

Take trip over Monitor

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Johnson Lane Journal

by DEBBIE TOPPING

I think it's finally trying to be autumn in the Valley. The trees on the highway have been slowly working their way into the golds of the season and the neighborhood is stockpiling firewood, so we decided it was time to go on our annual drive over Monitor Pass.

My pictures never seem to do the huge patches of turning aspens justice, so we just enjoyed the view this time. I spotted what I think was a mountain lion walking into the trees near Turtle Rock but, naturally, nobody else saw it, so who knows what I saw. Mark had that dubious look in his eyes.

A few years back, we took an off-road excursion back into the hills from the summit of Monitor Pass. As we wound our way through the trees, a huge bear (it looked huge, anyway) trotted across the road in front of us. He was across the road and gone too fast to wake Monica in the back seat but Mark and I sat there for much longer asking each other, "Did you see that?" I hope you have the opportunity to get out and enjoy the trees and wildlife before all the leaves blow off the trees, leaving just the grey tree "skeletons" of winter.

WILD HORSE WOES

I can't believe we're mourning the loss of the third mustang herd to be removed from Johnson Lane since we've lived here. The neighborhood is feeling the loss. I can't tell you how many calls and visits I've had in the last week from

many of you who are extremely upset at the removal of this latest herd, a splinter group of only five.

The problem is not the Bureau of Land Management but, rather, the neighbor who complained. The mandate of the BLM is such that they are required to remove mustangs from private land if the landowner complains. Of course, common sense tells you that fencing your land would keep the herd from coming on to your land. Common sense is a scarce commodity, however, and some find it easier to have the horses removed.

BLM uses corrals with long "wings" to funnel the horses in. Generally they use helicopters or wranglers on horseback, depending on the herd size but, in this case, they baited the trap with hay and lured them in. I guess the complainant is content since the trap has been removed.

Now we need to prevent it from happening again. I did find out that a private landowner can maintain a herd, but that's generally

done on private land and I'm not sure any of us have a big enough parcel to do that. We might consider coordinating a "mustang protective" society to help those who dislike the mustangs to fence their yards.

Does anyone have any suggestions? I'd like to hear both sides of the issue.

RECYCLING TRAILER BACK IN USE

Those of you who dropped off your recyclables at Jacks Valley Elementary last weekend may have noticed that Douglas Disposal's recycling trailer was being used. Thanks to Doug Boddy and his boss, Jeff Tillman, at South Tahoe Refuse, the trailer was brought over to the school to be filled with glass and aluminum. It was a tremendous help to the parents who usually end up transporting several trailers full of glass for redemption.

We hope to have the trailer on hand at the school on the third Saturday of each month for recycling day. Since the trailer is being manned, the problem of people filling it with garbage has been eliminated, so this should be a pretty productive union. Mark Nov. 16 on your calendar as the next recycling day—we'll see you there.

Today's Women in Carson Valley

Xochi Klingler: She's big on trying new things

Former truck driver owns second hand clothes store

by INA LAURA POWDRILL
Staff Writer

Xochi Klingler made a career change from truck driving to something more stimulating to her creative ability.

"I was very artistic when I was younger—I sculpted, painted and so on," Klingler said.

As owner/manager of the Second Hand Rose store in Gardnerville, Klingler is able to release her "sleeping talents."

"I create displays for the store and I help customers with new looks," she said. "I'm big on trying new things."

"I'm also very honest with customers—if something doesn't suit them, I'll say so!"

Much of Klingler's business is return business, so her methods seem to work.

Klingler's time spent driving a truck helped her and her husband Fritz make a dream come true.

"While I drove a truck, he built our dream house (in Woodfords) from the ground up," she said.

"We have 7 acres there and I like to garden and do sketches of the area."

They share the home with 11-

year-old stepson Richard and a 16-year-old cat named Snoopy.

"First and foremost is family—they mean everything to me," Klingler said. "I'm lucky my father, Jim Hughes, and brother, Doug Kelly live pretty close by, too."

Running Second Hand Rose also allows Klingler more flexibility to spend time with her family and to pursue other favorite activities.

One of these activities is travel. Her favorite modes of travel are on her Harley-Davidson or by plane.

"For the last 10 years my husband and I have gone to South Dakota and a large motorcycle rally held in Sturgis," she said. "Last year we went back on our honeymoon."

Her husband Fritz owns a Cessna 182 single-engine aircraft and the two of them fly frequently to the Bay Area.

At home, Klingler said she really enjoys the people in the Valley.

"I really love the people here, they're wonderful," Klingler said. "I've lived in the big cities and find it's much more stable here—the people are very open."



XOCHI KLINGLER on her Harley.

R-C photo by Eugene Jack

Mary Duarte

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A Mass of Christian burial for Mary Ann Duarte, 71, a Woodfords resident for the past 23 years, will be held at 9 a.m. on Friday, at St. Gall Catholic Church in Gardnerville with the Rev. John Corona celebrant.

Visitation will be held at Walton's Chapel of the Valley, Cemetery and Mausoleum from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today.

A Christian wake service will be held at 7 p.m. today at St. Gall's.

Mrs. Duarte died Monday at her residence. She was born March 1, 1920, in San Jose, Calif., to John and Rose Gioisa Pisturino.

She married Harold Duarte in San Jose, Aug. 29, 1942.

Before coming to Woodfords, she lived in Mountain View, Calif.

Mrs. Duarte worked for the California State Automobile Association for 10 years.

She was a member of St. Gall Catholic Church. She belonged to

the Elks Auxiliary in Carson City and was a former member of Markleeville Historical Society and Library Board.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Claudia Jeanne Balcon in 1980, two brothers and two sisters.

Among her survivors are her husband, Harold, of Woodfords; son, Dennis R. of Hillsborough, Calif.; daughters, Kathleen Allasia of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Claudia Begovich of Gardnerville; brothers, Tony Pisturino of Coulterville, Calif., and Pete Pisturino of San Jose; sisters, Jo Bertaccini, Prudence Brundage and Rose Duarte, all of San Jose; and two grandchildren.

Entombment will be at Walton's Carson Gardens.

The family requests that those wishing to make contributions do so to the St. Gall Building Fund, P.O. Box 788, Gardnerville, Nev. 89410.

EDITOR:

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I don't know where Ruth Jerdon lives, but I think it ill behooves those of us who live along the Sierra Front to get too cocky about our state of readiness in terms of fire prevention (Letters To the Editor, Oct. 24.)

"California's Fire of the Future"—that's how one fire official referred to the recent disastrous fire in the Bay Area. There will be similar fires up and down the coast range, up and down the East Bay foothills, up and down the Sierra foothills, and up and down the Sierra Front (that's us).

People are moving into wooded areas, adding "fuel for the fire," as it were, in the form of wood frame houses with wood siding and wood roofs, and fiercely protecting the "rural atmosphere" by refusing to thin trees and brush. In some areas the problem is compounded by narrow roads, inadequate water supply, and undermanned, under-equipped and sometimes under-trained fire departments.

In the last few years the Sierra Front Wildfire Cooperators have put together an excellent organization made up all the fire fighting agencies in the area. They have come a long way in improving cross-training, cross-equipping, and in improving fire fighting techniques and communication. Other areas would do well to learn what the Cooperators have done and how they have done it.

Some—but not enough—work has been done on educating homeowners about fire prevention laws and what they can do to protect themselves: Clear brush and debris for at least 30 feet around structures; spark arresters on chimneys; clear overhang-

ing tree branches away from roofs. But there is much more that homeowners can do to protect their homes, and a more intensive effort needs to be made to get this information out.

