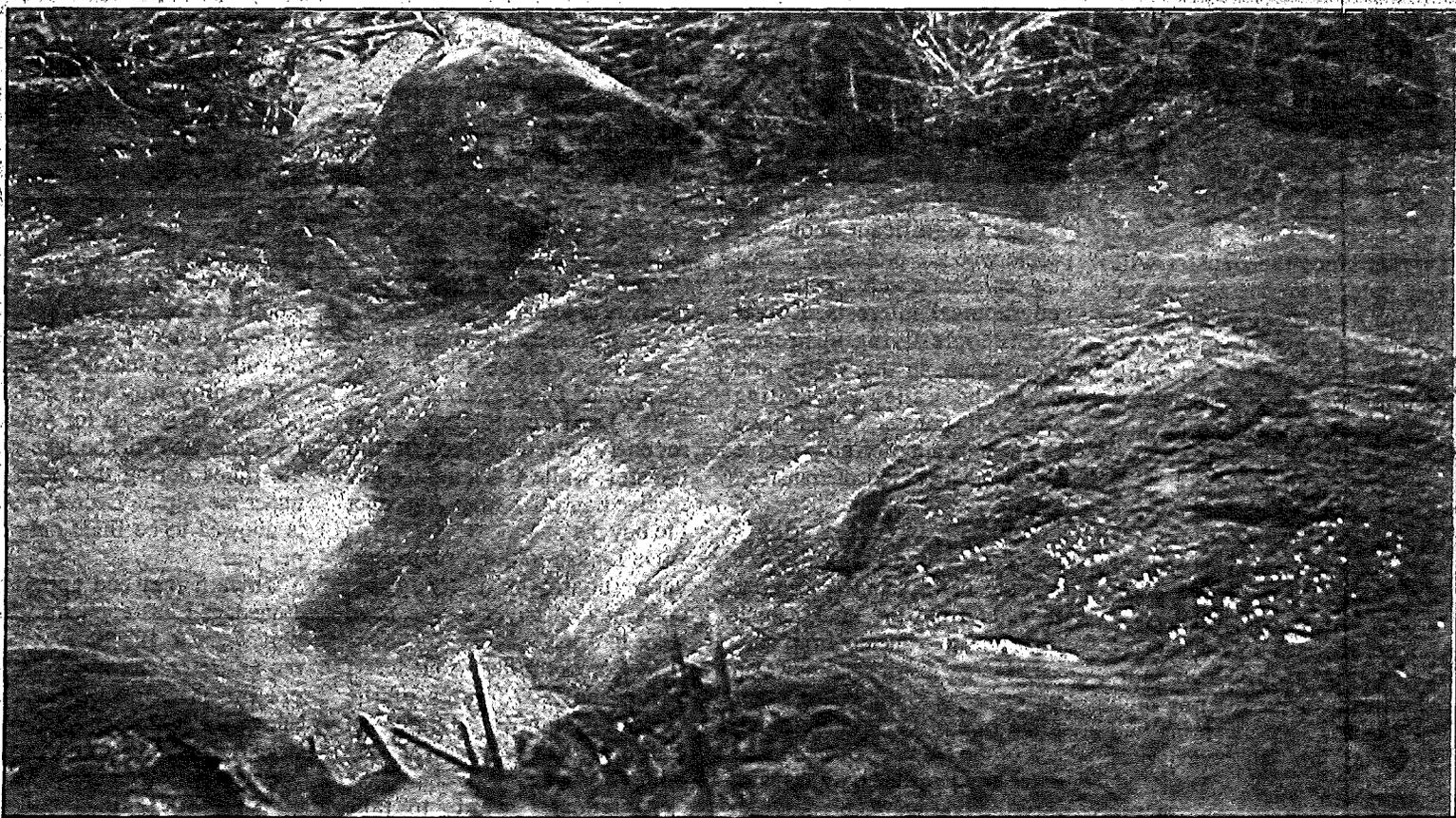
Debbi Waldear, 40, of Kirkwood was second in 41:38, followed by South Lake Tahoe's Gwen Gallanty with a 42:08 effort.

Jennifer Owens, a nationally-ranked prep runner for South Tahoe High, was fourth overall in 42:29, and Linda Mantynen, 41, of Woodfords was fifth in 42:43.

Herb Glazier of Bridgeport was first in the men's 40-and-over age division at 41:36.

Runners ranged in age from 75-year-old Ernie O'Klenn, who ran 1:15:38, to Adam Johnson, 10, who covered the course in 1:24:56.

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Bryant Creek runs orange with sulfuric acid and other pollutants leached from Leviathan Mine. R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch

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## Pollution continues to plague Bryant Creek

by LEE ANN FLEMING  
Staff Writer

Bryant Creek, a polluted stream entering Douglas County from California, has been a cause for concern for decades.

It's been flowing orange again.

A \$6 million stop-gap cleanup in the 1980s was not enough to stop sulfuric acid and heavy metals from leaching into the water from the old abandoned Leviathan sulfur mine, located southeast of Lake Tahoe in Alpine County.

The orange color of the water and stain on the rocks is from rust leaching out of the iron and other metals being dissolved by acidic creek water, according to officials from the Nevada Environmental Protection Agency.

As of this weekend, the stream itself was clear from the gate of the mine site for about two miles, but the stream bed and surrounding rocks were stained and pocketed with red and orange sludge, according to Wendel McCurry of the Nevada EPA. Tests from the

stream water should be available in about two weeks, he said.

Four weeks ago, the water itself was orange. Some of the orange leachate could have already precipitated out from spring runoff and gone into the rock, McCurry said.

An investigation by The Record-Courier prompted officials from the EPA to send a team to check on Bryant Creek. The California agency designated to oversee the creek said they would send a team out early this week.

The creek is a tributary for the East Fork of the Carson River, along with its sister stream, Leviathan Creek. Both have suffered from pollution caused by the mine, which was an open pit strip-mine operation in the 1950s.

Tailings and slag from the mining operation was dumped directly into Leviathan Creek Canyon, damming Bryant Creek which runs through the canyon, and causing it to percolate through and flow around the tailings dump area.

The creek was polluted with acid mine drainage containing arsenic, cadmium, chromium, copper, iron, lead, nickel and zinc. Water quality reports from the mid-1970s listed the creek water as responsible for dying plants and animals in the Carson Valley, where it was used for irrigation.

The Leviathan mine site created "probably the most serious water pollution problem in eastern California," according to former executive director of the Lahontan Water Quality Control Board Roy Hampson, who oversaw some of the cleanup measures.

"It just wiped out all life," he said Friday. He said he was not surprised the creek is discolored again, as the cleanup was only designed to stop about 80 percent of the toxic leachate from getting in the water.

"We were just doing what we could with a limited amount of money," he said. "We knew then there'd be additional work to be done. To clean it up today you're looking at a minimum of \$25 to \$50 million in engineer-

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## Bryant Creek: Clean-up carries big price tag

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ing and construction costs.

"It was just a mess. There used to be almost pure acid and heavy metals going down that creek."

The initial cleanup seven years ago consisted of building concrete piping for the stream itself to keep it from going through the sulfuric mine tailings, and a series of retaining ponds to hold whatever water might not be protected by the pipe, such as snowmelt or seepage.

The idea was that overflow from the first shallow pond would go into the next, and then into the next, so evaporation could soak up the water eventually and it would not reach the clean creek — or what little did would be diluted enough to be acceptable.

Construction on the cleanup

ended in 1985. There have been no follow-up studies on the effectiveness of the cleanup, according to Craig Morgan, an inspecting engineer who worked for the Lahontan board at the time.

Bob Dodds, assistant director of the Lahontan board, said Friday his agency is concerned with the creek because the retaining ponds are overflowing, in spite of the prolonged drought, and contaminated water is reaching the creek — which, because of the drought, doesn't have enough clean fresh water to dilute the acid to acceptable levels.

"It comes down to dollars," Dodds said. "Would it be cost effective to go to 100 percent correction?"

Mittry-GEB, the California-based contractors who constructed the initial cleanup measures, went

bankrupt over the project, according to Hampson.

About \$2.5 million of the \$5.7 million used to pay for the cleanup was made up of a settlement from the Atlantic Ridgefield Corporation (ARCO), who bought Anaconda, the mine operators, in the 1970s. A court battle to obtain the settlement lasted for years before the Leviathan mine, which had been abandoned and ignored, could be cleaned up.

The California state clean water grant program paid the bill for the rest, Hampson said.

The U.S. Forest Service was originally to receive the deed to the 245 acres of the Leviathan Mine site, to monitor and maintain as part of the Toiyabe National Forest. However, the deed is still held by the state of California.

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## Alpine residents concerned about USFS policy

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

A rule which prohibits the U.S. Forest Service from clearing dead material from the Musser and Jarvis Creek drainage area came under fire Tuesday.

Nancy Thornburg told Alpine County Supervisors she thought the area could go up at the slightest spark.

"There is a terrific fuel loading in the basin," she said. "We are sitting on a time bomb. If there is a lightning strike there will be a firestorm like the Acorn fire."

Thornburg said that about one-quarter mile southwest of her property line there is a 100 acre area containing a dangerous accumulation of dead, downed and

standing tees.

She said the area is upwind from Markleeville Village and the Thornburg subdivision and a fire could threaten the nearly 70 homes in the two subdivisions and possibly even Markleeville itself.

Stage I fire restrictions are in effect in the Toiyabe National Forest, which covers most of Alpine County and includes part of Douglas County. Use of campfires is restricted to established areas and smoking is not permitted in the restricted areas. The national forest administers the watershed, but the Toiyabe Land and Resource Management Plan prevents grazing, road or trail construction or timber cutting to preserve the water shed.

Musser and Jarvis creek is the

source of Markleeville's water and any damage to the water shed might result silting.

Mike Dondero of the forest service told supervisors a group of concerned citizens could go into the area and gather all the flammable materials into piles, where the forest service could burn it off in the fall.

Thornburg said she was asking that the flammable materials be removed, not rearranged.

"Volunteers are not going to be too eager to go out there and rearrange the materials," she said.

Board Chairman John Brissenden expressed doubts that any volunteers could be raised to do the job at all.

"The community itself doesn't seem really concerned about

defensible space," he said.

Even if volunteers went in to clean up the area, they could not take out the standing trees which are dead or dying from mistletoe or bark beetles, because logging is prevented by the land use plan.

The forest service will put together a team to study the area and see what can be done before they make any changes, Dondero told supervisors.

"All the material is in the watershed and we don't want to monkey around with the town's water supply," he said.

Meanwhile Brissenden asked supervisor Donald Jardine to find out whether the California Division of Forestry or the California Conservation Corps could help with the clean-up.

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# Hope Valley Wildlife Area master plan under consideration by Alpine County

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

A master plan for a wildlife area labeled a fantasy by one Alpine County Supervisor will come under public review Tuesday night.

The preliminary version of the Hope Valley Wildlife Area master plan will be the subject of a public hearing 7 p.m. Tuesday in Markleeville.

Supervisor John Bennett said he thought the plan was a fairy tale.

Bennett said the California Department of Fish and Game's plan to limit motorized traffic would prevent older people from enjoying the area.

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According to the preliminary plan, the area is to be set aside to protect fish and wildlife resources.

The plan proposes a moratorium on grazing in order to prevent further damage on the land.

The streamside of the Carson River and of Meadow Creek are denuded of vegetation and the bank is eroding.

When the evaluation of habitat conditions is completed, grazing would be allowed to maintain the area's ecological balance but would be closely watched and halted if further damage occurs.

Currently, grazing is allowed on neighboring Forest Service lands.

The plan states that cattle will be allowed to cross the wildlife area to get to Forest Service lands with a week's notice.

According to the plan, the stream side bank of the Carson River has deteriorated due to erosion and sloughing.

Grazing has destroyed most of the over-stream canopy and only a few heavily-browsed willows remain by the side of the stream, the plan states.

Land for the wildlife area was purchased with \$4.5 million provided from the Wildlife, Coastal Parks and Conservation Fund of 1988 and from mitigation associated with the construction of a hydroelectric project on the north fork of the

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# County pursues Styrofoam ban

By TIM WILLIS  
Tribune Staff Writer

El Dorado County is formulating plans for a ban on some uses of Styrofoam that would affect fast-food restaurants and grocery stores, though county officials said they wanted to work with industry in developing the new rules.

The problem is that the estimated breakdown time for polystyrene foam is 500 to 1,000 years, causing environmental concerns over its disposal in landfills, county officials said.

"You could dig up the dump 100 years from now and it will still be there," said Supervisor Jack Sweeney, who proposed the ban.

Mark Murray, policy director for Californians Against Waste in Sacramento, said the only way the

material degrades is friction with the ground. "Without friction, it lasts forever," Murray said.

In addition, foam insulation is manufactured with chlorofluorocarbons, one of the chemicals linked to depletion of the upper atmosphere's protective ozone layer, which blocks harmful ultraviolet radiation.

The county currently dumps most of its refuse in the Union Mine Landfill south of Placerville, though garbage generated in the Tahoe Basin is shipped to the Douglas County landfill in Gardnerville, Nev.

Sweeney said he wants to see El Dorado County become an environmental leader. He added that El Dorado was one of the few California counties to ban fireworks because of the fire hazard, though he added

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## Styrofoam

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they are allowed if approved through a special use permit.

"I think if we do away with this plastic ... we would have a better world," Sweeney said.

The Environmental Management Department, which is devising the plan, is contacting other jurisdictions, such as the cities of Berkeley and Davis, that have enacted similar restrictions.

According to Ron Duncan, director of environmental management, the new restrictions could go before the Board of Supervisors in a few months. In the meantime, Duncan's department plans to meet with representatives of the major Styrofoam users — fast-food outlets and grocery stores — which would be affected by the ban.

"I really do feel it is necessary to meet with the industry to get their position on this," Duncan said. "I

have confidence we can get them to change their ways without forcing them to."

He later added, "We will have an interesting series of discussions."

Duncan said other Styrofoam products such as ice chests may be exempt from the ban; however, he would like to see substitutions for other "frequent uses of Styrofoam." For instance, paper products could be substituted for Styrofoam in cups and food containers distributed by fast-food outlets and in the meat packages sold by grocery stores, county officials said.

The restrictions would be countywide, affecting businesses in the incorporated cities of Placerville and South Lake Tahoe, Duncan said.

"I don't want to impose something that is impossible," Duncan stressed. "On the other hand, I want what is best for the county."

## Wearer of many hats

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DAVE KIRBY, owner of Woodfords Station in Woodfords, poses Monday with a few of the 500 caps in his collection, many of which are placed throughout his store. Kirby had about 40 to 50 caps when he opened the store in 1982, but since then, people have either given him hats or swapped for them. According to Kirby, if someone has a hat he likes, he'll try to trade the person for a Woodfords Station cap, often negotiating at length. And, he's proud to admit, there isn't one duplicate among the 500. One of his favorites is a New York City Fire Department hat for which he bargained long and hard.

# Recreation use top concern at Hope Valley public hearing

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

The proposed Hope Valley Wildlife Area management plan ran the gauntlet of public comment Tuesday night in Markleeville.

Officials from the California Department of Fish and Game presented a proposed management plan for the area to more than 30 residents of Alpine County at a public hearing.

Jim Messersmith and Bob Mapes of the Fish and Game Department fielded questions from the audience after presenting the plan which will limit the uses of the 2,840 acre wildlife area near the intersection of S.R. 88 and S.R. 89 in northern Hope Valley.

Those attending the meeting were mainly concerned with proposed limits on recreational use of the lands.