And while education is necessary and appropriate, I feel the time is long overdue to start enforcing fire prevention laws by citing and fining people who refuse to comply. These people are not only risking their own lives and property but the lives and property of others and of fire fighters as well. I also think that, although it's unfortunate, we need a couple of new laws. One which will absolutely ban, once and for all, wood roofs of any kind. Listen to the fire agencies on this subject, not to the roofing and timber industries. And secondly, a law requiring homeowners to remove dead and dying trees.

But there is one more job that need to be done. If every homeowner complied fully with the laws and used common sense, they are still at enormous risk from the fuels build-up along the Sierra Front: dead and dying trees from beetle, drought and over-stocking, and a 50- to 75-year accumulation of brush.

Almost everywhere in this area this is the responsibility of the U.S. Forest Service, Carson Ranger District. The Toiyabe National Forest Land Management Plan (the "Bible" of the FS) states clearly that "Vegetative manipulation will be conducted...to minimize the potential for catastrophic wildfire, and insect and disease infestations."

The Forest Service has, in fact, done very little in the area of fuels reduction or timber stand improvement as is obvious if one simply looks around. And I don't think they will do anything unless public pressure is brought to bear.

Do yourself, your neighbor, and your neighborhood a favor: Write a District Ranger Guy Pence, Carson Ranger District, 1536 So. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701. Send a copy to your Congressperson.

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Mary Ann Duarte *Record*
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Services will be held today and tomorrow for longtime Woodfords resident Mary Ann Duarte who died Oct. 28 at her home. She was 71.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at Walton's Chapel of the Valley, Cemetery and Mausoleum in Carson City.

A Christian wake service will be held 7 p.m. tonight at St. Galls Catholic Church.

A mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Gall 9 a.m. tomorrow. Entombment will follow services at Walton's Carson Gardens in Carson City.

Mrs. Duarte was born in San Jose, Calif. March 1, 1920 to John and Rose Pisturino. She married Harold Duarte Aug. 29, 1942 in San Jose.

She moved to Woodfords from Mountain View, Calif. 23 years ago.

She worked for the California

State Automobile Association for 10 years and was a member of the Carson City Elks Auxiliary and a former member of the Markleeville Historical Society and the Alpine County Library Board.

She attended St. Gall Catholic Church in Gardnerville.

Mrs. Duarte was preceded in death by a daughter, Claudia Jeanne Balcon, in 1980 and by two brothers and two sisters.

She is survived by her husband, Harold of Woodfords; a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Grace of Hillsborough, Calif.; two daughters, Kathleen Allasia of Scottsdale, Ariz. and Claudia Begovich of Gardnerville; two brothers, Tony Pisturino of Coulterville, Calif. and Pete Pisturino of San Jose, Calif.; three sisters, Jo Bertaccini, Prudence Brundage and Rose Duarte, all of San Jose; and two grandchildren, Brandon Duarte of Hillsborough and Todd Balcon of Gardnerville.

Donations may be made to the St. Gall Building Fund, P.O. Box 788, Gardnerville 89410.

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DHS students tutor others

Tutoring at Dresslerville's youth center got off the ground last Saturday as members of Douglas High School's Honor Society helped students with math.

The tutoring program at Dresslerville has been taken on as a project by the Honor Society. It is designed to give Dresslerville students at DHS help with subjects by fellow students who have gotten good grades in them, according to Washoe Tribe Education Coordinator Sherry Smokey.

Many Washoe students are involved in DHS athletic programs, and so cannot get after-school help from the regular Washoe tutoring program because they are at practice.

The new project is the result of several meetings with Douglas High administrators, counselors, teachers, students and Washoe parents.

On Oct. 22, Dresslerville parents were given a tour of the career center at Douglas. Counselor Carolyn Porter explained the resources and sched-

ule of the center, talked about testing and application deadlines for college, and gave a quick outline of the computer programs that help students with career, college and job choices.

They were given a tour of the vocational building and heard a presentation by Ron Hall, technology education director.

Parents also met Scott Zellmer, coordinator of the school district's alternative education program. There are six Washoe students in alternative education, Smokey said.

Among the Washoe representatives at the tours were Tribal Chairman Brian Wallace and Vice Chairman Lenora Kizer (who is personnel director for the Nevada State Department of Education), plus five Washoe students and parents.

Parents and Washoe representatives in Alpine County, Calif. (students from Alpine County attend Douglas High) entertained Douglas school district personnel at a potluck on Thursday evening

last week.

Attending were Butler, DHS Vice Principal Chris Nenzel and School Board Member Liz Ludel as well as Chairman Wallace and Vice Chairman Kizer.

Representatives from Alpine County school board and the Woodfords Community Council, Smokey, Nick Agnason of the Washoe Tribe and parents both from the Indian and from the white community, Smokey reported.

Kate McCartney, director of the California Indian Education program, made introductions.

Smokey said the potluck brought the school officials into the community in a social setting, enabling parents and students to feel comfortable with the Douglas High setting.

At the first Saturday tutoring program Ludel, Agnason and his wife Elaine and two DHS Honor Society tutors Katy Tasek and Julie Gardner initiated the first of what will be weekly sessions.

The tutoring will be held every Saturday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

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Alpine County timber sale scheduled for November

by INA LAURA POWDRILL
Staff Writer

Alpine County is known for its natural beauty. In an effort to help maintain that beauty, the Carson Range Forest Service is about to start a timber sale aimed at keeping the forest healthy.

"If you take care of the forest, the forest will take care of you," is the motto of George Fernandes, a resident and logger in Alpine County.

"So often there are only two sides to forest issues—environmentalists who don't want the forests touched and loggers whose main priority often is the business end," Fernandes said. "I like to think there is a middle ground that takes care of all involved, including the forest."

"When I'm in the forest, I look and feel everything there as I inspect the trees. Any questions about how to treat the forest are answered by listening to its needs," he added.

Fernandes is the sub-contractor for the timber sale that is about to start in Alpine County. Approximately 200 acres above Grover Hot Springs will be logged throughout this and next winter.

Carson Range Forest Service Timber Management Assistant

Roland Shaw said he is proud of this project.

"The main reason to thin the trees in Alpine County is to open the forest up so flame retardant can be dropped from the air and we can get a ground fire, not a crown fire," Shaw said.

"We can deal better with a ground fire."

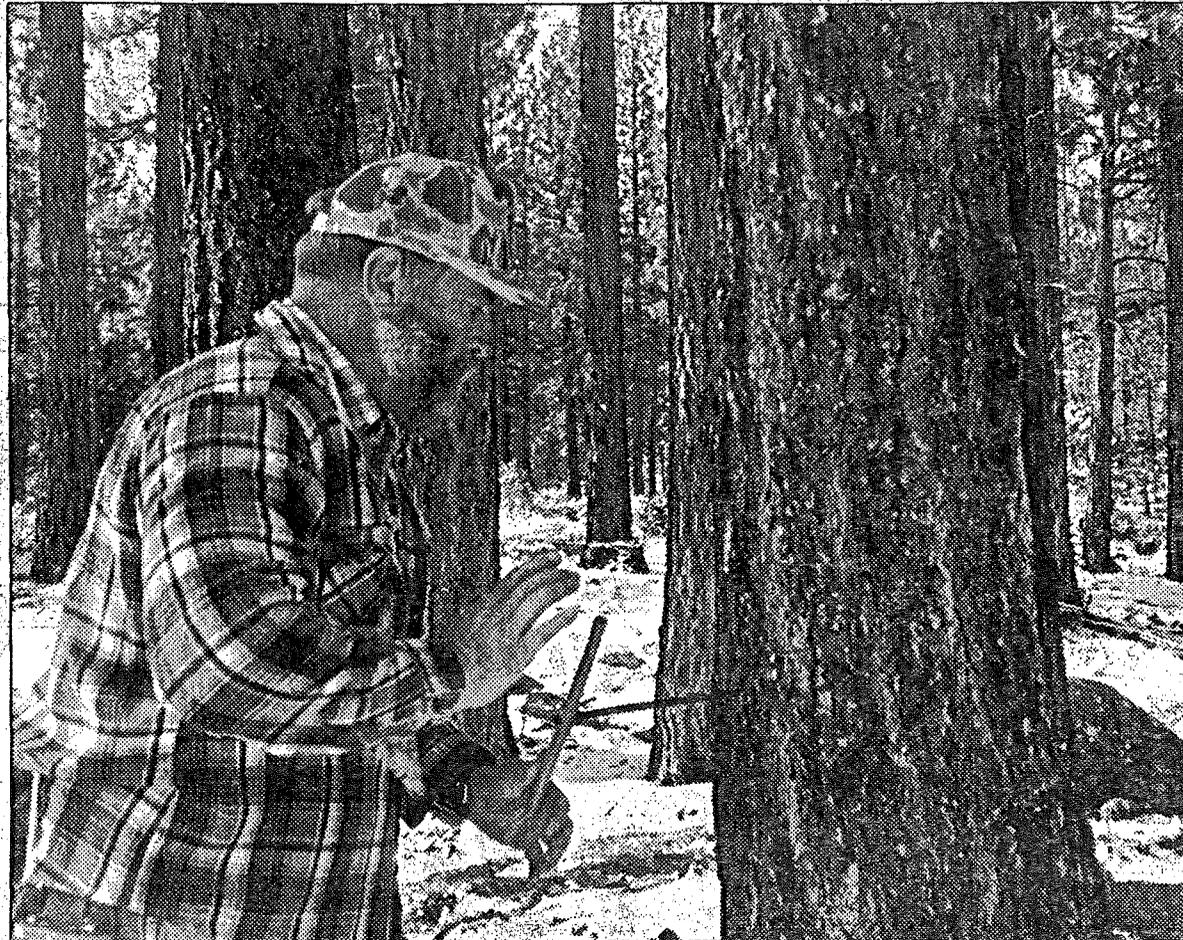
Shaw said the premise behind a timber sale is to increase the health and vigor of the trees in an area taking into consideration visual and wildlife concerns.

"All of these factors are carefully considered before a project ever starts," he said.

There are many steps that precede the start of work at the site of a timber sale, according to Shaw. Timber management starts with a planning process, a five-year plan. Various projects are identified in an area for five years with specific reasons for each project.

Each plan has to be approved with public involvement and details given on when, where, how and why.

The public is informed in various ways, including letters with information on projects being sent to residents of a community, the Nevada Division of Forestry or California Department of Fish and Game and local counties.



TREE TESTING. Logger George Fernandes takes a core sample from a healthy tree to determine its age and growth pattern. R-C photo by Ina Laura Powdrill

comprised of specialists such as wildlife biologists and timber and fire management officers is brought in to assess the project.

"Timber sales are an effort to manipulate the vegetation and control the number of trees per acre," Shaw said. "This is so they can better compete for water, sun and nutrients. When they aren't healthy, they become susceptible to many things including bugs and disease."

In regard to the assessment of the Alpine County project, some points of consideration were that this was a water shed area and the road building that would be required and its effect on soil and wildlife, Shaw said.

The end result is a complete environmental analysis which documents the research. The analysis is then submitted for approval.

In Alpine County, after approval, a contract to do the logging was awarded to Michigan-Cal Lumber Company in Camino, Calif.

Resource Manager for Michigan-Cal Henry Alden said he took into account various things—price, involvement in the community, quality of work and ability to work with the Forest

Announcements are also put in local newspapers.

"This is all done to get people outside our agency involved,"

Shaw said.

Next an inter-disciplinary team

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Trees: Timber sale planned

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Service in hiring sub-contractor
Fernandes.

"This project is kind of unique in that the community and the Forest Service is working together—I've never seen this before," Alden said.

According to Alden, waiting until trees have died is too late.

"There are three problems with this," he said. "You have dead trees, fire danger and loss of revenue. Not too many people realize that 25 percent of gross revenue

from a Forest Service timber sale goes back to the county and is divided between roads and schools."

"The vast majority of the public feels like there's something wrong with the forest, but it doesn't go any further than that," he added.

The Alpine County project is going further than that and encourages the public to do the same. If anyone, resident or visitor, has any questions about the project or would like to visit the site, contact Shaw at 882-2766.

Snow in Carson River basin is good start

Nearly five inches on peaks

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by INA LAURA POWDRILL
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The abrupt change in the weather last week caught many people by surprise.

But since it included much-needed precipitation, it was a happy surprise.

Soil Conservation Service Range Conservationist Gail Durham reported that snow pack

on the Carson River Basin at the upper elevations (8,700 feet) is currently at 4-1/2 inches.

At lower elevations, 7,900 feet, snow pack is at 2-1/2 inches.

On the Walker River Basin, there are 3-1/2 inches of snow pack at 9,500 feet and 2-1/2 inches at 9,200 feet.

Precipitation levels on the Carson River Range are 5-1/2 inches at upper elevations and 3-

1/2 inches at lower elevations.

On the Walker River Basin, precipitation levels are 6-1/2 inches at upper elevations and 3 inches at lower elevations.

"This is a good start to our weather year," Durham said.

"We are at about 190 percent of our normal precipitation for this time of year."

The weather year runs October to September.

According to Durham, snow pack isn't usually even a consideration this time of year.

After all the welcome rain and snow received last week, there will be a break in the precipitation for the next few days.

The National Weather Service in Reno predicts sunny, warmer weather through Friday with temperatures ranging from the 30s to the 50s.

Over the weekend, there will be some chance of rain or snow in the northern part of the state.

Temperatures will range from the 60s to the mid-20s over the next few days.

Court Report

Markleeville couple has trouble communicating in court

After being sworn in as an interpreter of English to Spanish for her husband in court, the wife of a 32-year-old Markleeville man told his lawyer she couldn't speak Spanish.

Fidel Diaz Ceballos had entered a not guilty plea Oct. 14 on charges of driving under the influence and having a blood alcohol level of .10 or more with two or more priors after police stopped him Aug. 18 on Tillman Lane. Ceballos changed his plea to guilty Monday.

He had two prior DUIs in Alpine County in March and May of 1990. His blood alcohol level on Aug. 18 was .14.

Sentencing is Dec. 2.

Detective Steve Kibbe testified that he had taken a personal interest in Woodhall at this point.

"I thought he was salvageable as the first two convictions had been lowered to Juvenile Court," Kibbe said. "I arranged for him to transfer from Douglas County Jail to the maximum security unit in Carson City in May of this year for four hours so he could see what it's like."

Woodhall had served a 20-day jail term, was released under a plea bargain arrangement, got a job, lost it because of his jail time, and got a second job. He has not been involved in any more criminal activity and has a 17-year-old fiancée who is pregnant, according

State Prison and ordered to pay \$2,325 in restitution as co-defendant in a stolen property case that also involved Christopher Woodhall.

Skyler Kenneth Williams had pleaded guilty to felony possession of stolen property in a plea bargain arrangement in October.

Williams was convicted of possessing several guns, including a German Luger semi-automatic pistol and a collection of Canadian coins, valued at \$5,000, which had been stolen from a Rancho apartment in May.

Williams was turned in after the arrest of Woodhall for possession of stolen gun and coins. Woodhall told the court he was holding the

Auditor answers grand jury report

by MIKE TAUGHER
R-C News Service

The Alpine County auditor who was criticized in a recent grand jury report snapped back in an official response, calling some of the criticism against her personal attacks.