The Fish and Game Department proposes banning all vehicle traffic through the area.

"We propose walk-in use only," Mapes told the crowd. "We have determined that motorized traffic is not compatible with the land."

Mapes said the DFG will only allow snowmobiles to clear trails for dogsledgers once a year for the annual Canine Connection dog sled race.

The grooming must take place immediately before the race, and if the area isn't cleaned up afterwards, it could be in danger of being canceled.

However, no snowmobiles will be

allowed to groom trails for dog sledgers to practice or for cross-country skiers.

"We want to maintain and enhance existing wildlife in the area and provide for recreation that does not have an impact on the purpose of purchase," Mapes said.

According to Mapes, the restrictions on the land are due in large part to the source of the funding for the purchase.

Funding for the purchase of the Hope Valley property included \$4.5 million provided from the Wildlife, Coastal Parks and Conservation Fund of 1988 and from mitigation associated with the construction of a hydroelectric project on the north fork of the Stanislaus River.

The land was purchased in 1988 and 1989 and included the Dangberg Camp

area.

Dogsledger Gordon Hutting of Stateline testified that there is some limited use for snowmobiles to groom trails for dog trails.

"I run my snowmobile at about eight miles an hour and trail two tires behind me to groom the trail," he said. "I can't go too fast or the trail will be wavy."

Hutting said there are only two places in the central Sierra to run dogs, Hope Valley and near Truckee.

Another concern pointed out by Alpine County Supervisor Donald Jardine is with the elimination of camping in the Pickett's Junction area.

According to Jardine and supervisor John Bennett, senior citizens parked recreational vehicles along the treeline

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near the junction and camped for the summer.

Bennett asked that the rocks which were placed to prevent the people from camping along the treeline be removed.

However, Nora Rasure of the U.S. Forest Service told the audience members that the Forest Service placed the rocks to prevent them from dumping sewage in the area.

Department of Fish and Game will continue to respond to written comments on the management plan until July 23.

Copies of the draft management plan are available in the Alpine County Library and the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce in Markleeville and at the Forest Service offices in South Lake Tahoe and Carson City.

## Alpine Up With Kids sets jazz dance workshop

Alpine County's Up With Kids 1990 Summer Session is off to a jazzy start.

On July 17 from 4:30 until 6 p.m. the Up With Kids Room at Turtle Rock Park, there will be sign-ups for the jazz dance program.

The classes will begin after sign-ups at 6 p.m. and last until 8 p.m. All classes are free to Alpine county kids.

Kids should wear sneakers and sweats.

"We are very fortunate to have as our dance instructor Candee Gardner. Candee has been dancing 10 years, ballet, tap and jazz with Sierra Nevada Dance Center and Ann Robinson's Dance Workshop," said spokesman Nancy Kerly.

As a dance major at Brigham Young University, she is studying techniques and hopes one



CANDEE GARDNER

day to open a studio of her own. Gardner is inviting all kids boys and girls, all ages, from beginners to advanced.

"Come let loose and learn

some fun jazz moves," she says.

After the four sessions kids will learn many moves and combinations, ending the session ultimately with a dance they will perform together with a recital. Kids do not need any previous dance experience.

Corresponding with the dance program will be a shirt splattering class on July 18 from 2 until 4 p.m. with sign-ups Tuesday at the same time as dance sign-ups. UWK will provide T-shirts and paints, kids should bring their ideas. This class will be taught by Sandy Gardner, and it is hoped jazz dancers can wear the shirts in the recital.

Programs to follow under the direction of Kerly will include horsemanship, tennis, photography, art, sewing, modeling, performing arts and environmental science.

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## Three workshops scheduled at Sorensen's Resort in Hope Valley

Three days of wildflower identification, watercolor painting and photography await participants at Sorensen's Resort in Hope Valley.

Three workshop leaders will guide Sorensen's first Wildflower Workshop Extravaganza, July 22-25. This is peak flower season in the High Sierra, a time when the lush alpine meadows of Hope, Faith and Charity valleys are alive with the myriad colors of Lupine, Shooting Star, Crimson, Columbine, Monkey Flower and other summer favorites.

On the first day, July 22, Julie Carville, founder and past president of the Tahoe Chapter of the California Native Plant Society, will lead participants on a botanical tour of Hope Valley and introduce the local flora.

Carville's latest accomplishment is the recently published book on Tahoe wildflowers "Linger in Tahoe's Wild Gardens." After a full day's hike, Carville will present a multi-media slide show covering plant adaptations to various environments, Native American plant uses, and the poetic expressions of love for flowers and nature by Rachael Carson, John Muir, Chief Seattle and others.

Field workshops in watercolor painting and

color 35mm photography will be offered on days two and three. The showy wildflowers and inspiring alpine setting of Hope Valley are guaranteed to get the artist's creative juices flowing!

Celia Howe, designer of the beautiful Sierra Nevada Wildflower T-shirts and bandanas, will teach the wildflower watercolor workshop. Howe, an accomplished artist and trained botanist, has been painting and exhibiting her work for over 19 years.

Steve Kasper, a professional nature photographer and photo consultant for Sierra Magazine and Sierra Club Calendars, will lead our field photography sessions, covering everything from basic composition to specialized techniques particular to wildflower photography and high mountain light.

The three-day workshop includes lodging, the field botany class and the photography and/or watercolor painting courses. Bring hiking boots and sunscreen. Equipment lists will be available. The cost is from \$163 per person, double occupancy.

Sorensen's is a historic settlement located just east of Highways 88/89 junction in Hope Valley.

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# Bicycle riders challenge 'Death Ride'

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

It's more popularly known among bicycle enthusiasts as The Death Ride, although this is case where the name is actually misleading. Just consider that on Saturday, some 2,000 riders will turn out for the ninth annual Death Ride, starting at 6 a.m. from Turtle Rock Park, located between Markleeville and Woodfords.

The event is co-sponsored by the Alta Alpina Cycling Club and the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce.

Riders from across the country, as well as Canada and Europe, will be on hand to tackle one of America's most difficult rides. One that scales Monitor Pass (elevation of 8,314 feet) twice, in addition to Luther Pass (7,740), Carson Pass (8,573) and Ebbetts Pass (8,730).

Incidentally, Monitor Pass will be closed from 6 a.m. until noon to all traffic other than official Death Ride participants.

No awards are given for speed. Riders, who have the option of taking on one, three or five of the passes, are encouraged to pedal at their own pace.

Everyone receives a participation patch. And anyone who reaches the top of Ebbetts, the fifth pass of the 150-mile

Death Ride, is given a special commemorative pin.

"It's a leisure ride and one of the interesting things is the variety of people you see out there," said Alta Alpine spokesman Curtis Fong. "You see everything from 12-year-old kids to 70-year-old men and women. You have 300-pound guys on mountain bikes, you see tandems, even people pulling trailers with kids in them."

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Markleeville's Gregg Masse is headed for the Junior Olympic national track and field championships, which will be held July 24-29 in Lincoln, Neb. Masse qualified to compete in the bantam boys division long jump after placing third in his specialty at the Junior Olympic regional meet in Palo Alto, Calif. Masse, who will be a 5th grader at Diamond Valley Elementary School this fall, qualified with a mark of 13-feet (his best in the event is 13-4). R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch

# The 'Death Ride' is special

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## Alpine County event has ups and downs

by LISA MARIE CISNEROS  
R-C News Service

More than 2,000 bicyclists converged on Alpine County's mountain highways Saturday for the "Tour of the California Alps." Although it is popularly referred to as the "Death Ride," for most participants riding in the event, it is actually an expression of life, a test of solitary stamina, a strengthener of self-esteem.

"It's just something that drives me," Manny Aguilar said. "It makes me feel good when I do it. It's just for my self-esteem because I'm getting old."

A South Lake Tahoe resident, Aguilar, 36, said his friends think he's crazy for cycling the 150-mile course over some of the Sierra's most challenging mountain highways for the second year in a row.

The ninth annual Death Ride, sponsored by the Alta Alpina Cycling Club, the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce and the Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority, began and finished at Turtle Rock Park on California State Route 89 between Woodfords and Markleeville.

Considered one of the toughest bicycle courses in the United States, the Death Ride attracts men and women from all over the globe including Japan, Sweden, Greenland, Mexico and Canada. Climbing more than 15,000 feet over five mountain passes, the one-day event is a ride, not a race, since the challenges posed by the heat, wind, altitude and steep grades make

winners out of everyone who manages to finish.

"I'm not trying to break any records," Aguilar said before the ride.

He finished three passes last year in about five-and-a-half hours and has been training ever since. The day before the event, he ate lots of spaghetti and psyched himself mentally for the course. This year Aguilar tried to complete five passes in 10 hours.

"I think that's a pretty good speed," he said.

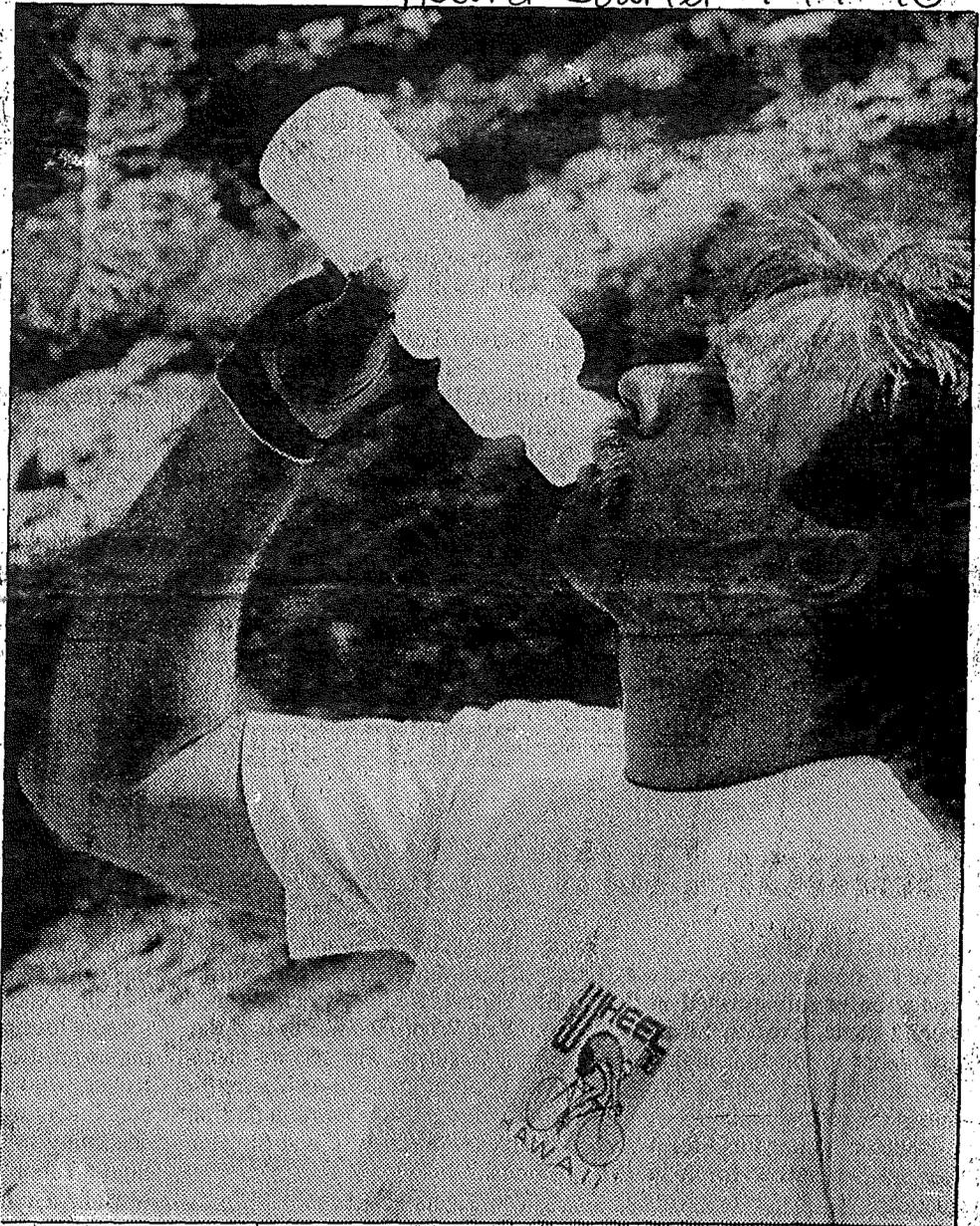
Bob Brown of Tahoe Paradise said Friday that after three years cycling the Death Ride, his goal was to complete five passes in 12 hours with eating, drinking and resting included. A cyclist for five years, he acknowledged that the hordes of riders are somewhat of a hindrance while trying to achieve his best speeds.

"The toughest thing is trying to keep my own pace and not worrying about other people passing me," said the 28-year-old Brown.

Curtis Fong of Gardnerville, event coordinator for the sixth consecutive year, said that roughly 700 riders made it to the top of the Death Ride's fifth and final pass — 8,730-foot Ebbetts Pass.

"This year seems like riders are more serious. They were training and getting acclimated (to the altitude) a lot earlier," Fong said.

He said riders ranging from 9-year-olds



Pete Cova takes a moment to catch up on his liquid intake during the Death Ride. R-C photo

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# Death Ride: A true challenge

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on tandems to 70-year-old cyclists  
come out for the event.

"People from all walks of life participate whether they are in condition or not," he said. "This event really runs the gamut."

Some cyclists choose road bikes, others are more comfortable riding mountain bikes.

Ed Ciannelli of Zephyr Cove has fashioned his own personal two-wheeler, which is a combination of both. With the streamlined frame of a road bike, it has the handle bars of a mountain bike so he doesn't have to hunch over to ride it. And the gears have been designed to handle the grades.

"Your bike has to be mechanically perfect, if there is such a thing as perfection. A bike is very tender, if you don't treat them right you could be seriously injured," Ciannelli said.

At 62 years of age, Ciannelli is a veteran cyclist whose passion for pedaling began while he was in Italy more than 40 years ago. Like most of the participants, Ciannelli

is attracted to the Death Ride for selfish reasons.

"First of all, it's not a race, it's a ride, so I'm really just competing against myself. It's a personal thing, a challenge. I find it very enjoyable and relaxing."

Relaxation is not the first thing that comes to mind when contemplating a course that covers 150 miles of mountainous terrain, but Ciannelli said that the key to handling the down slopes is to anticipate turns and to apply the brakes carefully.

"Obviously, it's much easier to go downhill, but you can't downshift like a car. You've got to make sure that you don't apply your front brake too hard like a motorcyclist," he said.

Although Ciannelli has been cycling his entire adult life, Fong, like many people who enjoyed riding a bicycle as a child, didn't get interested in cycling as a sport until he was an adult.

"I was reintroduced to cycling about 10 years ago. You forget about riding a bike when there are

so many other things to do: Skiing, playing tennis, fishing," Fong said. "Besides the fitness aspect of riding a bike, I like the solitude or serenity. I use it as stress management."

As president of and pioneer of the Alta Alpina Cycling Club, which has about 100 members, Fong has cycled all the passes before, but he has never completed them in one day. Even though he would have appreciated a little stress reduction while organizing more than 200 volunteers for Saturday's event, he does not join the masses on the mountains on Death Ride day because someone must run the show.

The event benefits several local non-profit organizations, including the Alpine County Children's Center, Alpine County Search and Rescue and Emergency Medical Technicians, the Tahoe Amateur Radio Association, Alpine County Parents Club, Alpine County Chamber of Commerce, the Friends of Hope Valley and the Alta Alpina Cycling Club.