"It is my opinion that most of the recommendations made by the grand jury with regards to the office of the auditor-recorder were very personal in nature and in some cases they do not have a clue as to what is going on," Barbara Ryan wrote of one section of the grand jury report, which included a recommendation that the next grand jury continue monitoring her office.

"I have no problem if the grand jury for 1991-92 monitors this

office. But someone (may) also want to monitor a few of the grand jury members for the coming year," she added.

In addition to a routine review of Ryan's office, the grand jury sharply criticized her for confusion over state money earmarked for mental health.

After the release of the report, a county official said that Ryan and at least one grand jury member, DeAnn Wickenberg, are personal rivals.

In the review of Ryan's office, the grand jury recommended that she better manage how her two employees use county time and that the budget be formatted more clearly. It also made reference to an outside audit of Ryan's office that recommended changes.

Ryan responded by writing that

changes recommended by the audit have been implemented and that the budget is formatted according to state law.

According to a grand jury review into the county mental health financing, the state ordered that \$23,000 in unspent state grants be paid back. Repayment money was drawn from the county's contingency fund.

The grand jury wrote, "Unanswered at this time is: 1) what happened to the original \$23,248 and 2) why did the money have to come from the contingency fund if the monies were unspent."

Ryan responded: "If certain members of the grand jury understood the budget process, this recommendation would not have caused so much concern."

Alpine land raises questions

by INA LAURA POWDRILL
Staff Writer

Residents and regular visitors to Alpine County voiced concerns about a proposed land purchase of 4,225 acres by the U.S. Forest Service.

At the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, people were concerned about not having access to the lands in Woodfords and Bagley Valley if the property became public land. Others were worried about the damage done when there is access to such lands.

Carson District Ranger Guy Pence said Bagley Valley has "terrible and severe" watershed problems.

"I'm concerned with the watershed problems and deer herds," he said. "Any access, mostly by four-wheel drive vehicles, brings more people in and this can affect the roads and wildlife."

Board member Don Jardine asked about the Forest Service driving in the area.

"I've seen Forest Service vehicles going up in there. What are you doing?" he said.

Pence said they go in to check status on Lahontan cutthroat trout and other programs and know not

to drive when the soil is wet from rain or snow.

"Every 16-year-old has a four-wheel drive and seems to need to get it as muddy as possible. Lands in this area lend themselves to this," he said.

Foothill rancher Kenneth Hellwinkel said that as a lifelong resident of Douglas County, he has been up in these lands many times and observed deer herds.

"They migrate through but don't stay very long in one place," he said. "Just a couple days ago, I was up there and saw hundreds of tracks but only a few deer. Most had already moved on."

"We've gone along with the National Forest Service and now they own about 90 percent of the forest land," Alpine County resident Nancy Thornburg said. "If these areas are closed, where are we going to have to go?"

Board member Eric Jung agreed with Pence. "We're looking at land use now and in the future. People will screw it up."

Aaron Peskin, with American Land Conservancy in San Francisco, discussed a 173-acre portion of the 4,225 acres near Woodfords junction.

"I know the county is concerned

with the tax base issue here," he said. "Thirty-seven acres of this piece appraised on the private market at twice what the county currently gets off the whole 173 acres."

"Let real estate people in Alpine and Douglas counties know about the 37 acres. It doesn't lend itself to great development due to limited access," Peskin added.

Jardine recommended that the Board link any land acquisition with lost taxes and that historic use, including grazing, be maintained at the Woodfords area.

For Bagley Valley, he recommended limited road use during fawning and wet seasons and controlled grazing.

Pence said that wet or not, off-road use is a factor.

"It's hard to confine use to on-road only, regardless of the weather," he said.

Alpine County Sheriff Henry C. "Skip" Veatch said monitoring these areas would involve increased cost and time from his staff.

"If we add one more area to monitor, some of the present coverage may suffer," he said.

The board passed the motion, with John Brissenden dissenting.

Alpine Family Support sets holiday drive

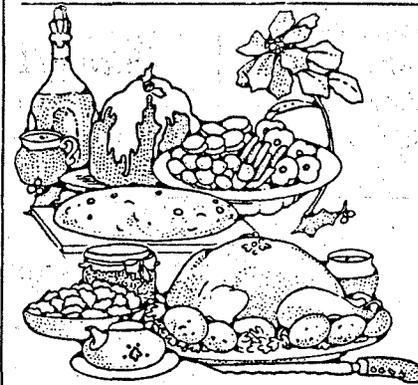
The Alpine Family Support Council is conducting its annual Christmas Food Drive. This program assists as many as 75 local families during the holiday season by providing baskets of food for Christmas dinner.

According to information provided by the Alpine County Sheriff's Department, the incidence of domestic violence and abuse within homes can be reduced during the holidays, particularly when assistance is available to those in need. The good will to community in providing aid to families in personal crisis rings home the spirit of love and hope—which is Christmas, according to the Alpine Family Support Council.

The baskets generally include all the trimmings for a traditional Christmas dinner, including turkey or ham, potatoes, canned vegetables and fruit, yams, cranberry sauce, rolls or bread, and of course, the fixins' for pumpkin pie.

Please contact the Alpine Family Support Council if you are interested in buying a turkey or making a cash donation to this program. This is one last chance to make a tax deductible contribution before the end of the year. Boxes for donations of canned goods will be provided at the post office and other local businesses.

Residents may make donations to the Alpine Family Support Council,



P.O. Box 363, Markleeville, Calif.
96120, or contact Pat Shuman at 694-

2235 for more information.

Alpine County Camp Fire is also hosting its annual toy drive. Through the support of Alpine and Douglas county citizens, as many as 200 adults and children receive gifts that families experiencing financial and/or personal hardships might not otherwise be able to provide.

Last year 261 individuals were served within the community. For more information on how you can "adopt" a child or make donations to this program, contact Edie Veatch at 694-2712 or 694-2934.

Toys must be received by Dec. 17 and can be dropped off at bins located in the post office and local businesses.

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SPEECH WINNER. Keri Anne Callison, Voice of Democracy speech contest winner, was given \$50 and a plaque on Friday by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8583 representative Chuck

Howard, left. On Keri's right is Marty Cronin, and far right, Douglas High School Principal Hal Butler. R-C photo by Eugene Jack

VFW speech winner honored

Kari Anne Callison, a Markleeville resident and senior at Douglas High School, is the winner of the Voice of Democracy speech contest for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8583 in Carson Valley.

Callison was awarded a plaque and \$50 by the VFW Post on Friday at the school.

Students entering the contest were asked to submit a three- to five-minute broadcast script on the topic, "Meeting America's Challenge."

Callison will present the VFW Post 8583 in the district speech contest, which encompasses the state of Nevada, according to contest chairman Robert W. Bruce.

Winner of the district contest will compete in the national contest. The top prize in the national speech competition is a \$20,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington, DC.

There are 12 other prizes awarded.

The last, 13th place, is a \$1,000 prize.

New fire fees in place in Alpine County

by TIM WILLIS
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Developers who want to build in Alpine County will be facing a new fire-impact fee that could total about \$850 for an average-size home.

The fee, approved by the Board of Supervisors, would help Alpine County's ability defend itself against potentially disastrous fires through the purchase of new fire equipment.

Fire has long been a concern in Alpine County, particularly after years of drought in the region. The "Acorn Fire" in July of 1987 blackened 6,550 acres and destroyed more than two dozen homes in the Woodfords area.