## Cycling club activities continue

The Alta Alpina Cycling Club's summer calendar of activities continues Sunday with a tour for mountain bike and regular bike enthusiasts.

Riders will meet at 9 a.m. Sunday at Oyster Creek

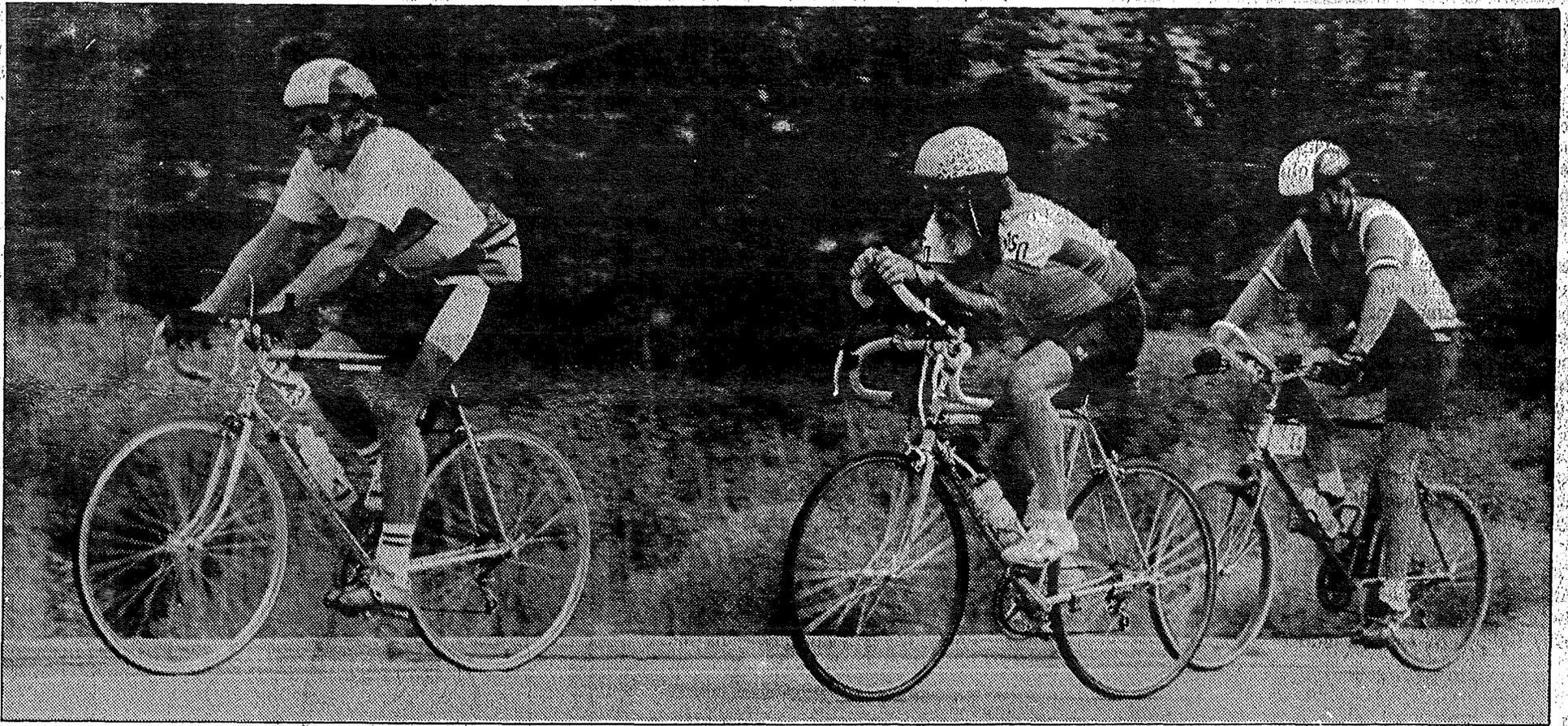
Campground, located on State Route 88 near Silver Lake.

For those who want to stay on the road, a route over Iron Mountain Road is on the agenda. A ride will also be designated for mountain bike riders.

Also, the Alta Alpina club's regular Wednesday night race series will continue July 25 with an event in Washoe Valley. A road race on will be staged at 6 p.m. Riders will meet on the south end of Franktown Road.

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More than 2,000 riders turned out Saturday for the ninth annual Tour of the California Alps — the Death Ride. R-C photo by Jessica Dach

# Alpine may enforce new Hope Valley restrictions

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by KURT HILDEBRAND 7-19-90  
Staff Writer

New rules may put new burdens on Alpine County to enforce the various use restrictions placed on the proposed Hope Valley Wildlife Area by the California Department of Fish and Game.

However, restriction proponents say most of the rules are already in place.

Alpine County Sheriff Larry Kuhl said the restrictions were just another example of the state mandating expenditures without providing some compensation to the county.

The Department of Fish and Game still owes Alpine County \$40,000 in in-lieu of taxes.

While California does not pay property taxes, there is a provision for counties to receive funding they might otherwise receive in property taxes in the form of in-lieu payments.

Alpine County was one of the counties that did not receive its share of the in-lieu of taxes when the Department of Fish and Game ran out of money last year.

"It does not bode well that Fish and Game selects Alpine County to be the first county for this program when they haven't paid their in-lieu of taxes," Kuhl told supervisors at their Tuesday meeting.

"We are going to be the ones who have to enforce the laws in the area," he said. "This is going to be a tax burden on the county."

No funding has been set aside in the

budget for the wildlife area to provide an additional game warden for the area.

According to Kuhl, the plan says Caltrans, the California Highway Patrol and the Alpine County Sheriff's Department will report violations to the game warden.

However the nearest game warden is in the South Lake Tahoe Basin.

"We cannot refer to a warden that is not there," he said.

Among some of the restrictions proposed by the Fish and Game Master Plan are a five-year moratorium on grazing, the banning of motorized vehicle use in much of the 2,840-acre area located near the intersection of State Routes 88 and 89, and the elimination of camping along Picketts Junction.

Patty Brissenden of the Friends of Hope Valley said many of the restrictions are already in place and just need to be enforced.

She said the restrictions on camping already exist and just need to be enforced.

"None of us has ever had the right to set foot on that land," she said. "We had generous land owners who allowed us to use it in passive ways."

Supervisor Eric Jung said when Fish and Game pays its in-lieu of fees, then it is essentially a taxpayer and should receive the same services a taxpayer should.

Kuhl spoke while supervisors were hashing out a draft of a letter to send to the Fish and Game Department express-

ing some of their concerns about the wildlife area.

Supervisors voted to include Kuhl's concerns about law enforcement in the area in their letter to Fish and Game.

Two other major concerns expressed by supervisors were that grazing continue to be allowed in the area and that Picketts Junction be opened up to recreational vehicles.

Grazing will not be allowed in the area until the Fish and Game Department completes a five-year evaluation of habitat conditions.

According to a preliminary plan, heavy grazing (the traditional use for the land) has had a negative impact on plant species both along the river and in the surrounding meadows.

Supervisor Don Jardine said he felt the moratorium would be a hardship on ranchers.

"It will be a hardship on the cattlemen to graze that land only once every five years," Jardine said. "What are they supposed to do the other four years?"

Transportation Director Leonard Turnbeaugh suggested the board ask Fish and Game when the moratorium will start, since grazing has not been permitted within the boundaries of the area for two years.

Supervisors Ann Wade and John Bennett protested the elimination of recreational vehicle parking at Picketts Junction.

According to Bennett, senior citizens

parked recreational vehicles along the treeline near the junction and camped for the summer.

Bennett asked that the rocks which were placed to prevent the people from camping along the treeline be removed.

However, the Forest Service placed the rocks to prevent campers from dumping sewage in the area.

Patty Brissenden said the recreation vehicle users abused the campgrounds,

parked on the meadow and overstayed the permitted time.

Department of Fish and Game will continue to respond to written comments on the management plan until Monday.

Copies of the draft management plan are available in the Alpine County Library and the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce in Markleeville and at the Forest Service offices in South Lake Tahoe and Carson City.

## State Route 88 to get repairs

Caltrans announced that beginning Tuesday, Route 88 Carson Pass, at various locations from one mile west of Dew Drop to the Nevada State Line will experience traffic control during pavement repair.

Motorists should be prepared for up to 15-minute delays between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily through Aug. 15.

Please drive carefully and give highway workers a brake!

# Environmental appeal won't hurt timber sales

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

An appeal filed by environmental groups against the harvest of bark beetle infested trees in El Dorado County won't affect similar harvests in Alpine County.

Environmentalists appealed a plan by the U.S. Forest Service to cut beetle-infested stands of timber.

El Dorado County Supervisors found the appeal without merit and filed their own appeal, asking Alpine County to join them.

Alpine County Supervisors heard a report on the appeal from Eric Beckwith, who said the appeal was not a condemnation of timber salvage sales, but an attempt to protect virgin forest.

"There is nothing intrinsically wrong with salvage logging," he said.

Jung, who invited Beckwith to speak at the board meeting, pointed out that any dent in the timber sales in the Eldorado National Forest would also affect Alpine County.

"We get whatever percentage of the receipts for the portion of the forest in Alpine County whether any logging is done in Alpine County or not," he said.

Jung said the appeal might cost the county as much as \$10,000 to \$20,000 in timber sales receipts.

However, Jung said he was told it was too late for Alpine County to join with El Dorado County in the intervention process.

Jung said the time period to appeal was 20 days after El Dorado County filed its appeal with the Forest Service. That appeal was filed on May 20.

Beckwith said drought was not the only cause for the beetle infestation could kill them.

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"We are in the middle of a biodiversity crisis in this state," he told supervisors. "Approximately 10 percent of the flora and 30 percent of the fauna in this state is in danger of extinction."

He said that because the El Dorado Forest is a habitat for so many rare species great care should be taken in harvesting the timber.

Lumberman George Fernandes told supervisors most of the timber harvesting done in Alpine County was done to stay ahead of the bark beetle, not to keep up with it.

"We are not trying to chase the beetle," he said. "We are just trying to take care of the forest."

Fernandes said most of Alpine County was clear cut in the last century and the trees grew back too close together.

## Appeal: Alpine timber harvest safe

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go out and slaughter the forest as we have in the past."

Fernandes said people have a responsibility to restore the forest to its natural state and then leave it that way.

Board member Don Jardine said the county was going to continue on with its own harvest in order to prevent the spread of the beetles.

Two areas of Alpine County were scheduled for salvage sales by the Forest Services.

The beetle infestation is worse because of the drought. Usually the beetles will attack the tops of trees, but due to the drought they are attacking entire trees.

The bark beetles bore a hole below the bark of a tree, lay eggs and excavate galleries which cut the veins in the inner bark and kill the tree.

A beetle infestation can last as long as eight years and kill up to three-quarters of the trees in the forest.

Treating the forest stands infested with the beetle means removing dead and infested trees and thinning

the remaining trees to about a third of their current density.

Three varieties of bark beetle are striking trees in the Sierra — the Ips, the Jeffrey Pine and the fir engraver.

Initial plans were to harvest nearly 20 million board feet of timber standing around Lake Tahoe.

In a letter to the board, Supervisor Jung said there are two appeals to the Forest Service, one from the Beckwith family and another from the Sierra Club.

The Sierra Club appeal centers around two issues, Jung wrote.

One square mile of the forest survived clear cutting in the El Dorado Forest and the Sierra Club doesn't want to see it logged.

A second concern is that loggers can decide the suitability of a tree for logging and there have been past instances when the loggers cheated and took trees they shouldn't have.

The Sierra Club would like to see the contract changed to require the Forest Service to mark all trees before the harvest.

# Alpine County joins water battle

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

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Alpine County joined the battle against a proposed transfer of Carson River water rights by a private firm.

Aqueduct I, Ltd., a Colorado-based company, purchased a large portion of the water rights and land of the Dressler family ranch in Douglas and Alpine Counties in October 1989.

The company then filed with the Nevada State Engineer to transfer water rights into Mud Lake for storage.

Concerns that the transfer of Carson River Water could end up damaging fisheries upstream have spurred Alpine County officials to discuss ways of

opposing the transfer.

County Counsel Henry Murdock said he attended a meeting of groups involved in opposing the transfer.

"We are unique among the groups because we are at the headwaters," he told supervisors. "Our major concern will be the river flows between Woodfords and the state line."

Murdock said one of the ways the transfer will affect Alpine County is that Aqueduct I wants to take the flows off ditches on the north side of Woodfords.

"The major concern is how it will be taken out of the stream," Murdock said.

Aqueduct I is applying for about 5,000 acre feet of agricultural water rights to be transferred into storage so the water can be sold.

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# Aqueduct I: Alpine County opposes Carson water rights transfer

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"If Aqueduct I is allowed to measure their water at Mud Lake, then all the drop between them and the river comes from someone else," he said.

Murdock said opponents of the water transfer face a high burden of proof in order to block it.

"It is up to the challengers to raise the objection to the transfer," Murdock said. But, since Alpine County owns no water rights, it is difficult for them to show loss.

"I have received from you your displeasure with the transfer and we are joining with other entities to fight it," Murdock told supervisors. "While we all have different

reasons for being opposed to the transfer, we do represent a unified front."

According to Murdock, the California Department of Fish and Game has the best case against the transfer.

"The most outstanding champion for Alpine County is Fish and Game," he said.

Transportation Director Leonard Turnbeaugh said at a previous meeting that the transfer could impact the fisheries in Alpine County, the private proper-

ty through which the transfer would be made and on irrigation in the county.

In other business:

•Supervisors approved spending \$800 to train emergency medical technicians on a new \$8,200 defibrillator purchased by the county.

Don Stangle of the Douglas County Paramedics has agreed to do the training but only in the first week of August, according to the agenda transmittal.

Alpine County EMTs cannot legally operate the defibrillator until they receive certification.

•Referred a request for review of a lease application from Alpine Christian Church to the Bureau of Land Management to the planning commission.

According to County Planner Leonard Turnbeaugh, he received a request from the BLM to review plans by the church to lease a piece of property next to Turtle Rock Park.