A local fire impact fee of 30 cents per square foot on new developments, commercial or residential, will go into affect early next month and would come to

about \$850 for an average-sized house, said Jeanne Lear, county administrative coordinator.

Supervisors also approved other fire protection requirements on new developments, which could lead to another fee in some cases. New homes will need to be hooked up to a waterline or to be next to a "static" supply such as a water tank or pond. These requirements are effective Jan. 1.

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Alpine board appeals ban on snowmobiles

by INA LAURA POWDRILL
Staff Writer

Denial of snowmobile use on Monitor Pass at Sagehen Flat by National Forest officials was debated at the Alpine Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday.

Carson District Ranger Guy Pence had said disruption to wildlife, unpredictable snow conditions and the uncertainty of long-term funding for such a project were the primary reasons against a snowpark.

He also submitted several letters of support for his decision from

the Mono Wildlife Council and State of California Department of Wildlife Mono Unit.

In a letter of appeal the board is submitting to Pence, they said that by the time there is enough snow to attract snowmobilers, deer have migrated to lower elevations. Other animals such as coyotes and mountain lions are solitary and avoid contact with snowmobilers.

Regarding unpredictable snow conditions, the board's letter says, "Obviously, the area would not be opened and utilized until snow accumulation is sufficient for both protection of vegetation and ero-

sion and snowmobiler's safety."

They also said that uncertain long-term funding is common with the current economic situation, but felt "funding considerations should not be allowed to obstruct the Forest's determinations as to environmental analysis for this project."

With supervisors Eric Jung and John Brissenden dissenting, the board voted to submit the letter to Pence.

The second reading of a county ordinance (10.24) regarding snowmobile use was discussed. Supervisor John Bennett requested

amending vehicle use to include all terrain vehicles (ATVs) throughout the ordinance.

There was much discussion about an item in the ordinance closing Burnside Lake Road to any three or four-wheeled ATV use. Board member Jung said that while snowmobilers and skiers can co-exist well together, ATVs "tear up the ground and ruin it for everyone else."

Bennett said he and his family enjoyed their ATVs without destroying the area for others.

The ordinance passed with Bennett dissenting.

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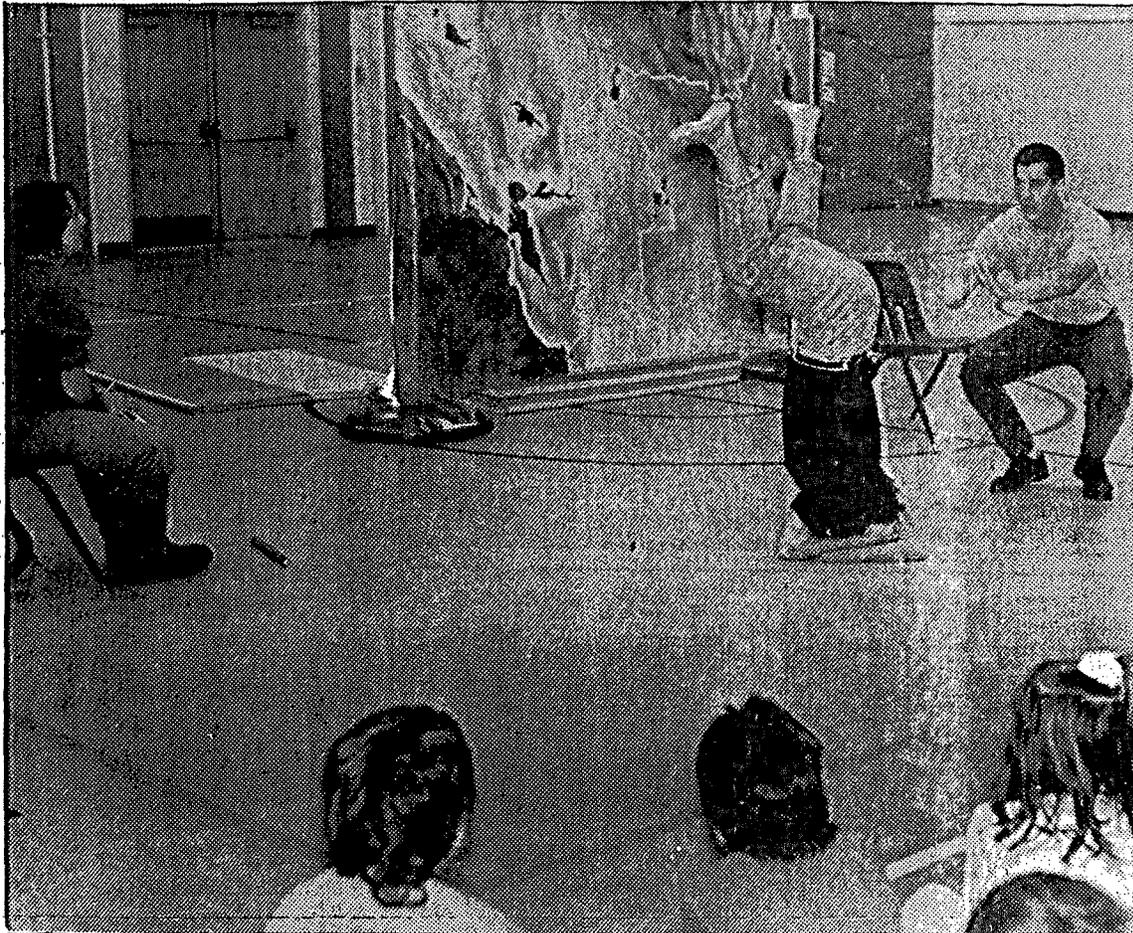
Navy Seaman Recruit **Adam W. Coyan**, a 1991 graduate of Douglas High School and son of Gary and Wanda Coyan of Markleeville, recently completed training at Recruit Training Command, San Diego.

During the training cycle, recruits are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 occupational fields.

Studies include seamanship, close-order drill, naval history and first aid.

Storytelling at Diamond Valley

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At Diamond Valley Elementary School recently, Natalie Cushman, Fred Adler and Greg Sirota performed a play about fire, and Adler, center, was the fire. The group calls itself Streetside Stories, a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to teaching students about the "excitement of language, literature and writing." While at DVS, the group held storytelling workshops for students, who became

not only performers but also critics and writers. They worked together to create modern editions of historical stories and their own versions of national issues. Among the exercises they did was writing a two to three page story of their own community. At the assembly of the entire school held on the last day, the students performed one of the group stories written in the workshops. R-C photo by Eugene Jack

Obituaries

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Eugene Scossa Courier

A Christian Wake service for Eugene William Scossa, 82, will be held today at 7 p.m. and a Mass of Christian Burial will be held tomorrow at 10 a.m. at St. Gall Catholic Church in Gardnerville.

Mr. Scossa was born June 5, 1909 in Gardnerville and was a lifetime resident.

He died at his home Nov. 27. He married Dorothy Shuart May 25, 1940 in Carson City.

He was a rancher. Mr. Scossa served on the board of Alpine County Soil Conservation District and was a member of the Farm Bureau. He was a member of the National and Nevada Cattlemen's Association, was a State Brand Inspector and was named to the National Cowboy Hall of Fame.

In 1978, he was the Carson Valley Days Man of the Year. He served on the board of the Genoa Cemetery Association, was a former member of the Kiwanis Club,

and was a member of the Carson Valley Lions Club.