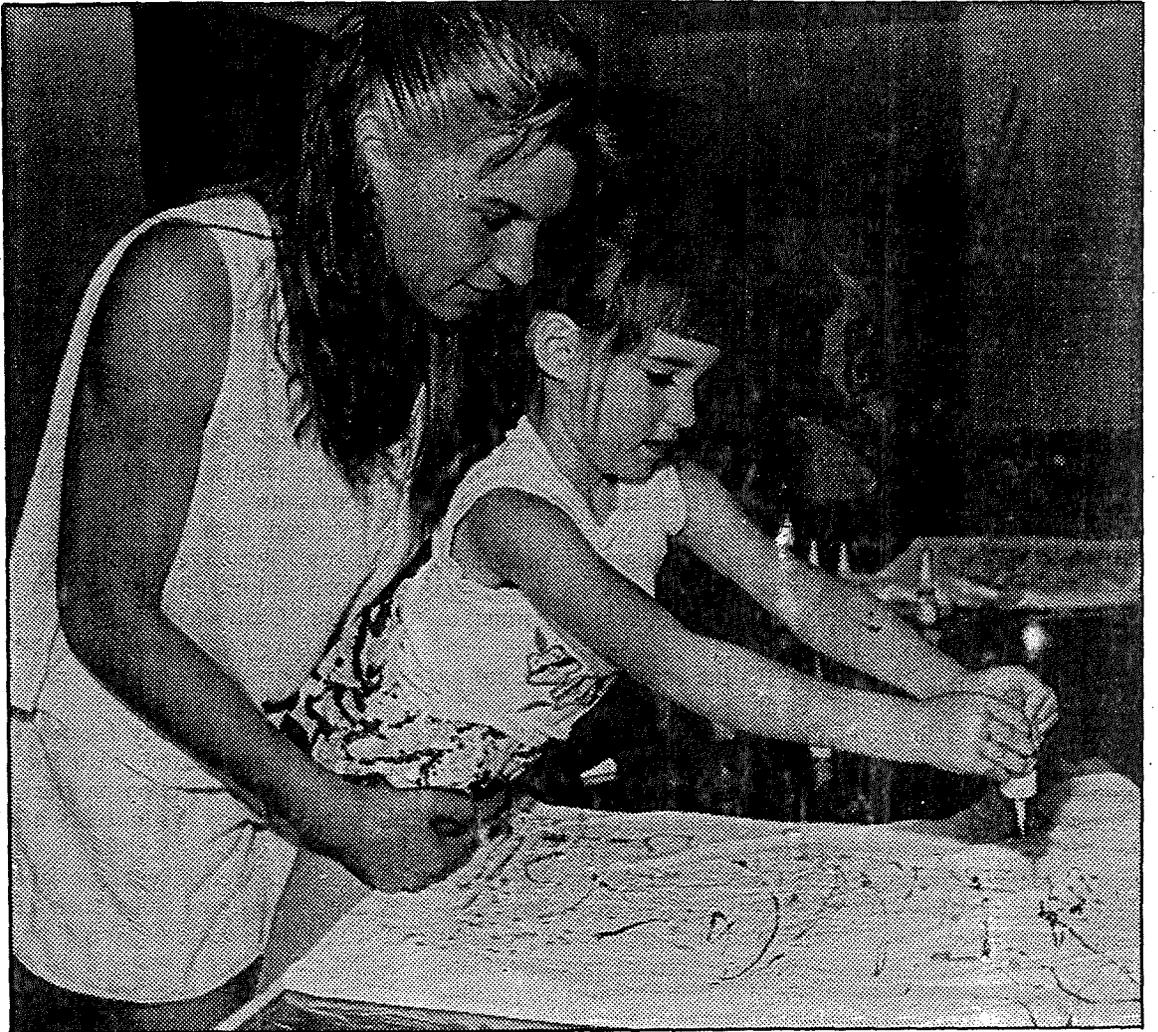
The Alpine Christian Community Church intends on building a church on the five-acre site.

•Appointed Ken Daughters to fill a position on the Alpine County Fish and Game Commission.

•Appointed Vicki McManus and Elta Turner to the Alpine County Library Commission.

•Appointed Laurie Smith, Karen Hamann and Jema Kimmel to the Alpine County Family Support Council.

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**Up With Kids**

Kendra Reid, left, helps Sarah Gardine splatter-paint a T-shirt. It's all part of the summer activities for Up With Kids in Alpine County. All Alpine County kids are welcome to the pro-

gram. It is hoped that the shirts will be worn at the Jazz Dance Workshop's recital later this summer. R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch

# Victims of '87 Acorn fire file lawsuit

By CAROLYN SHORT  
Appeal Staff Writer

## Claim federal firefighting agencies were negligent

Victims of the Acorn Canyon fire that wiped out more than 6,000 acres of forest and destroyed 26 homes near Woodfords, Calif., three years ago claim federal firefighting agencies were negligent in initially suppressing that blaze.

In a lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Sacramento last week, 36

people whose homes were damaged or destroyed in the fire claim that the U.S. Forest Service and the federal Bureau of Land Management failed to use appropriate resources, follow guidelines and regulations and act timely to suppress the fire when containment was possible, Reno attorney Tom Drendall

said.

The United States is named as the defendant in the suit stemming from the July 29, 1987, fire.

Complainants initially filed claims about a year ago for reimbursement against the government, but the suit was filed because the claims were not acted upon, Drendall said.

Between \$3 million to \$4 million in homes and property were destroyed in the fire, he said.

Although he would not disclose the exact amount sought in the suit, some victims of the fire are seeking compensatory damages for their lost or damaged homes as well as for emotional distress, Drendall

said.

Retired U.S. Forest Service Ranger Lyle Smith, who said he happened upon the initial blaze, added that despite the Forest Service's claim that it rescued 100 homes, the firefighting agencies were "derelict in their initial action."

"It's a whitewashing on behalf of

the Forest Service," he said. "The Forest Service said they saved 100 homes, but they take no responsibility for the others."

"It's a typical bureaucracy." Several Woodfords residents complained about the actions of the agencies at the time of the fire, alleging that the U.S. Forest Service and BLM initially quibbled over the jurisdiction of the land, thus wast-

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## Suit

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ing valuable time in suppressing the fire.

Some residents also contended that volunteers were turned away when they attempted to help battle the blaze.

BLM spokesman Ron Barrett denied any negligence on behalf of his agency.

"All fires are judgment calls," he

said this morning. "We're only human."

The initial blaze broke out in a steep canyon and the dry, hot conditions caused the rapid spread of the fire.

Several people were evacuated but no serious injuries resulted from the fire.

Woodfords is located about 14 miles south of Minden on the California-Nevada border.

# Storey County Commissioners approve landfill expansion plan

by LEE ANN FLEMING  
Staff Writer

Taking Douglas and Alpine County garbage to the Lockwood Landfill in Storey County is now a viable option.

Storey County Commissioners discounted local worries about accepting garbage from all over the western U.S. when they overturned a Planning Commission decision and approved a special use permit to expand Lockwood's operations.

The three-member County Commission approved the permit at a special hearing in Virginia City Monday with very little discussion, after board chairman Larry Prater, who participated in negotiations between the county and Refuse, Inc., on the agreement, said it was in the best interests of Storey to approve the landfill expansion.

"This is an agreement to benefit Storey County and also our neighbors," Prater said, just before calling a vote on the issue. "It's going to benefit everybody."

The agreement specifies that the Lockwood facility may accept garbage from California, Utah, Idaho, Oregon and Nevada.

The county will receive \$1.50

per ton for out-of-state garbage, and 50 cents per ton for Nevada garbage generated outside of Storey County.

Douglas County officials were cautiously optimistic about the prospects of sending garbage to Storey County when the local facility is closed, expected within two years.

Commission Chairman Mike Fischer said Tuesday the key to using Storey County's facility would be economic.

"If it's a viable option and if it makes economic sense then we'll do it," he said. "We have to look at the cost in comparison to anything we could put in ourselves."

The issue of liability could also be a deciding factor. Douglas County will avoid anything involving "cheap up-front costs with lots of long-term liability," he said.

Liability concerns for Storey County were quickly dismissed by the county commission at Monday's meeting.

Responding to a question from JoAnne McLachlan, Douglas County's assistant county manager and also a member of the Western Nevada Development District landfill committee, Prater said users of the Storey County landfill

would not be dealing with the county but instead negotiating solely with Refuse Inc., the operator.

The agreement approved at the meeting says that Storey County is held harmless of any toxic pollution or other liability problems at the facility.

Lockwood landfill drains directly into the Truckee River; however, engineers for Refuse Inc. have said the facility is designed to eliminate any fear of toxic leachate into the river.

Two members of the audience, both Planning Commission members, argued against the special use permit.

Ed Mello, who voted to approve the permit July 12, told the board he wanted language clarified to make sure only garbage from the specified states would be allowed in the landfill.

Bill Darling, a new member of the Planning Commission who voted to oppose the permit, told the board he was uncomfortable with the noticing policy and was afraid there were people in the Lockwood area who were not aware the landfill was about to be tripled in size and quintupled in customer base.

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## Storey: Landfill expansion

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In response to the board's contention that the facility would cause no detrimental impact on the county, Darling responded, "There's no good to come out of this either, absolutely no good, other than to bury another 1500 acres of our county."

The board disagreed, saying the money the county would see from the facility's operation would more than make up for the loss of the canyon approved for the landfill.

The county will receive \$25,000 within 15 days from Refuse Inc., and will begin receiving \$25,000 per year in addition to tipping fees for as long as the landfill is operational.

Sheldon Gordon, an engineer with Kennedy/Jenks/Chilton, who are designing the landfill expansion for Refuse Inc., said at the July 12 meeting the lifespan of the landfill will be 115 years with only Washoe County and Storey County waste (up til now the only waste allowed), or 60 years with the addition of Douglas County, Alpine County and South Lake Tahoe waste.

He wouldn't speculate on the lifespan of the facility with waste from other areas.

Frank Cassas, attorney for Refuse, Inc., told the board the Planning Commission was not specific enough in its reasons for denial of the special use permit and legally could be overturned in any case.

# Kokanee action starts to heat up

**L**ake Tahoe — The kokanee salmon fishing is starting to heat up off the Taylor Creek and Cascade areas. Trolled red magics in 40 to 80 feet of water produced more limits the past few days than it has all year, and will improve as more salmon move off Taylor Creek in preparation of their spawning run.

## Fishing report

by RICK MULLER

Mackinaw has been slow the past few weeks, but fishing for these lake trout has been excellent this season, with more fish being weighed in at 15 pounds or better than we've seen in the last 10 years.

**Fallen Leaf Lake** — Mackinaw fishing remains good for drifters with minnow on the south end. The kokanee has slowed, with few limits being caught last week. Rainbow and brown trout also have been slow but some nice rainbow up to 3 pounds were caught off the dam recently.

**Blue Lakes** — The Lower Blue is still rated as good for bait fishermen using power bait. These lakes are being stocked weekly and limits are common.

**Caples Lake** — Rainbow trout fishing is good for fish to 2 pounds. Caples receives weekly plants of catchable trout.

**Topaz Lake** — Bank fishing was poor last week with few fish caught. Boaters are having better luck with the rainbows trolling blades and a worm or drifting bait on the south end of this lake.

**East and West Carson Rivers** — Bait and spinner fishermen are having success fishing the deeper pools for trout to 3 pounds. The West Carson received a plant of trophy fish last week.

**Star Lake** — Excellent for brook trout using either bait or lures. Easy limits for fish to 12 inches.

**Fishing contest leaders** — Mackinaw — Dave Rickert, 26-pound, 12-ounce brown trout. Brown trout — Tony Schinzing, 10-pound, 12-ounce. Rainbow trout — Jim Woo, 3-pound, 14-ounce. Kokanee salmon — Don Jack, 2-pound, 8-ounce.

Editor's note: Rick Muller is a Lake Tahoe fishing guide who works at The Outdoorsman of Lake Tahoe.

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## Obituaries

### Perial Ellis

Funeral services will be held Friday at the Stewart Community Baptist Church in Carson City for Dresslerville native Perial Ellis, 59, who died July 22 at Carson-Tahoe Hospital in Carson City.

He was born Feb. 7, 1931 and had been a Markleeville resident for the past five years, coming from the Carson City, Douglas County areas.

Mr. Ellis was a facility manager at Stewart Indian School from 1955 to 1985. He was a baker in the U.S. Air Force and served in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He graduated from Stewart Indian School in 1949 and Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kan., in 1951.

Survivors include son Geoffrey of Minden; son Gregory and stepson James Astor, both of Markleeville; brother Ranger and sisters Laurie James and Rowena Pogue, all of Carson City; brother Lerial of Henderson, Nev.; sister Katherine Rakow of Woodfords; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

FitzHenry's Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

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## Sorensen's Resort

For a wondrous weekend getaway with or without the kids, Sorensen's Resort near Lake Tahoe offers the best that California's High Sierra has to offer.

This small cluster of individual cabins on Highway 88 just east of Carson Pass is far enough away from the glitz and congestion of Tahoe but near enough for an easy visit. Nestled in a grove of shimmering aspen trees that filter the warm, summer light, Sorensen's has been a fixture in Alpine County for decades — one of many enduring attractions in California's least populated county.

**Sleeping:** Accommodations are first class in a rustic setting. Lovingly, authentic log cabins, all new, are large enough for families. They have lofts in which three children can sleep comfortably, separate bedrooms for the adults, fully stocked kitchenettes to save money on meals, and quaint wood-burning fireplaces to take the chill off crisp mountain mornings.

Smaller cabins, some 90 years old, have been beautifully updated for romantic seclusion.

Summer weekend rates at Sorensen's range from \$55 a night for a small cabin for two to \$110 per night for one of the large, family cabins. A two-night stay is required on weekends. Smoking is not allowed in any of the resort's cabins.

**Eating:** John and Patty Brissenden, the former Santa Cruz couple who have been running Sorensen's since 1984, also operate a small cafe that serves breakfast, lunch and dinner and functions as a friendly, central gathering place for visitors throughout the day. A large, open deck where colorful banners flutter in the breeze surrounds the cafe, and a small fishing pond for children is nearby.

**Offbeat sites:** Idiosyncratic Markleeville, with its Cutthroat Saloon, is an easy 15-minute drive.

**Ways to pass the time:** Though it's not very crowded, Alpine County still offers plenty to do. Sorensen's Resort is on the edge of the 7,000-foot Hope Valley, one of the Sierra's few remaining high-mountain meadows that has not been filled with condominiums and fast-food franchises. This spectacular valley offers excellent fishing, hiking, backpacking and bicycling. It's also a fine place to sit under a towering evergreen and watch the summer sky's extravagant, ever-changing display. Lake Tahoe is a 15-minute drive away.

**Cyra McFadden is on vacation**

Grover Hot Springs, a state-operated park outside Markleeville, is an ideal place to steep away the aches and pains of uncustomary mountain activities.

Sorensen's is convenient to Kirkwood Ski Area, and the flat, open spaces of the Hope Valley offer some of the best cross-country skiing to be found in a California winter.

The Brissendens have put together several weekend packages for couples and families with experts in various fields who lead tours and discussions. The offerings include a spring weekend of stargazing, a mountain bike weekend, a fly-fishing workshop and a family weekend of activities geared to families with young children.

There are two ways to get to Sorensen's from the Bay Area. The first takes you by way of Interstate 580 to Stockton. Just north of Stockton, pick up Highway 88 east and stay on it over Carson Pass, through the Hope Valley and eventually to Sorensen's.

The second way is to take I-80 to Sacramento and then U.S. 50 to South Lake Tahoe. At Meyers, just on the other side of Echo Summit, take Highway 89 south toward Markleeville. It intersects with Highway 88 about one mile west of Sorensen's.

Sorensen's telephone is (916) 694-2203.

— Tupper Hull

# Chris Gansberg re-elected to PCA Board of Directors

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Chris Gansberg has been re-elected to the Board of Directors of the Sierra/Nevada Production Credit Association for a three-year term for the Reno area.

Gansberg manages a cow/calf operation in the Carson Valley where he was born and raised.

Gansberg has been a PCA director for 33 years.

Sierra/Nevada PCA provides short-term credit and financial services to farmers and ranchers in Nevada and seven counties in northeastern California.

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**FROM FAIRVIEW, EDITOR, COURIER.** —We, the Board of Trustees, wish to call to the attention of the old Board of Trustees [see Remember When, July 29 issue of the R-C]: Why did they not take as much interest in the school affairs before, as they do now? Why did they not hire experienced teachers when they were Trustees? Why did not some of the parents and guardians get up a petition and have their neighbors sign it as they do now? Mr. Fay and D. R. Jones

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## Remember when?

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Hired teachers that were not satisfactory to Fairview District and were not experienced teachers.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**NEW TROUT.** W. P. Merrill has had the willows grubbed out of the old mill-race at Woodfords, which had stood idle for thirty years. It was sluiced out nice and clean and the ends closed with gates. The Fish Commissioner of Nevada recently put in 40,000 New England trout. Mr. Merrill says he will turn the trout into the river when they become strong enough to stand the hardships of the raging Carson.

by RICK MULLER  
R-C News Service

**Lake Tahoe** — Tahoe has to be rated as excellent for the kokanee salmon which average 11 to 15 inches. Trollers fishing between the mouth of Emerald Bay and Camp Richardson in 60 to 100 feet are catching limits using flashers and red magic. Mack fishing is still slow with few fish caught here on the south end last week. The shore fishing improved last week in the Cave Rock area; power bait or worms were catching rainbows in the 1- to 2-pound class.

**Fallen Leaf Lake** — The kokanee salmon continue to bite trolled red magics in 70 to 90 feet of water, and average 14 to 18 inches in length. Mack fish-

ing was fair for the drifters on the south shelf of this lake, minnows are catching fish up to 3 pounds.

**Caples Lake** — Caples is rated on the slow side with trollers catching most of the fish using lead line with a worm. Even though fishing is slow, Caples was planted with 3,600 pounds of rainbow and 3,000 pounds of brook trout during July and should improve as the weather cools.

**Blue Lakes** — Weekly plants of rainbow at the Blues have kept fishing fair for bank fishermen using the standard trout baits.

**Red Lake** — Although planted heavily, fishing here is slow with a 2-trout-per-rod average.

**Markleeville Creek** —

Planted last week and producing rainbows for fishermen drifting eggs or worms in the deeper pools.

**East and West Carson Rivers** — The west was not planted last week due to low water. On the east, fishing has been good for lure and bait fishermen above Hangman's Bridge. Below Hangman's, some restrictions apply; check your regulations.

**Pleasant Valley Creek** — This fly-fishing-only stream with a 2-fish limit has been good for rainbow to 12 inches. The mosquito, Adams, humpty and coachman patterns have all been doing well.

Editor's note: Rick Muller is a Lake Tahoe fishing guide.

## Up With Kids

EDITOR:

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The second in a series of summer programs for Alpine County youth, Up With Kids, is underway Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Turtle Rock Park. April Liput, a drama major at the University of Nevada, Reno, is giving drama instructions to the group at 6 p.m. Interested young people are invited to attend. Pre-registration is not necessary.

Big applause to the Up With Kids dancers, all 22 strong, who performed July 29 before an appreciative audience of parents, grandparents and friends.

Each dancer created and wore a spatter-painted T-shirt for the recital at Turtle Rock, a finale to four weeks of dance instruction. Nine boys, with no previous dance experience, choreographed and danced the "Brushki Brushki" under the leadership of Tom Kerley, a Douglas High School student, who has danced for eight years. Candee Gardner, a Brigham Young University dance major, who taught the classes, did a rollicking solo can can en pointe. Also appearing were girls from 3 to 16, who did jazz dancing. The younger girls danced to "Kokomo;" the teens danced to "Playing With The Boys."

It was wonderful to see the enthusiastic support of the Alpine County parents, who not only brought their youngsters to the classes, but provided refreshments for the recital.

NANCY L. KERLEY  
Director, Up With Kids  
Aug. 2

to the WIFE OF FRANK FETTER, ...

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50 YEARS AGO  
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**FAIR TO BE HELD.** At a meeting held by the Douglas fair board last Friday evening it was decided to hold the fair this year on September 27, 28 and 29, which fall on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

**NO RELIEF PROBLEM.** Alpine county has no relief problems and no relief office, the newly appointed relief administrator for three California counties discovered Monday. He found that there are no relief applicants among the five hundred inhabitants of that region.

**BETTER SERVICE.** Amy Bryant, owner of the telephone line between Coleville and Bridgeport, has started extensive improvements to the line with the view of giving better service to patrons. This line is extensively used by Gardnerville business houses and the improvements will be appreciated by them.

**BRIEF VISIT.** John Etchemendy was here for a day or so recently on a brief visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Etchemendy. A graduate of the University of Nevada, young Etchemendy has taken preliminary training at the Ryan school of aeronautics in San Diego. With more than sixty hours of solo flying to his credit, he has been transferred to Randolph field in Texas for intensive training as one of the young men who will make up the future force of Uncle Sam's air defense, designated to become the greatest of any nation in the world.

# Fire conditions worry Alpine Co. residents

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

With lightning strikes coming down all around them, Markleeville residents are sweating the large amount of fuel in the Musser-Jarvis watershed.

Nancy Thornburg, who has been leading the effort to get the U.S. Forest Service to clean up the dead trees and brush in the watershed, told Alpine County Supervisors Tuesday she hired an independent consultant to look at the area.

The consultant, Scollay Parker, told the Thornburgs there were several jackpots in the area, consisting of fallen trees interspersed with dead brush.

One of the jackpots was composed of three feet of criss-cross stems in various stages of decay.

Because they are suspended in the air, the fallen trees lose moisture quickly.

According to the Parker report, jackpots burn hotter and faster because they are dryer and have access to more oxygen.

Thornburg told supervisors that she saw no reason why fire crews could not be used to clear the dead brush in the area.

"There is no reason why

they can't go in there and lay it on the ground," she said. "I think the Forest Service is doing a wonderful job, but if lightning hits one of those jackpots, then there is going to be no stopping the fire."

Board member Donald Jardine said he felt he wasn't getting very far with the Forest Service either and asked chairman John Brissenden to get involved.

Supervisors voted Tuesday to send a "strongly-worded" letter to the Forest Service asking them to clean up the area.

In July, Thornburg told Alpine County Supervisors she thought the area could go up at the slightest spark.

"There is a terrific fuel loading in the basin," she said. "We are sitting on a time bomb. If there is a lightning strike there will be a firestorm like the Acorn fire."

Thornburg said that about one-quarter mile southwest of her property line there is a 100-acre area containing a dangerous accumulation of dead, downed and standing trees.

She said the area is upwind from Markleeville Village and the Thornburg subdivision and a fire could threaten the nearly 70 homes in the two subdivisions and possibly even Markleeville itself.

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# Woodcutting area opens Aug. 11

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The Markleeville woodcutting area on the Carson Ranger District Toiyabe National Forest will open on August 11.

The woodcutting area will be located on the Burnside Lake Road approximately six miles west of Woodfords.

The available wood in this area will be green, standing Jeffrey pine, white and red fir and some lodgepole pine.

This area will close on October 28, 1990.

Permits will be available for purchase at the Carson Ranger District, 1536 S Carson St., Carson City, Monday through Saturday.

They will also be available at the Markleeville Guard Station, Markleeville, California, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Because the wood available this year will be green, the public is asked to cut their wood as early in

the season as possible so it will be well seasoned by winter.

This year the district has adopted a new procedure on fire closures in the woodcutting areas.

Woodcutting will be stopped based on the predicted "Burning Index."

The Burning Index is a measure of fire danger based on the present fire conditions.

Fuelwood cutters will be required to call the Carson District Office after 5 p.m. each day to learn the status of the woodcutting area for the following day.

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## Fishing report

by RICK MULLER  
R-C News Service

**Lake Tahoe** — The kokanee salmon fishing went from excellent to poor overnight because of the full moon. The fishing improved by mid-week and hopefully will be on-track for the weekend. Most trollers are working from Cascade Creek to the mouth of Emerald Bay. These salmon are holding at 60 to 90 feet and usually bite from 5:45 until 7 a.m. Mackinaw fishing is still slow, with most fish being caught by trollers using a minnow in 160 to 200 feet of water. Top areas for macks on the south end last week were Camp Richardson and the Tahoe Keys shelf. North shore for mack last week was also very slow. Some fishing remains poor, although some nice rainbow continue to be caught around the Cave Rock area.

**Caples Lake** — With an additional plant of 1,000 pounds of trout last week, this lake is producing many limits for both boat and shore fishermen. Worms, power-

bait or salmon eggs fished near the dam or the Woods Creek inlet seems to be the best bet.

**Topaz Lake** — Slow overall, but boaters drifting bait on the south end continue to catch some nice rainbow to 3 pounds.

**Indian Creek Reservoir** — Poor with few fish caught last week.

**East Carson River** — This river was planted last week with rainbow in lenth

up to 16 inches. The standard trout baits fished in the deeper pools are producing many limits.

**Pleasant Valley Creek** — This fly-fishing-only stream is still rated as very good for rainbow up to 3 pounds. Wet flies like the wooly worm seem to be catching the larger fish.

**Fallen Leaf Lake** — Mack fishing was fair for drifters last week for fish to 4 pounds. The kokanee were slow but those

fish that were caught averaged 2 pounds.

**Tamarack Lake** — This hike-in lake above the Echo Lakes is producing limits of 1- to 2-pound brook trout. Those packing in a small raft and trolling flashes and a worm are having excellent results.

**Kinney Reservoir** — Fair for rainbow to 14 inches. Spinners or powerbait are catching the fish here.

Editor's note: Rick Muller is a Lake Tahoe fishing guide.



Fire lookout Brent Gardner surveys the landscape from the Leviathan tower. R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch

## Lonely lookout watches over Sierra Front

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

A pair of binoculars, a couple of scanners, the weather and a lot of technical manuals are all that keeps the fire lookout company at the Leviathan tower.

But when the lightning starts coming down, the lookout has to scramble to keep up with nature.

The Leviathan tower stands nearly 900 feet in the air, on the boundary between the desert and the Sierra, light tan in the east, dark green to the west.

Brent Gardner watches over 2,500 square miles of territory as the clouds which signal the start of the latest siege of thunderstorms.

Gardner is one of the people the U.S. Forest Service has on call to watch for fires when it looks like thunderheads are building.

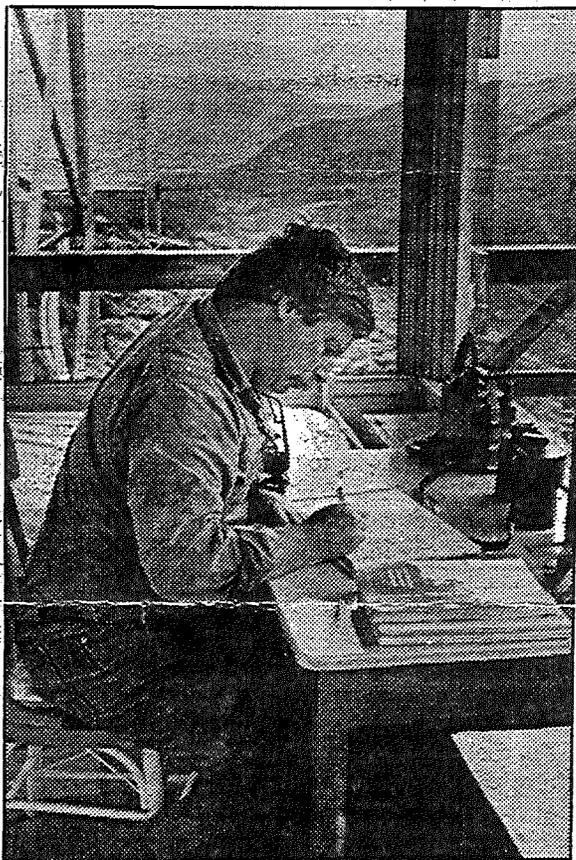
He makes the 15 mile trek from his home in Markleeville to the tower when he gets word from the U.S. Forest Service that the weather is turning ugly.

On a clear day he can see as far as Jacks Valley, nearly 40 miles from the tower, but usually the Forest Service doesn't send him up to the tower on a clear day.

Gardner said he had some previous firefighting experience as a hand crew boss.

"This is a big departure," he said. "I've got the viewpoint. It's a lot easier to get the big picture from up here."

There isn't much to do except watch out



Brent Gardner logs lightning strikes from the Leviathan lookout tower. R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch

over the landscape, but for Gardner, that's enough.

"You see a lot of wildlife up here," he said. "You see a lot of deer and there are marmots. There is always something to do

and something to see."

Gardner spends stormy afternoons in the tower, watching for lightning strikes and the columns of smoke that indicate something is on fire.

According to Gardner, his job is to pay attention to what is going on during a lightning storm.

"The misconception is that this is a kickback job," he said. "Every single lightning strike has to be called in, and there are upwards five to 10 strikes a minute that I can see. The trick is to be diligent and to stay alert."

When Gardner spots a lightning strike, he plots it and calls it in to Eastlake dispatch.

"On my first day there was a fire on Haypress Flat. I saw the strike and then the smoke. I was fortunate I was trained by Mike Dondero (of the Forest Service). The training really paid off when it was needed."

The weather at the tower is almost as interesting as the scenery.

"When I see a big black angry storm cloud, then I am going to call that in," he said. According to Gardner there is always a small cloudburst, and the wind blows all the time.

"The wind blows pretty steadily," he said. "But then it gets still and boy, I know there is a storm actually coming."

Watching wildlife also helps Gardner pass the time between storms.

"There are times when you can just see the wind sheers," he said. "The updraft here is incredible, the birds love it."

# Damn the dam

EDITOR: *Record Courier 8/17/89*

Regarding your "Our Opinion" column of August 3: while I agree that considerable tax dollars may be wasted in the study of two mutually-exclusive land management alternatives for the east fork of the Carson River (dam vs. federal Wild & Scenic designation), I take exception to your statement of facts about AB 153 and your inferred definition of "the common crowd in Douglas County" and their opinions on this issue.

Douglas County Assemblyman Louis Bergevin verified for me that AB 153 did not create the sub-conservancy district and its mandate to study the feasibility of constructing upstream storage. It only revised the boundary and make-up of the district. I was informed by the assemblyman during the hearings on AB 153 that this bill would not address the issue of dam vs. no dam. Thus, the Forest Service had no reason to provide comment on AB 153. Had this bill been the appropriate forum for solicitation of public comment on the dam/no dam issue, I would have provided plenty of comment on my own, as my

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## Letters: McNeil

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wife and I are strong supporters of federal designation of the Carson River - from Hangman's Bridge to the old power dam - as Wild & Scenic.

As avid white water boaters on the Carson, we can attest to the unique beauty of this stretch of the river and to its popularity among boaters, fishermen, and campers alike. I suspect that together these recreationists number not in the few hundred, as claimed recently in a guest editorial by Hubert Bruns, but in the thousands, from both California and Nevada.

I honestly believe that if a professional public opinion poll of residents in the county were taken, the "common crowd in Douglas County" you refer to would not support the construction of a dam on the upper Carson. The proposed destruction of this popular natural river and recreation resource, rare to the eastern Sierra and Nevada as a whole, is at odds with the attempts of our county leaders and local tourism development interests to capitalize on all of the unspoiled natural resources of our beautiful valley, i.e., our clean air, beautiful landscape, skiing, hot air ballooning, soaring, fishing, hunting, etc.; indeed, the very reasons why so many people are now moving here. As with the concern for the protection of these resources, so should equal consideration be given to preserving the free-flowing Carson River.

Surely, construction of a dam on the Carson is something we can no longer justify - environmentally or economically. In the case of the latter, certainly not by local agricultural interests due to the projected high cost of water. Nor would it be justified for the purpose of micro area flood protection. In fact, it would probably be cheaper to buy-out and relocate those in the river's floodplain who would most benefit by the very limited protection and false sense of security to be afforded by Bodie dam.

The main reason touted for need of the dam is upstream storage to support future growth in the sub-conservancy district. Assuming we would even want to foster the level of growth projected by dam supporters, and suffer significant reduction in our rural quality of life as we presently know and enjoy it, I feel it would be far wiser to preserve the river in its natural state and promote the maximum efficiency of water used within the district.