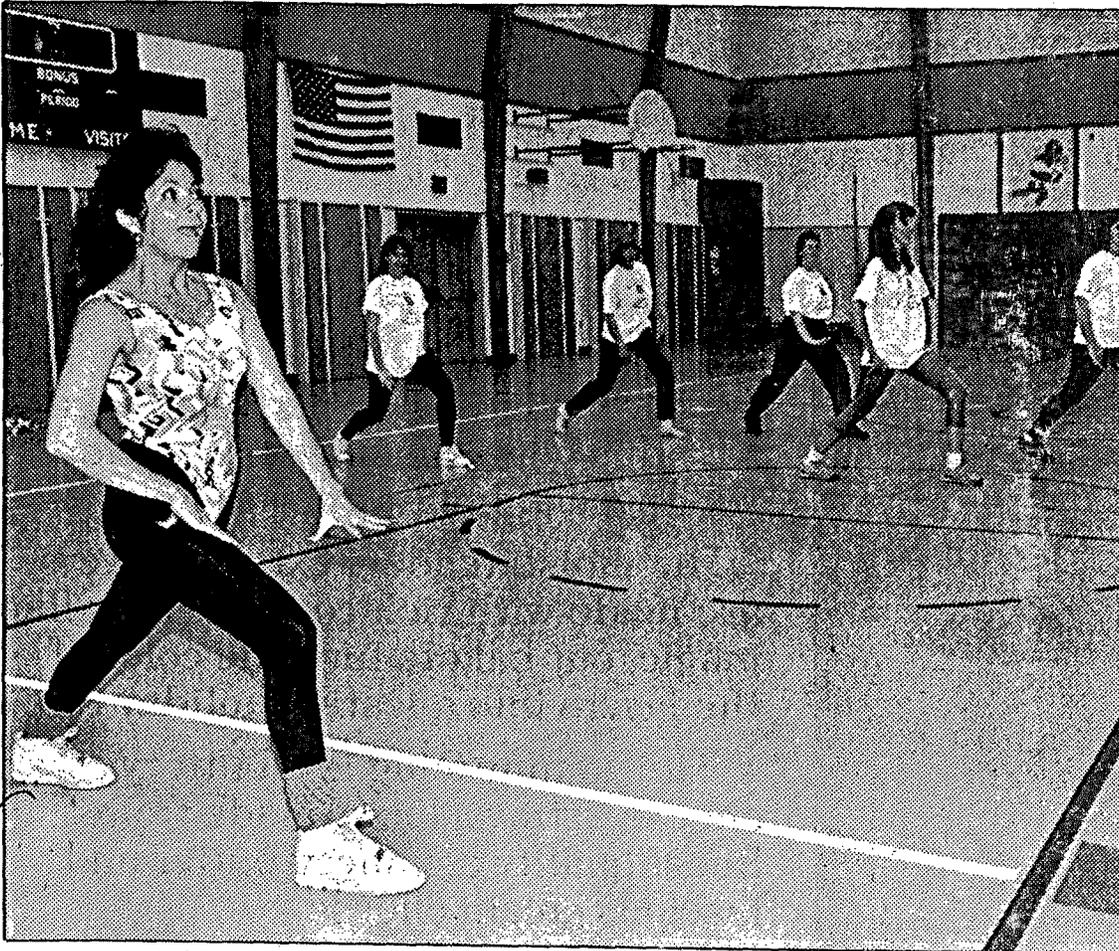
He was a member of the St. Gall Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife Dorothy and son Russell, both of Gardnerville; three daughters, Sonja Young of Soldotna, Alaska, Cecile DalPorto and Georgia Kiewicz of Carson City; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Burial will follow the service tomorrow at the Genoa Cemetery. A memorial is being established with Carson Valley Historical Society Save Our Schools fund, P.O. Box 957, Minden 89423.

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

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Smokeout Jazzercise

Part of the Great American Smokeout celebration Nov. 21 was a special Jazzercise event at Diamond Valley School, instructed by Natalie Kelly, left. People from Carson Valley

also attended the event. All students wore their "It's Nice to be Tobacco-Free!" T-shirts. R-C photo by Eugene Jack

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Claims plane stolen

GARDNERVILLE — A Woodfords man was arrested Friday evening at the Douglas County Airport on charges of possession of a stolen airplane, a Douglas County sheriff's spokeswoman said.

She said Frederick Klinger, a 41-year-old flight instructor, claimed that he borrowed the 1976 Cessna 340 Twin Engine airplane from George Arnold.

But Arnold, a 35-year-old pilot from Logansport, Ala., said he didn't loan the aircraft to Klinger, she said.

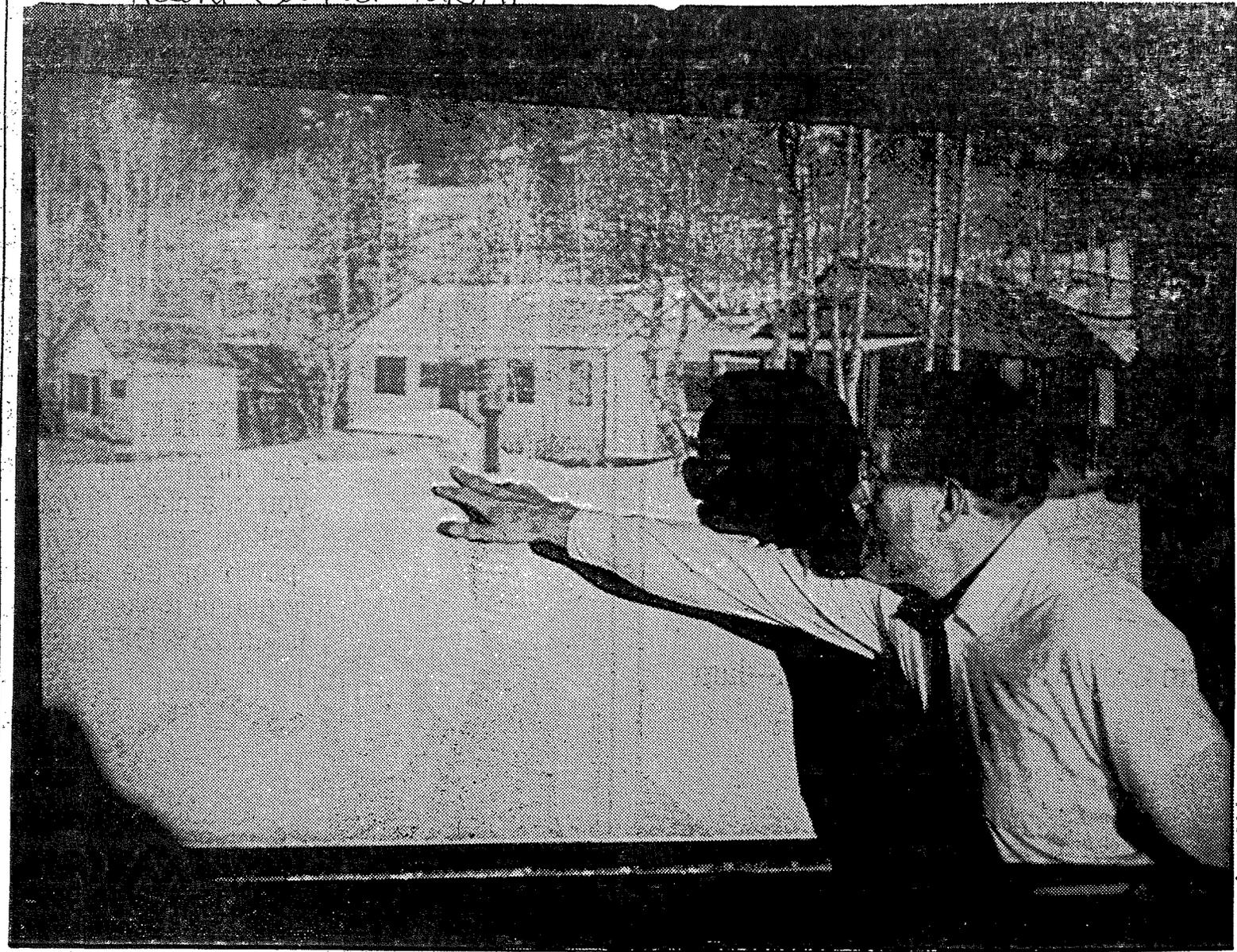
The \$75,000 plane was allegedly taken from the Douglas County Airport sometime between last Tuesday and Friday.