Has the subconservancy district seriously considered the water savings potential to be found in the latest no-comfort-sacrifice, water efficient hardware out on the market which could be installed in new and existing homes and businesses (showerheads, toilets, kitchen and bathroom faucets and water efficient major home appliances)? Also to be considered is the new supply potential easily obtained through the implementation of more efficient landscaping irrigation techniques and greater use of water conserving landscaping in general. Added benefits to the use of the above would be reduced water pumping and pre-and post-treatment costs, as well as energy savings to homeowners through a reduction in hot water heating needs. Such low-cost, low-technology water supply alternatives are being implemented in communities all across the nation in light of forecasted population demand on local water supplies.

In summary, through the methods I've outlined above we can preserve the upper Carson River and provide for the district's future water needs. I sincerely hope the new leadership of the subconservancy district will spend our hard-earned tax dollars wisely.

DAVE McNEIL  
Gardnerville

Aug. 14

Remember  
When?

50 YEARS AGO  
Aug. 16, 1940  
The Record-Courier

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**REPUBLICANS LEAD.** Registration closed for the primary election last Tuesday and compared with that of two years ago, there has been no change in Democratic registration while the Republicans showed a substantial increase.

**SOFTBALL LEAGUE.** A softball league is now in the course of formation, and will be comprised of teams from the Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, Twenty-third Club, Farm Bureau and other Carson Valley organizations. With poles set, reflectors and wiring in place, the lights were properly focused by a representative of the Sierra Pacific Power company yesterday and everything is in readiness for the first night game.

Fred Steiner, of the Sierra Pacific Power company, was guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club dinner held at Bergevin's cafe last Thursday evening. He not only gave interesting account of softball activity in various towns and cities in Nevada, but explained the method in lighting the fields. The Gardnerville field, he declared, will be on of the best lighted softball courts in the state.

**LEASE EXPIRES.** The lease on the Starke hotel and saloon, held by Reno parties, expired yesterday and Wm. Starke, the owner took possession. The hotel and saloon will be closed for about a week during which time many improvements are to be made before being reopened.

**LOCKED FENDERS.** An automobile driven by Budd Dressler and one bearing a California license locked fenders on the street near Wayne Mortimer garage last Monday. Both machines emerged from the crash with damaged bumpers, grills and fenders but the drivers were uninjured.

\* **MEETING HELD.** The annual meeting of the Ebbett's Pass Highway Association will be held at George Coyan's hotel in Markleeville, Friday evening, August 23. This will be a dinner meeting and promises to be largely attended by both California and Nevada people interested in this route over the Sierras.



**SLUGGING CHICK.** Dayla Keebaugh, a standout athlete in the Valley since her high school days at Douglas, added another accomplishment to her resume recently when she belted a home run over the left field fence on Field 3 at Lampe Park during Carson Valley women's league play. See For the record for the story. R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch

## Dayla's hit

You couldn't ask for a better way to end a summer season.

Dayla Keebaugh couldn't have, anyway.

The 25-year-old shortstop finished her season with a hit she'll be able to talk about through the winter, and longer, when she became the first player to knock a home run over the fence at Lampe Park

## For the record

by DAVE PRICE, Sports Editor

in Carson Valley women's slow-pitch league play.

Her solo home run helped the Carson Valley Golf Course-7/11 Chicks to a 12-6 victory in their Aug. 7 season finale over Mark Kizer. The win capped off a 17-3 season for the Carson Valley A league champion Chicks.

For Keebaugh, this was quite possibly her best slow-pitch season. She also says it will probably be her last one as far as playing in the local recreation league.

This wouldn't be a bad way to go out. Long-time slow-pitch enthusiasts recall two other women hitting the ball out at Lampe Park — including one by Wayne's Glass slugger Kerrie Sorini — but those both occurred during tournament play.

This was the first time the feat has been accomplished in regular league play.

"This is something I've kind of been waiting for. I hit the fence in the first game I played this season and I've come close a couple of other times," Keebaugh recalled.

The pitch had Dayla's name written across the seams — "I like the low, flat ones" — and she took it out on a line over the left field fence on Field 3 at Lampe Park. Right between The French and Contel signs, 250 feet away from home plate.

"I didn't get a chance to see where the ball landed, but they said it was way out there," she added. "I think the team was more excited than I was. I thought I was going to get tackled when I crossed home plate."

Keebaugh, a draftsman by trade, grew up with athletics in the Carson Valley and nearby Alpine County.

She was skilled enough on a basketball court to play two years for the Gerald Price-coached Diamond Valley Elementary School boys team, and then she started four seasons for Douglas High's varsity girls basketball squad before graduating in 1982.

Known as a guard who scrapped at both ends of the floor, her best season came as a junior in the fall of 1980 when she led Douglas in scoring and earned Northern AAA all-league honorable mention recognition, highlighted by a 24-point performance against Wooster, while in another game, she scored 20 points, handed out six assists and picked up four steals against Fallon.

Keebaugh ran track as a freshman before turning to softball the following year (she was Douglas' Most Inspirational Player as a rookie).

Injuries plagued Keebaugh through most of her high school softball career, and have also figured into her slow-pitch career — as can be seen by the knee brace she now wears during games.

The shortstop fits right in with the Chicks because Dixie Martin at third base and left fielder Rhonda Fingar wear braces as well.

"It's a joke on the team. The whole left side of the field wears braces; they call us Robo Chicks," Keebaugh said with a laugh.

The added hardware doesn't seem to have cost Keebaugh a step, though, because she hit .834 with three triples last month during the ASA state women's C tournament in Gardnerville.

The Chicks finished 3-3, good for third place during the six-team state tournament, and a qualifying berth for the ASA Rocky Mountain Regional Tournament in Kingman, Ariz.

Keebaugh is ready to pack her gear away for the summer. She says for good.

"I'm calling this my last year," Keebaugh said. "Softball is a game; a fun game, and playing with this team is never-ending fun. I've always been involved with athletics, it's something I like to do. But right now, I wouldn't mind having a chance to just kick back and enjoy summer."

Don't count on it. A new challenge has already been issued.

"My friends are already telling me I can hit it out over here," she smiled, pointing to the 300-foot dimension of Lampe Park's men's Field 4. "I don't know about that. That's a long way away."

# Triathletes eye World's Toughest test

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## Eighth annual triathlon set for next Saturday at Tahoe

by DAVE PRICE  
Sports editor

More than 500 athletes from across the nation are expected to participate in the eighth annual World's Toughest Triathlon next Saturday at Lake Tahoe.

Athletes will swim, bike and run against a 120.6-mile route that stretches from South Lake Tahoe to Monitor Pass in Alpine County, a test that certainly lives up to the name of the event.

It all starts at 7:30 a.m. at Camp Richardson with triathletes and relay team members diving into frigid Lake Tahoe for a two-mile swim.

The swim is followed by a 100-mile cycling leg that takes the competitors over 7,740-foot Luther Pass, through Markleeville and to the top of Monitor

Pass at 8,134 feet. Riders then return, over Luther Pass, back to Camp Richardson for the start of an 18.6-mile trail run.

The run takes participants around the west shore of Fallen Leaf Lake, then climbs 1,000 feet to Angora Ridge, then the course leads cross-country, uphill to the South Tahoe High School campus and back to Camp Richardson.

David Cihasky of Chippewa Falls, Wis., is expected to defend his men's title. Cihasky finished second in 1988 and came back last year to win the race in a course record time of 8 hours, 25 minutes, 30 seconds — highlighted by a sub-5-hour effort on the cycling leg.

Among the local names to watch are Ron Harpin of Gardnerville and John Gailson from Caples Lake.

Harpin has cracked the World's

Toughest top 10 the last two years, having placed 10th in 1988 and sixth last year. Harpin's time last year was 8:55:53, just one-half hour off the winning pace set by Cihasky.

Harpin, 31, finished 21st at the Mammoth Snowcreek Triathlon, a race won by 1989 USTS champion Scott Molina. He also came in 15th at the Donner Lake Triathlon, only seven minutes behind the winner.

Gailson, who celebrated his 37th birthday earlier this month, finished 24th overall and fourth in his 35-39 age group a year ago. The man who won four straight Lake Tahoe Marathon titles between 1976-79, including an impressive 2:28:32 course record effort, has put together four strong running performances this summer. He won challenging 23.5-mile Sorensen's

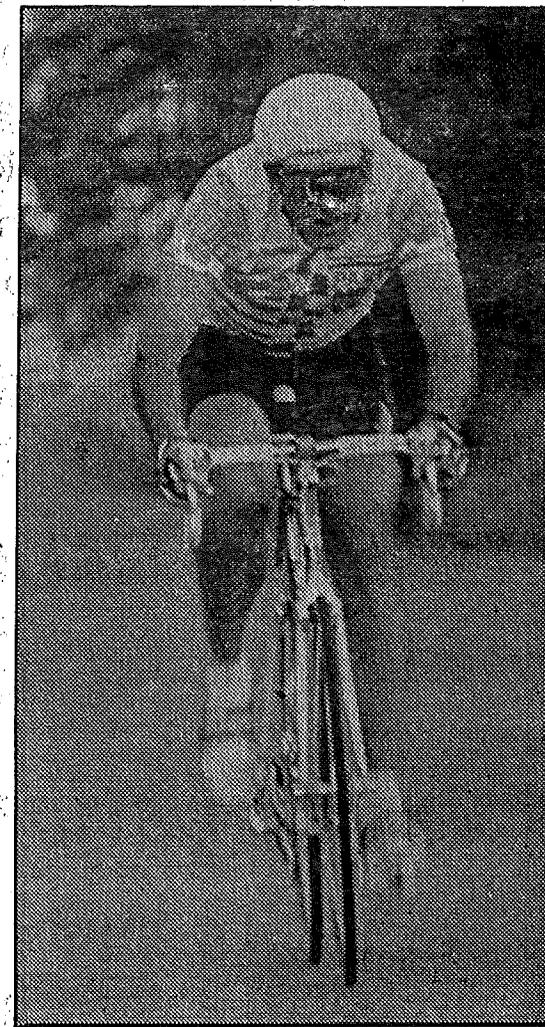
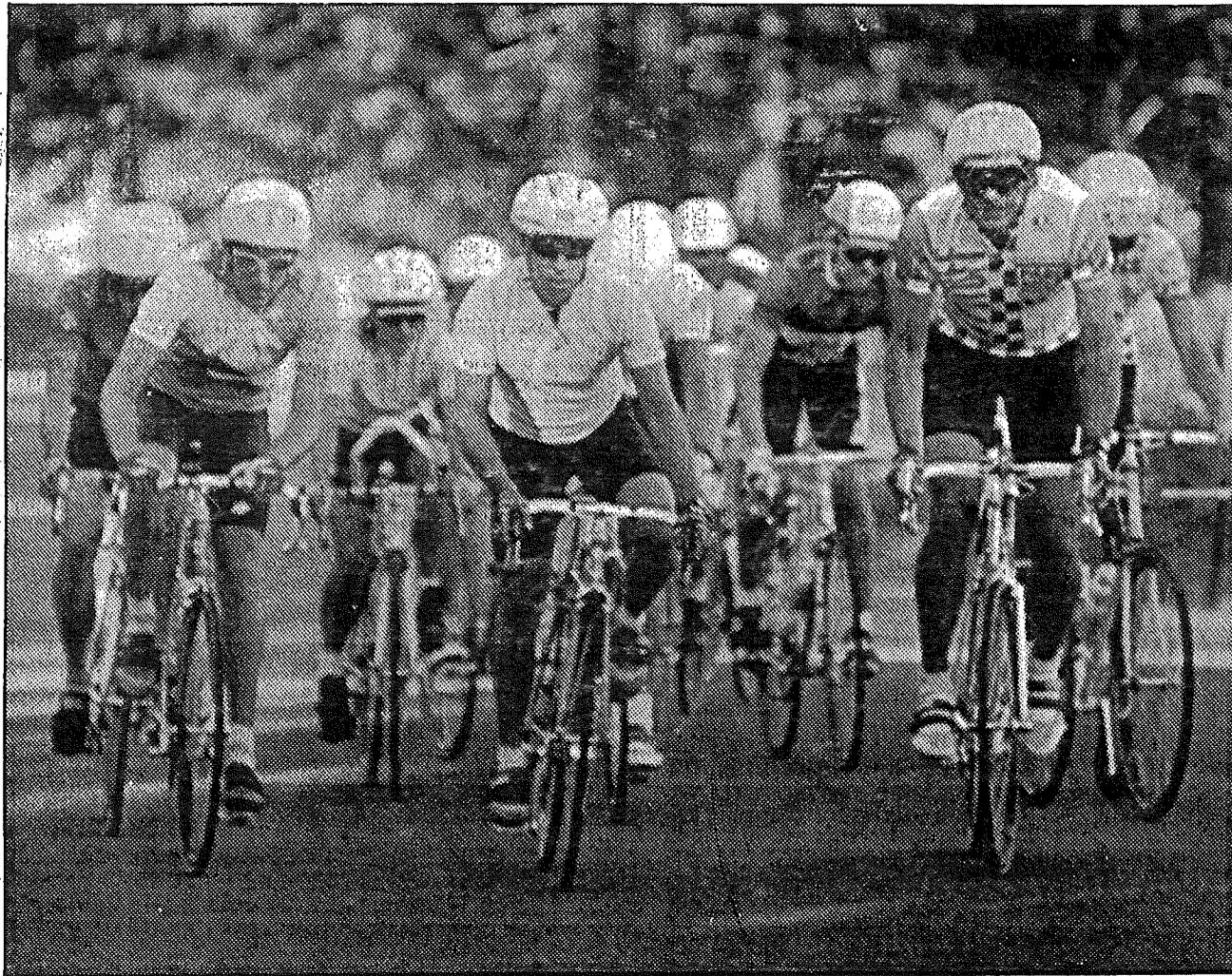
Wilderness Run and the 9.5-mile Ponderosa Ridge Run. He was also first at the Markleeville 10-K and third against a talented field at the recent Squaw Valley USA Mountain Run.

How difficult is the World's Toughest Triathlon?

A fact sheet compiled by race director Charlie Lincoln estimated that the average contestant trains between 18 and 24 hours per week to prepare for this event. The weekly time spent includes seven miles of swimming, 250 miles on a bicycle and 50 miles of running. During the course of the race, approximately 10,000 gallons of water will be dispensed among the competitors, in addition to 8,000 gallons of Gatorade. And more than 4,000 cookies will be consumed during the course of the race.