Klinger, of 106 Pioneer Trail Circle, was arrested and taken into custody by sheriff's deputies at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the airport after he landed. He was released from cus-

tody on \$3,500 bail.

Arnold reported the matter to the Sheriff's Department after the airport contacted him Friday morning and told him that his airplane was gone, the spokeswoman said.

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History lecture

Historian Art Ewart was on hand for the Alpine County Historical Society's recent potluck dinner at Turtle Rock Park. He gave a preview of his book on the history of Sorensen's Resort, due out in the spring of 1992. The book is called "They Came Every

Summer," and brings to life many engaging characters, from Martin Sorensen who named the resort through the "hippies" who hung out at the Hope Valley resort in the 1970s. Jay Aldrich photo

Alpine supervisors place new state on June ballot

By INA LAURA POWDRILL
Staff Writer

Alpine County residents will have the chance to voice their opinion on whether they want to break away from the rest of California and join 27 other northern counties as the 51st state.

Alpine County Board of Supervisors agreed Tuesday to make this a ballot item in June.

"This is for public input," County Administrative Coordinator Jeanne Lear said. "If the public response is positive, then the Supervisors would proceed with [specifics] regarding becoming part of the 51st state."

"We are the 11th or 12th county to look at this proposal," she added.

The idea of a 51st state was proposed in October by California State Assemblyman Stan Statham. In various polls conducted since then all over California, he said

responses have been favorable.

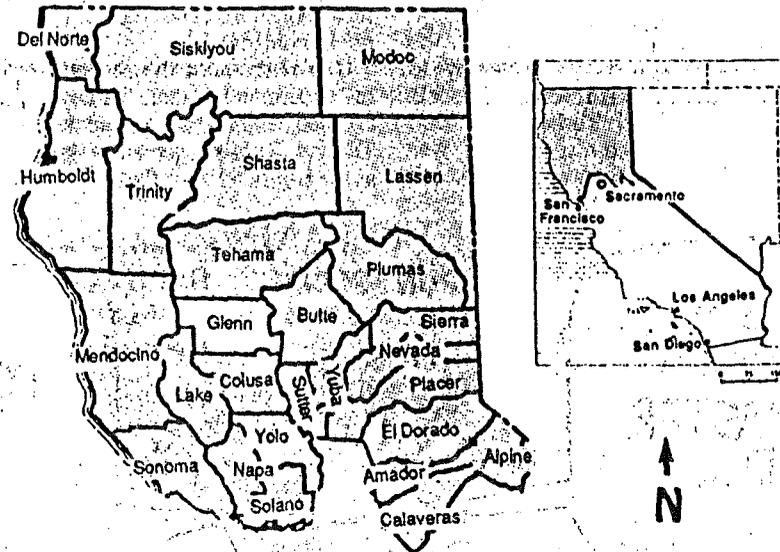
In an executive summary, Statham addressed issues seeming to draw the most concern.

To whether "rural" California is financially sound, he responded, "If we were deregulated and didn't have to pay for such a massive unelected bureaucracy as currently exists, we could have a healthier North California."

Statham conducted an in-depth comparison with the two states closest in population size with the 51st State, Kansas and Arkansas.

According to the summary, "As a general rule, the cost to deliver government service goes down as the population per square mile goes up. The 51st State has about 50 percent more people than Kansas and substantially less miles of public roadway to maintain than Arkansas or Kansas."

The primary reasoning behind there being a 51st State is for less bureaucracy, Statham said.



CALIFORINA SPLIT. The proposed state of Northern California "Kansas has almost four times (105) and Arkansas almost triple the number (75) of county governments as the 51st."

more working age people than the comparison states. Unemployment and welfare population for the 51st State is higher than Kansas but lower than Arkansas.

"For an adult and three children on welfare, California pays \$788 a month, Kansas \$470 and Arkansas \$247," he said.

Another area of anticipated concern is what level of services the residents of the 51st State will want to pay for. Statham said, "The tax base in these 27 northern California counties is at least equal to Kansas and much greater than Arkansas. Both seem to do a better job than California in getting tax dollars back to the people."

Statham summarizes the main advantage of a 51st State.

"The real advantage of a 51st State is choice. Anything from part-time citizen Legislature to transferring public services to the private sector can, and will be, considered when the new state is

formed," he said.

Lear spoke of her concern with issues not covered in Statham's report.

"A primary issue is likely to be how Proposition 13, which is unique to California, would be handled with the new state," Lear said.

Handouts and a 12-minute video on the 51st State item will be available for the public at the Alpine County and Bear Valley libraries this week.

In other business, the supervisors approved awarding of a public defender contract. In the past, the county usually appointed private counsel.

The contract was awarded to Michael Atwell and Amy Tobin at an annual cost of \$35,000 with a conflict option.

The contract will run one year starting in January 1992 and be closely assessed to see how well it is working.

To the concern of the 51st State being full of children on welfare and retired senior citizens, Statham said the new state has

Justin Peets *Record*
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Terrie and David Peets on Markleeville are the parents of Justin David, born Nov. 25 at Carson-Tahoe Hospital in Carson City. Justin weighed 7 pounds 11

ounces at birth.

Selling holiday trees is a family affair

by JOYCE HOLLISTER
Staff writer

It's a family affair, when Barry Jones and his wife, daughter, fathers-in-law and others set up the Christmas tree lot at Stratton Center in Gardnerville.

Jones' trees are fresh, he says, because they were cut down Nov. 15 on the 9,000-foot slopes behind Sorensens' Resort in Hope Valley.

After they are brought to his Foothill area home, he keeps them moist with sprinklers.

The quickest way to bring the

trees down from the mountains is via helicopter, Jones said. Jeff Kane of Sundance Helicopters in Minden does the flying.

It takes about eight hours to transport 1,100 trees to a pickup point on Highways 88 and 89. The helicopter can bring out 12 trees at a time, and it takes about three and a half minutes for each bundle, Jones said.

Jones' brother and sister and their children always come up the day before Thanksgiving from the Bay Area to help set up the Christmas tree lot, and in return, they take home their trees for the holiday season.

He has been selling Christmas trees since he was in high school. Jones graduated in 1978 from Douglas High School. At that time he worked with Kim Kilpatrick, who is helping to sell trees for his this year.

Kilpatrick's daughter Michael Ann, 7, and Jones' daughter Miki, 7, who both are in the same class at Jacks Valley Elementary, can often be seen playing together at the lot. Helping sell trees are the lot are Jones' father-in-law, Nick Miller, and his father Elwood Jones, as well as his wife Carla, who works weekdays for the State Environmental Protection Agency.



HELICOPTER, Bringing trees out by helicopter makes it all easier. Barry Jones is in foreground. Photo courtesy Barry Jones

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An inability to read can limit anyone's potential

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by INA LAURA POWDRILL
Staff Writer

Webster's New World Dictionary defines illiteracy as "having or showing limited knowledge or experience." According to Alpine County Literacy Coordinator Liz McGeein, the word "limited" is the most important part of the definition.

"People who can't read and write to a certain level, are constantly limited in so many things they try to do," she said. "Thus our students come to us with a variety of goals."