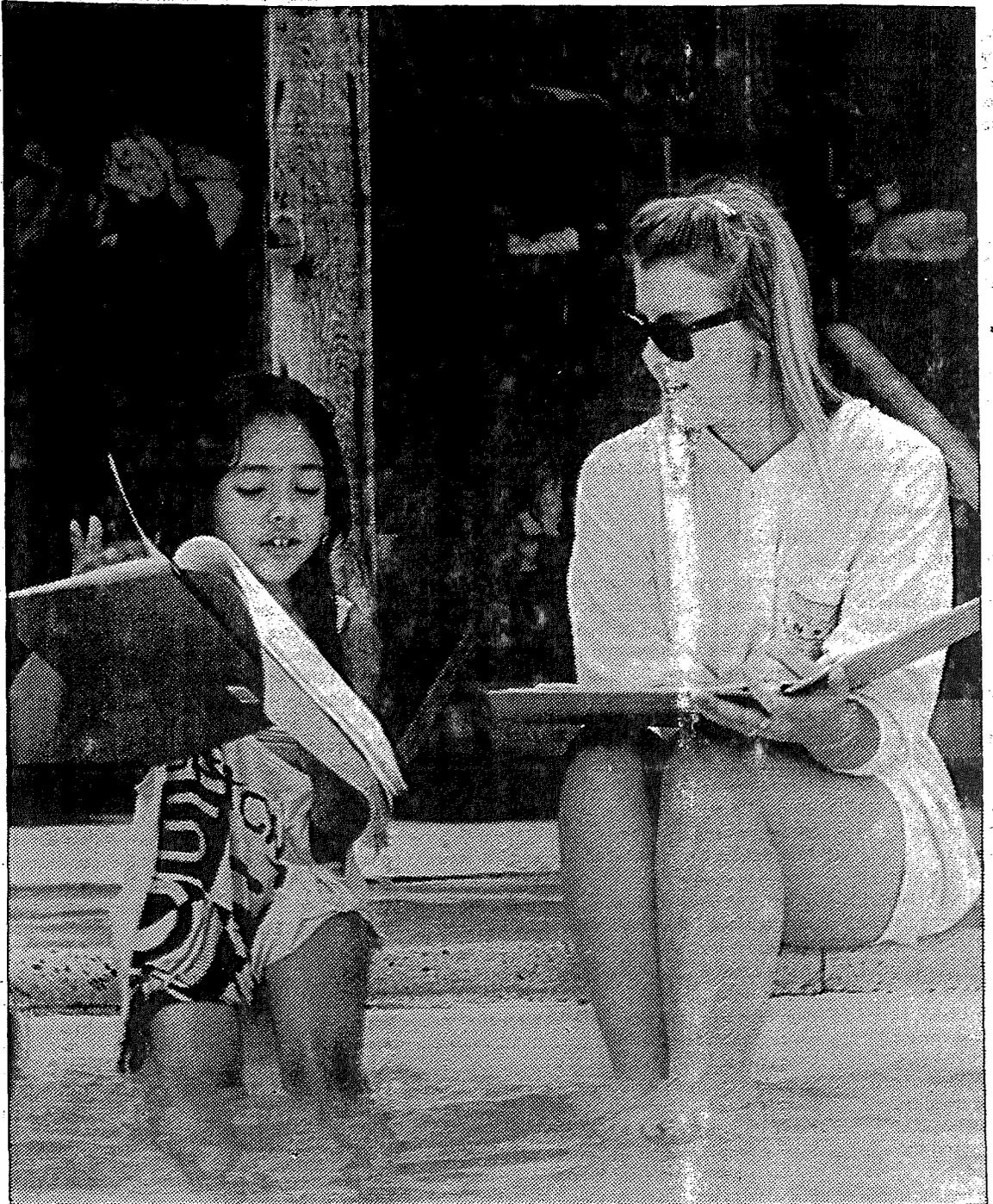
## Diamond Valley road racers

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The Alta Alpina Cycling Club's weekly race series continued Wednesday when 30 riders turned out for the Diamond Valley road race. In the end, first place among the A riders boiled down a sprint between two South Lake Tahoe racers, with John Mitchum beating Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo student Keith Hoefer by one foot. Both finished in times of 1 hour, 2 minutes and 12 seconds for the 22-mile double loop through Diamond Valley. Kirkwood's John Wagnon was a close third in 1:03:15. Mike Shipman of South Lake Tahoe finished first in the B division, followed by 16-year-old Jason Fife and Dave Mansfield. Two Rite of Passage riders, Collier and Hankey, topped the C division while Gardnerville's Curtis Fong finished third. Three more weeks remain in the Alta Alpina club's summer series, including a race this Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. on Franktown Road in the Washoe Valley. A criterium will be staged at Sierra Ski Ranch the following Wednesday, Aug. 29. Further information regarding upcoming events may be obtained by calling the club's hotline number in South Lake Tahoe at (916) 541-3649. R-C photos by Dave Price

## Up with kids



Beth Martinez (left) goes over her lines with Alpine County's "Up With Kids" Drama Coach, April Liput. The kids enjoyed an afternoon hot springs rehearsal session at Grovers Monday

in preparation for their upcoming presentation of "Cinderella," Sept. 8 at the Diamond Valley School. R-C photo by Whitney Woodward

## Dogs

EDITOR NOTE: The following letter was sent to the Alpine County Board of Supervisors. It was

submitted to the Record-Courier as a letter to the editor.

On your Aug. 21 Board agenda, you have before you a request for authorization to request proposal for dog training services under the Law Enforcement Grant. I urge you to pull this matter from the consent agenda and further discuss it.

As a taxpayer, my first reaction to this absurd idea of sniff dogs in Alpine County is that it looks as if we're going to subsidize Sheriff Kuhl's upcoming retirement.

You have previously approved somewhere around \$23,000 for the purchase and training of three dogs. This matter should have never gotten past that point.

I don't want to be misconstrued as supporting the use of drugs because of my following comments. What I want is for you to ask some questions. Understand the consequences of purchasing dogs for the use in Alpine County, and to be fiscally wise in making your decisions as to whether or not to proceed with this proposal.

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Have you considered, asked or evaluated the following:

1. Has the Sheriff's Department supplied any documents statistics that would indicate to you that a drug problem exists in Alpine County?

With all the other monies that this county reaps in for prevention of drug abuse, alcohol abuse, tobacco abuse, one would think that if any one of these programs were effective, this entire county would be so well educated we certainly wouldn't be worried about drug enforcement. Can I really believe that this program will be handled any differently than the present programs?

2. Have you examined the county's additional liability exposure under this dog program?

3. If you go ahead with this, are you going to research what breed of dog is more suitable for "sniffing?" International Airports use Beagles. They are less aggressive than the German Shepherd. How aggressive are these dogs going to be trained to be?

4. Do you really think that the ski resorts and lodging facilities i.e. Sorensen's Kirkwood, Bear Valley, Mount Reba, want these dogs sniffing at customer's crotches the minute they step out of their BMW's for a weekend of enjoyment?

5. Are these dogs going to be paraded up and down the streets of Markleeville harassing the tourist (and locals)?

6. Have you seen a written Plan for the use of these dogs or are you giving the Sheriff's Department carte blanche on this matter?

7. Have you questioned the long-term expenses of these dogs or are you giving them a blank check?

What about vet bills, feeding, housing?

8. Does this mean that the Sheriff will be back before you requesting additional compensation for the deputies that handle the dogs? Are there three deputies willing to have the dogs accompany them?

9. Wouldn't it be wiser in a county of our size to rent a handler and dog as needed from a neighboring agency?

My comments regarding the Request for Proposals:

1. After reading the Request, I am convinced that the proposal has been written around the qualifications of a particular individual.

2. The Request for Proposals states that "time is of the essence." You tell me why time is of the essence. Is it because Sheriff Kuhl needs to consummate this deal before retiring?

3. The Request states that "We do not anticipate conducting interviews." Why not? You're spending my tax dollar and that's what I'm paying you to do.

Concerns regarding the Grant:

1. The grant budget indicates that you're going to spend \$6,000 for the training of one dog. Maybe if the money was spent on training of the officers instead of animals, we'd have more viable situation.

2. Vehicle modifications -- Has anyone asked what kind of modifications are being done? Again, are these modifications for the dogs?

Bottomline on this "doggie" situation is that in a time when the State of California is having extreme budgetary problems, if this Board can in good consciousness approve the purchase of dogs, you're just as guilty of eroding the fiscal integrity of this State as are our State Legislators. Your ripping us off as taxpayers.

CHARLES KEEBAUGH  
Markleeville  
Aug. 20

## Kirkwood Associates seeking unification

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

A call for the unification of Kirkwood Meadows was made Tuesday when Mike Berry of Kirkwood Associates asked Alpine County supervisors to meet with El Dorado and Amador Counties.

"The biggest problem we have in Kirkwood is that we are divided and conquered," Berry said. "The best deal for all of us is to get Kirkwood all in one county."

Berry said the levels of service vary too much from one county to the next.

"Amador has the best deal in the world," he said. "In contrast to Alpine County, they have 100 homes but don't have to provide any services."

Berry spoke during a discussion of funding for the Kirkwood Public Utilities District.

He said the level of funding provided to the PUD should be increased.

"We can't have Kirkwood thrive and have Kirkwood develop without the counties funneling funding back into it," he said.

Berry told supervisors he would prefer Kirkwood be united in Alpine County.

Supervisors agreed to try to call a tri-county meeting with El Dorado and Amador counties, but expressed reservations about being the ones to initiate the unification.

"I don't think it is appropriate for Alpine County to take the lead in this," Supervisor Eric Jung said. "You should be the ones to bring it up."

In other business:

- Supervisors hired a new director of Social Services.

Patricia Shuman was hired Tuesday after an executive session. Shuman is currently GAIN coordinator in Glenn County, California.

Shuman was hired to take the place of former Social Services director Chet Moore, who resigned after a controversy over his firing of a probationary social worker.

- Supervisors referred a request by the Sheriff's Office for authorization to publish a request for proposals for a dog training element of the drug abuse block grant program to the law enforcement committee.

Board chairman John Brissenden said he felt it was premature to discuss paying for the dogs before the budget hearings were complete.

Supervisor Jung said he agreed with Brissenden about the budget.

"We may not be able to maintain the current level of manning," he said. "I see it as a waste of money."

- Approved funding to hire a consultant to look at the cost of heating the Alpine County Library and the health department.

## Fire regulations could increase cost of Alpine homes

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

A proposed firefighting regulation may increase the cost of a new home in Alpine County as much as \$5,000.

The California Board of Forestry will hold public hearings to discuss increased requirements for homes built in the wildlands.

According to Leonard Turnbeaugh, director of transportation for Alpine County, the new regulations will require new home builders to install a 2,500 tank to hold firefighting water.

Homeowners would not have to install the tank if there is a pond of similar size on their property.

The tank would aid in firefighting efforts in areas where firefighters do not have ready access to water.

Turnbeaugh told Alpine County supervisors the new regulations would aid in protecting homes in a situation like the Acorn Fire, where more homes are threatened than there are tanker trucks to handle it.

"We have more pumpers than tankers," he said. "If we had a wildfire, the tanker couldn't be two places at the same time."

He said about one house fire would require a tanker truck, and that engines, or pumpers, are more available than the tankers.

"This would be like having a tanker truck at every home," he said.

The new regulations were the result of a law passed in 1987 requiring the Board of Forestry to adopt minimum fire safe standards for areas bordering on state lands.

Among the standards set by the regulations are road widths for fire equipment, signs identifying streets, roads and buildings, establishing fuelbreaks and greenbelts and the regulation requiring water supply reserves for emergency fire use.

More than 500 homes were destroyed this year in Santa Barbara and San Diego Counties this year.

It is estimated more than 2 million homes are in the California wildlands.

According to the forestry board's statement of reasons for the adoption of the rules, fire agencies in California no longer have the equipment or funding necessary to provide an engine to protect each home during large wildland fires.

Members of the public will

have the opportunity to comment on the new regulations at South Lake Tahoe on October 10.

Supervisors also commended members of the U.S. Forest Service stationed in Alpine County.

According to Mike Dondero of the Forest Service, firefighters dealt with nearly 85 fires in the Markleeville-Woodfords area over the last month.

None of the fires got larger than three acres.

Dondero introduced some of the members of the Forest Service's firefighters to supervisors.

"They all deserve a big hand," Dondero said. "I am real proud of them."

Supervisors approved sending a letter of commendation to each firefighter.

# Aqueduct I water battle will be in federal court

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by MELANIE MARTIN SUPERSANO  
Staff Writer

In a victory for a coalition of protesters, a federal judge has ordered that the Aqueduct I water transfer application be processed entirely by the federal court.

The decision, rendered Friday, will take the proposed transfer out of the state engineer's hands, said District Attorney Brent Kolvet.

Aqueduct I proposes to transfer all the irrigation water rights off of former Dressler family lands which straddle the Nevada/California border in Douglas County and Alpine County.

The Carson Water Subconservancy District, Heritage Ranch, G. & S.R. Springmeyer Co., Ace Ranch Associates, and Roy and Dorothy Heise filed a motion last month to consolidate the application under the federal court's juris-

diction.

Douglas County, Alpine County, Lyon County and the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District and the subconservancy district formally joined with individual ranchers this summer to oppose the proposed transfer.

The protesters did not want the complicated transfer, involving both Nevada and California water, decided piecemeal by two entities.

The State Engineer has jurisdiction over the waters of Nevada, but the Carson River itself is an interstate stream governed by federal decree.

The group believed that Aqueduct I could have gained an advantage from the legal standpoint if the state engineer made determinations on a portion of the scheme. Since the U.S. District Court is the appellate court for the state engineer's decisions, its func-

tion is limited at that stage and an initial factual error from the State Engineer's Office could have caused irreparable harm, the petition seeking the injunctions stated.

Neither the State Engineer's Office or Aqueduct I protested the ruling, Kolvet said.

U.S. District Judge Bruce Thompson ruled that Aqueduct I must republish its notices of application in both Lyon County and this newspaper and give 60 days to respond from the date of first publication.

Thompson also advised Aqueduct I that he wanted the firm to tell the court exactly what it wants to do with the water. The firm's overall scheme is to move the water into storage in Mud Lake Reservoir and sell it downstream, but the firm has not been forthcoming with specifics.

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## Aqueduct I: Federal court will decide issues

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At press-time Aqueduct I's attorney, Ross deLipkau, could not be reached for comment.

In addition, Thompson indicated that one of the critical issues will be the effect of the water transfer on downstream and

upstream users, Kolvet said. The judge also wants to know how public interest in general will be affected by the transfer. In other words, Kolvet explained, the judge will look at how the Carson Valley will be affected overall by the transfer.

Aqueduct I, Ltd., a Fort Collins Colo.-based private partnership, formed in June 1989. After raising \$6.9 million, the firm purchased a large portion of the ranchlands and all associated water rights from the Dressler family for \$4.9 million in October 1989.

Aqueduct I then filed applications to transfer 4,632.3 acre feet of water rights into Mud Lake, a small reservoir in Douglas County south of the Ranchos. This would dry up a little more than 1,000 acres of land by taking it out of irrigation.

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**HIGHWAY ROUTE.** Last Thursday a party of people procured horses and went over the proposed route of the road to connect Highway 395 with Alpine County. Leaving Antelope Valley near Topaz Lake, a route was followed through the north end of Slinkard Valley and across the Alpine county line to Dangberg's cattle corrals above Heenan Lake. The remainder of the proposed route will be gone over in the near future. A careful check was made of the necessary grades and it was determined that no part of the grade would be over six percent. Over the route traveled, the distance between Highway 395 near Topaz Lake and the town of Markleeville is only 17 or 18 miles and about four miles of the first stretch of this road has already been constructed by Alpine County out of Markleeville.

# Fishing report: Lake plants wrapping up

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by RICK MULLER  
S-C News Service

**Blue Lakes** — Both the upper and lower were planted last week. Shore fishing has been only fair, with the boaters catching most of the rainbow. Last week was likely the last plant of the season for the Blues.

**Caples Lake** — Shore fishing is rated as only fair with few limits coming in last week. Boaters are scoring much better trolling flashers and a worm. The last plant of the season will be this week.

**Red Lake** — The shore fishing which was red hot up until mid-week has slowed. Boaters continue to catch limits on trolled worms.

**Indian Creek Reservoir** — Fishing has been poor, with few fish caught last week.

**East and West Carson Rivers** — The East Carson is the most productive river in our area due to low water conditions. The standard trout baits fished in the pools or spinners were catching fish late last week.

**Lake Tahoe** — Mackinaw on the south shore has been slow for fish up to four

pounds. The north shore has been good for macks up to 10 pounds, with Stateline Point and the Tahoe City shelf being the most productive. Trolled minnows in 200 to 260 feet of water are catching most of these fish. Kokanee salmon was good last week for both the trollers and jiggers. Most of the schools are holding in 80 to 100 feet of water between the mouth of Emerald Bay and Camp Richardson.

**Fallen Leaf Lake** — The Leaf has been slow for the kokanee, but the salmon that are being caught have usually been better than 2 pounds. Mack fishing is still

good for 1- to 2-pound fish. Drifted minnows off Stanford Camp was the hot spot last week.

**Heenan Lake** — This trophy cutthroat trout lake opened Friday. Heenan Lake is located in Alpine County off Monitor Pass. There is a zero limit and only single barbless artificial lures or flies may be used. Heenan will be open only on Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Oct. 28. The trout from this lake will average from 2 to 4 pounds, but can range up to 10. Editor's note: Rick Muller is a Lake Tahoe fishing guide.

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**SCHOOLS TO OPEN.** H. B. Shawe, principal of the Douglas high school, Harold Curran, principal of the Minden grammar school, and Clayton Phillips of the Gardnerville grammar school have been busily engaged for the past several days getting supplies in shape and arranging other details for opening of school next Tuesday morning.

**YOUNG LADY IN ACCIDENT.** Miss Zelda Heitman was painfully burned last Saturday morning when a double boiler exploded, escaping steam striking the young lady on the face and arms.

**LIGHT TURNOUT EXPECTED.** All indications point to a light vote in Douglas county in the primary election to be held next Tuesday.

**FFA WINS CONTEST.** For the fourth year in a row, Carson Valley group of Future Farmers of America won the state contest for having the best scrapbook in competition against all Future Farmer groups in this state.

\* **COYAN SELLS HOTEL.** George Coyan, who has conducted the Alpine hotel in Markleeville for many years, last week sold the hotel and lot to William Lyon of Sacramento. Mr. Coyan retains the auto court that was operated in connection with the hotel, it was learned.

The Alpine hotel is one of the oldest established places in Markleeville and during the summer months enjoys liberal patronage. With increased travel to Alpine county and the possibility of a new highway that will connect the Alpine county seat with that of Mono county, future tourists business in that mountain town seems exceedingly bright.

# Douglas soccer moves forward

by DAVE PRICE  
Sports editor

Last November, the Douglas High School soccer team surged from a pack of Northern Nevada AAA contenders into the limelight by sweeping into the zone tournament finals.

Back-to-back upsets over highly touted McQueen and Reed squads catapulted Douglas into the zone finals, where the Tigers fell to a 2-0 defeat at the hands of undefeated Carson City in the championship showdown at Governor's Bowl in Reno.

Now, coach Jerry Van Sickle is back for his second season at the helm of the Douglas program along with a veteran cast of players that has hopes of continued success in 1990.

"I've been thinking about soccer a lot," mused Van Sickle, who welcomed a turnout of 45 candidates for the varsity and J.V. teams for the start of conditioning on Aug. 13.

"We've got seven seniors plus two exchange students who should help us," he added. "I'm optimistic but I still want to see what we can do on the field in a game situation."

Last year's Northern AAA Coach of the Year will get that opportunity this Saturday when Douglas hosts Reed in a scrimmage at 10 a.m. on the high school field.

The Tigers kick off their season at home Sept. 13 against Reno.

"That's going to be a real test," Van Sickle said with an eye on the season opener. "My pre-season pick to win this league is Reno. They had a really young team last year but they were very talented."

Some gaps in the lineup were created in June by graduation, which took 10 players from a team that compiled a 13-6-1 overall record, including first-team all-leaguers John Arnold, Joe Frock and Russell Davis, second-team all-leaguer Chad Rollins and honorable mention pick Jason Watts.

Those represent impact losses, but Douglas will not come into this season with empty guns. Far from it.

Leading the way will be a nucleus of seven seniors including Todd McEwen, Wayne Logan, Roger French, Scott Batcher, Dan Hamer, Mike McMurray and Frank Williams. McEwen was a second-team all-league goalkeeper last season and Hamer a second-team fullback.

The duo, along with French, Hamer, McMurray, Batcher and Logan also played roles in a defense that allowed just 1.3 goals per game last season.

The newcomer to the senior group is Williams, who transferred to Douglas this spring after playing for perennial Southern California power Hawthorne.

Joining that nucleus are Scott Kirk and Keith Isham, who saw extensive action as sophomores last fall, in addition to J.V. graduates Jason Laurie, Ryan Tillet, Andrew Strolin and Andy Everson.

A pleasant early surprise has been the addition of two exchange students — Fredrick Ekeseth from Bergen, Norway, and Isidoro "Isi" Guirao from Las Palmas, Spain. Ekeseth looks to help out the Tigers' mid-field game and Guirao steps in as a reserve goaltender, according to Van

Sickle.

Another added plus over last year is team speed. "We have good balance as far as speed goes. That helps because it gives us good balance as far as having the ability to attack from the right wing, left wing or up the middle. We didn't have that luxury last year."

What the Tigers did have was Arnold, who stood among the league's scoring leaders with 24 goals last fall. Van Sickle doesn't expect to fill those shoes, either.

"We won't have one single guy in the mid-field or on the wing," Van Sickle indicated. "Instead, we'll have lots of different players involved with the offense."

Put the talent, experience and other variables together and Douglas would appear to be a legitimate contender to play with the Northern AAA leaders this fall.

"This is a good hard working group. We still have a ways to go but I think we have a good shot at getting better and better as the season goes on," Van Sickle said. "If we do that and jell together, then we'll be there at the end."



**MINDING THE NET.** Senior goaltender Todd McEwen figures prominently in Douglas High's plans to battle the leaders in Northern Nevada AAA soccer circles this fall. McEwen started in the net for Douglas as a sophomore and junior, earning second-team all-league recognition last fall. Douglas begins its regular season Sept. 13 at home against Reno. R-C photo by Chris Tumbusch

# Alpine considers Styrofoam ban

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

Alpine County supervisors are considering a ban on polystyrene foam packaging.

At their Tuesday meeting, supervisors voted to set a public hearing and the first reading of an ordinance which would ban the packaging for Sept. 18 in Markleeville.

According to Assistant to the Board Jeanne Lear, the ordinance would affect any packaging made using chlorofluorocarbons.

Lear said she was going to meet with businesses in the county affected by the ordinance and let them know what the provisions

were and that the public hearing was being held.

The ordinance is based on one adopted in Berkeley in 1988.

According to the ordinance, the reasons for banning the foam are twofold, first because it is a petroleum product and secondly because much of the foam is made using chlorofluorocarbons.

"Polystyrene foam is a petroleum processing by-product," the ordinance says. "Alternative products which are degradable or recyclable pose far less overall hazards than continued and expanded reliance on oil-based products."

The ordinance calls for a gradual weaning of businesses off the

foam packaging.

By Nov. 1, 1991 the ordinance calls for at least 25 percent of all packaging be recyclable or degradable. By November 1992, 50 percent of all packaging should be converted.

The ordinance also forbids the county from purchasing or using polystyrene packaging and says that at least 50 percent of food packaging used by the county or in county-sponsored events will be recyclable or degradable.

This is the second time in a year that an environmentally-inspired ordinance has appeared before supervisors.

An attempt to ban disposable diapers was placed on hold in

June. However, supervisors approved a resolution asking store owners not to sell them.

County Counsel Hank Murdock was directed to check with the California Attorney General's office on the legality of the ban.

Murdock recommended the board not approve the ban since it would be unenforceable.

"This is a noble idea," he said. "But I don't recommend the board try to regulate interstate commerce."

Murdock expressed doubts that the board could implement an ordinance that banned the sale of a legal commodity.

While supervisors agreed that it

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would be a good idea to wait on the attorney general's opinion. Ordinance sponsor Eric Jung said the passage of the resolution would not stop his campaign against the diapers.

Jung said he will bring the issue back once the county has a response from the attorney general's office.

Mike Berry, President of Kirkwood Associates, suggested the ban on polystyrene to supervisors at the June meeting.

Berry suggested that supervisors consider a more general policy, that includes other environmentally sensitive items.

He said one thing that ought to go are styrofoam cups.

"If you are going to address the problem, do it in a larger area, so we don't stutter-step and take a direction that doesn't solve the problem," Berry said.

In July the Douglas County

School Board heard a report that said the plastic foam could be recycled.

Board members discussed ways of dealing with the increasing use of styrofoam in the district's nutrition program.

Business manager Rick Kester told board members he has spent the last several months looking into alternatives to styrofoam.

"Most of the focus has been on Nancy's (nutrition program supervisor Nancy Moosburner) program because of the plastic foam," he said.

Moosburner said she received several letters asking the school district to stop using styrofoam in its nutrition program.

She said that some of the people she talked to believe polystyrene, the material used to keep cafeteria food hot, is made using chlorofluorocarbons which scientists believe affects the

Earth's ozone layer.

One of the problems with recycling the material is that the district only produces about \$500 worth of recyclable plastic foam in the course of a year and the nearest recycling plant is in San Francisco, according to Moosburner.

Also, there is a problem with storing the dirty trays until a load could be hauled off to the recycling plant.

Board member Liz Ludel cut to the heart of the problem.

"Why don't we go back to trays?" she asked. "I'm not so sure the plastic foam is re-usable."

While polystyrene can be recycled, it cannot be made into new food packaging.

Members of the Jacks Valley Elementary School Partners in Education group offered to develop a plan to increase the level of recycling at the elementary school.

# Sorensen's offers fall tour schedule

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Throughout the early fall, Sorensen's Resort has created a leisurely hiking adventure which will lead participants across parts of the Mormon-Emigrant Trail and the early Pony Express Route used over Kit Carson Pass.

California's Gold Rush of 1848 inspired the most crazed, adventuresome and courageous migration in United States history. Across the plains and through deserts on the Overland Trail, pioneers traveled more than 2,000 miles to face the rocky Sierra as the last barrier to the wealth of the Sacramento Valley.

Participants of the Historic Emigrant Trail Walking Tour will see remnants and scars of this migration in Hope Valley and surrounding area, a territory known for both its natural beauty and historic character.

The total package of Sorensen's

Historic Emigrant Trail walking Tour including two nights lodging, four meals and tour guide starts from \$98 per person, mid-week, non-holiday.

Sorensen's Resort is located 15 miles south of Lake Tahoe, just east of the Highways 88/89 junction. The historic settlement features 22 housekeeping cabins and three bed-and-breakfast units and a small cafe.

Some warm clothing is recommended for the outing, particularly during the fall months. Hikers may wish to bring camera and binoculars to glimpse the changes of seasons in the mountains, particularly the beautiful Aspens that come ablaze with color in the fall.

For more information and to make reservations, call (916) 694-2203.

Or, write Sorensen's Resort, Hope Valley, Ca 96120.

# Image of change, they're above it all

## High Sierra's Alpine County thinks small

By Tony Bizjak  
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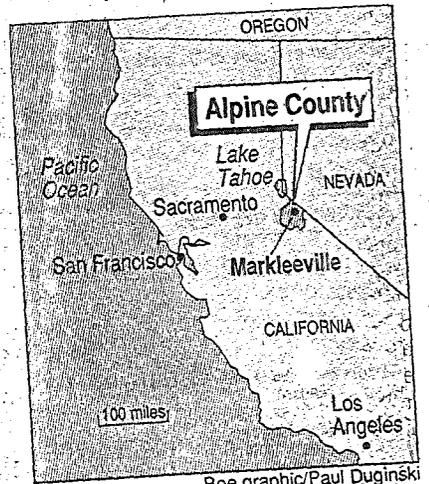
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consider us a part of California," says county planner Leonard Turnbeaugh.

The more populated east slope of 726-square-mile Alpine County spills like a washboard into Nevada's Carson Valley. People here watch Nevada television, listen to Nevada radio stations and read Nevada newspapers.

They drive 20 miles into Nevada to see a doctor, shop at a chain store, attend church, go to the bank, see a movie and attend high school because none of that exists here.

Two of three roads to the rest of California are closed in winter. A third road winds 32 mountain miles to South Lake Tahoe. But Tahoe is a snarl of bleating traffic in the eyes of Alpiners.

"Nobody likes to go to Tahoe," says District Attorney Henry "Hank" Murdock. "You have to put up with all the damn Californians."

This week, people in Alpine were talking not about census numbers, but about the kinds of populations they know best. They were talking about dogs and deer and cattle and bear.

There was the dog debate Tuesday at the Board of Supervisors meeting.

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Their relationship with nature and its beasts is complicated — both tender and tough. "Realistic," says District Attorney Murdock. You love your pet dog; he says, but if it chases cattle, it will be shot. "That's the rule; we all know it."

The plundering bear is awesome; but the foraging deer, as of Saturday, is merely prey. Deer hunting season is open.

Schools Superintendent James Parsons is one of 1,000 deer hunters swarming the highlands around Markleeville this weekend in search of freezer meat.

"I'm an ecologically sound hunter," says the Central Valley transplant, who moved here to run a small school district. "I'm lousy. I went the entire hunting season last year without firing a shot. Unfortunately, there are guys who don't go a day without shooting something. Hunting is abused."

Any day now, people here know, a cow will be found dead, plugged by a drunken hunter for fun.

Cattle are big money here. There are a few Alpine ranchers, says Murdock, who, "if they wrote a \$1 million check, you can be sure it won't bounce."

One is Chris Gansberg Sr., born here 81 years ago in a white house with white wagon wheels at the gate. It's the only house he's ever lived in, and cattle is the only life he's ever known.

Gansberg's ranch flows from a mesa down into Nevada. "Look at that mess," he says, pointing toward Nevada subdivision some 10 miles in the distance. Newcomers, to his mind, are riffraff. He's lucky. Because Nevada does not impose a state income tax, few people move across the state line into Alpine County.

The newcomers Gansberg worried about this week were calves. One was being rejected by its mother; two others were born dead. So, Gansberg's grandson cut the hide off a dead calf and tied it like a saddle over the rejected calf, hoping the second mother would recognize the smell and let the calf suckle.

Meanwhile, Gansberg put another mother in a chute and tried to force its calf into nursing. The unwilling calf squirmed away between his legs.

"Momma said there'd be days like this," the ranch said. He grabbed the calf and tried again. It didn't work. So, he took a bottle from his truck and milked the cow. Then, Gansberg, squatting in the dust, wrapped the calf in big brown hands that were mottled like the hills and mothered it himself.

He straightened himself up. He didn't dust off. He stared out over distant cattle like dots on the plain. Above, as if painted there, a daytime moon hung in the long sky.

"No," he said absently, hands on hips, spurs dug in the dirt. "I love it here. God, I love it."

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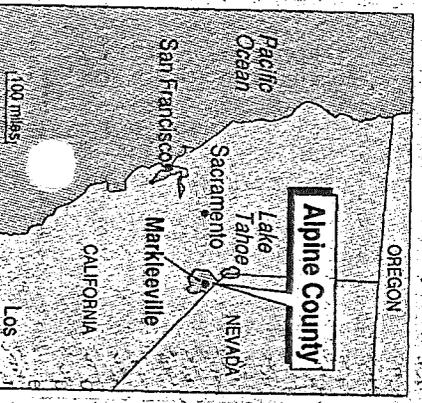
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**BLOWIN' UP A BALLOON.** Diamond Valley Elementary School Principal Sandy Cowen anchors a hot-air balloon Thursday as Alpine County School superintendent's secretary

Terrie Peets watches. The event was funded by California's Proposition 99, a 25-cent per pack cigarette tax. R-C photo by Kurt Hildebrand