Such goals range from not being able to read at all and wanting to be able to read to their kids to reading at a low level and wanting to increase that level in order to receive a promotion at work.

"We have each student fill out a form that asks them to set their own goals," McGeein said.

The majority of students the Alpine County Literacy Campaign sees are 25-35 years old and dropped out of school in 10th grade.

Adults have a different way of learning than children which makes tutoring them a special challenge.

"Kids learn to read, then read to learn," McGeein said. "Adults lose this ability. And many of these adults have a negative attitude about their school experiences, so we have to avoid any similarities."

Some methods McGeein incor-

porates in her tutoring include one-on-one sessions and having students describe real life scenarios.

"For instance, I'll ask a student what they would do if they won the lottery," she said. "If they want to travel, I ask them where, when and to write up all the details. This includes calling a travel agent, checking on medical services at their destination, etc. — basically doing a whole itinerary."

"One student spent three hours checking out all the information and writing it up and we were both so proud of their completed work," she said. "Now many of us would take all these steps for granted."

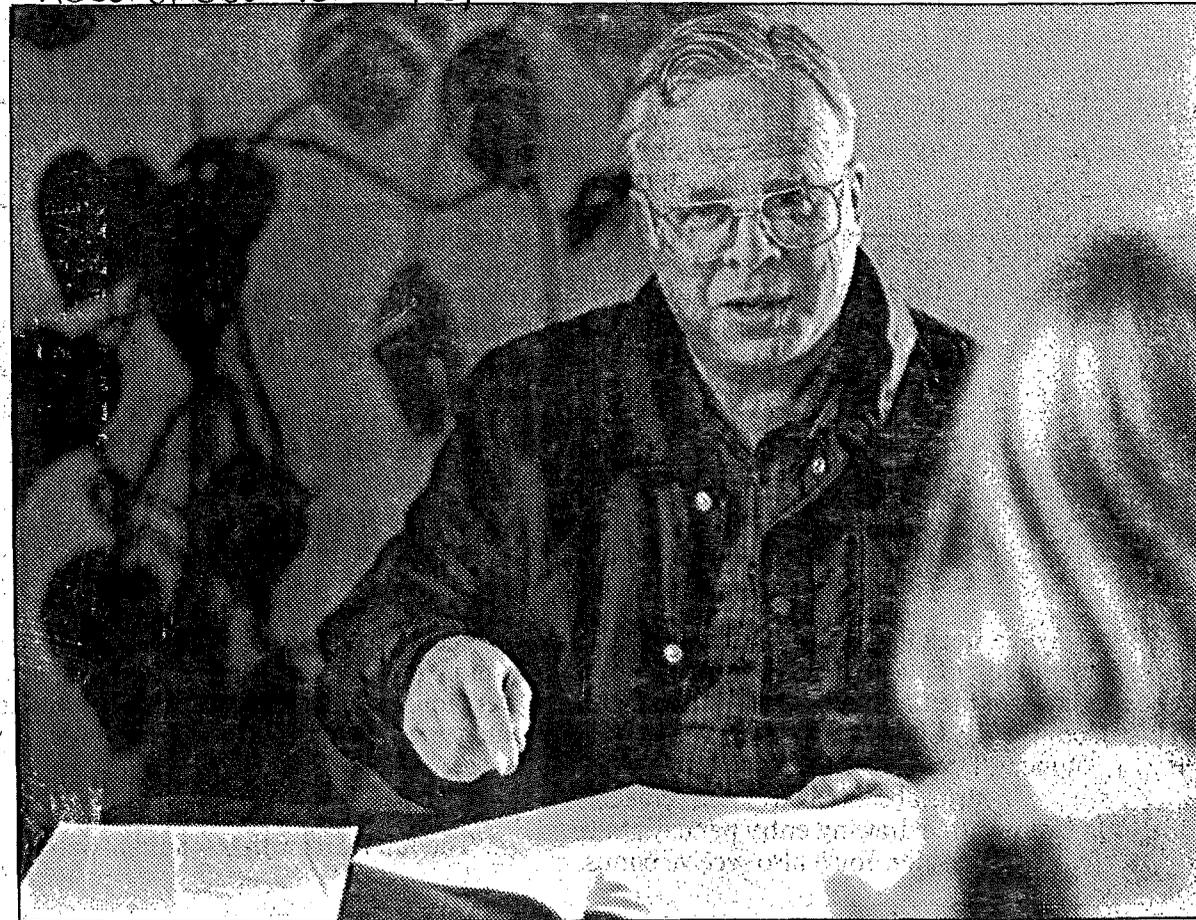
Other ways McGeein is careful in her tutoring is by never using the word "no" or marking papers with a red pen.

"I'll circle all the correct items and redirect a student rather than tell them 'no'," she said.

"If a student isn't grasping something, about 90 percent of the time the problem is with the tutor," she said. "We have to go back and try another direction."

Outdoor activities such as driving around to historical points of interest and reading the signs are other tutoring techniques.

The Alpine County Literacy Campaign uses a reward system of presenting certificates of accomplishment or having a special lunch to make sure students are aware of the progress they are



TUTOR. Alpine County literacy tutor Al Moak R-C photo by Eugene Jack talks about how important it is to be able to read.

making.

"It's very easy for students to get frustrated, so I like to stop and look at how far they've come regularly," McGeein said.

It may be hard for a person who can read to truly understand the

frustration a non-reader. According to McGeein, it's not a question of intelligence. These people come up with ways to compensate for their lack of reading skills in day to day living.

"One person I know is a bar-

tender who smells all the bottles she mixes drinks from," McGeein said. "I don't know how she does it but I've watched her and she whips up drinks very quickly."

"Another person would do their grocery shopping by cutting out

food labels and then matching them to the labels on items in Raley's which took a couple of hours," McGeein said. "When Raley's did their expansion a few years ago, this person spent six hours doing the shopping!"

This same person has been a literacy student for several years now and can shop in the more conventional way.

McGeein tells of a husband and wife who were both in the literacy program though neither knew the other was.

"When they found out, both stopped coming for a while," she said. "Now they come together."

Annette Jones, Coordinator of the Alpine County Native American Literacy Campaign, works with the school and community to help Native Americans of all ages become literate.

"We are pushing toward extending education on the reservation to the college level and having more people hold jobs," Jones said.

According to Jones, life on a reservation is like having a whole family which is unlike any other neighborhood situation.

"If an adult is set in their ways with no self-esteem, I may go through the children to get to the adults," she said. "In such a small county and at the reservation, everyone knows the status of everyone else, so you have to proceed carefully."

"I won't give up til they actual-

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Literacy: Alpine tutors teach reading

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ly tell me 'no'," she added.
Rubie Hughes, a tutor in Alpine County, said her love of reading led her to become a tutor.

"Tutoring makes me feel useful and not on a back burner," Hughes said. "I really enjoy helping others."

Al Moak, another Alpine County tutor, compares tutoring older adults and Native American high school students.

"It's wonderful to see an older person try, but learning this late in life can be especially frustrating

too," he said. "The high school kids are quite enthusiastic about it all."

Moak teaches the high school students English, math, history and computer processing.

"There has been only one high school graduate in the Indian community in the last five years — we want to change that," he said.

Moak said he tries to incorporate an "each one teach one" method to encourage students, where once they have reached a certain comprehension level, they teach another person.

"We have high school kids tutoring third-graders and they just love it," Moak said.

Illiteracy is something that touches most people although they may not realize it. According to the Nevada Literacy Coalition, approximately one out of five Americans are illiterate or 25,000,000 people.

In Nevada, 113,000 people are illiterate.

For more information on the Alpine County Literacy Campaign, call McGeein at (916) 694-2121.