

DATE	NEWSPAPER	HEADLINE	CATEGORY	PEOPLE
1/5/1995	Record Courier	Water won't come to Valley	Water	Don Jardine
12/8/1994	Record Courier	Alpine officials, fed fighting over land use	Land Use	
1/5/1995	San Francisco Chronicle	State buying Lake Water to stop diversion	Water	
1/8/1995	Sacramento Bee	Trump in Tahoe	Kirkwood	
1/12/1995	Record Courier	Lillian Thornburg	Obituary	Lillian Thornburg, Ben Thornburg, Fritz Thornburg
1/13/1995	Reno Gazette	Another blast of winter may be on the way	Weather	
1/26/1995	Record Courier	Laura Spitzer set for Alpine concert	Arts	
1/29/1995	Record Courier	Alfred Chain	Obituary	Al Chain, Lucille Chain
1/29/1995	Record Courier	Hope Valley cross country tour Sunday	Hope Valley/Sports	
2/5/1995	Record Courier	Alpine/Douglas wrestling tournament today	Sports/Kids	Troy Fontana, Jeff John, David Bennett, Nathan Bennett, Brandon Brown, Raymond Gabriel, Zack Ledbetter, Frank Rosa, Dewayne Rey, Jack Williams, Jeff Martin, Jack Sparman, Ryan Pierce, Al Bill, Nicole Bennett, Bud Nollett
2/5/1995	Alpine Enterprise	Murder of the loaded librarian	Library/Event	Skip Veatch, John Brissenden, Carolyn Vaughn, Doranna Glettig, Bob Rudden, Gary Howard, Bob Bowman, Judy Molnar, Kelly Green, Tom Nagel, Sheila Morgan, Sheila Jardine, Jim Dunn
2/5/1995	Reno Gazette	Life in a wheelchair can't keep ex-Douglas star down	Biography	Gary Price, Jerry Price, Leslie Price

2/9/1995	Record Courier	Bill takes care of business for lady Tigers	Schools/Sports	Amber Bill, Angela Jones
2/9/1995	Record Courier	Reed girls run to win	Schools/Sports	Amber Bill
2/15/1995	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Alpine County, Forest Service on better terms	Land Use	Cam Craik, Pete Blum, Don Jardine
2/19/1995	San Francisco Examiner	Rockies style in the Sierra	Kirkwood	
2/23/1995	Reno Gazette	Mine proposal draws mixed reaction at hearing	Mining	Francis Gillings
2/23/1995	Reno Gazette	Mine plan stirs mixed emotions	Mining	
2/23/1995	Record Courier	Water board reviews Zacatecas Mine	Mining/Water	
2/26/1995	Record Courier	Kirkwood skier wins Super-G	Kirkwood/Kids/ Sports	Tamara Turnbeaugh
2/26/1995	Record Courier	Alpine board ponders pay hike	Government	Pete Blum, Cam Craik, Don Jardine, Ann Wade, Warren Jang, Frank Rubello, Nancy Thornburg, Bob Rudden
2/26/1995	Record Courier	Zaca Mine reopening sparks debate	Mining/Opinion	
2/27/1995	Reno Gazette	Kirkwood's changes: Skiers hope for best	Kirkwood	
3/2/1995	Record Courier	Hope Valley goes to the dogs	Hope Valley/Sports	
3/2/1995	Record Courier	Turnbeaugh's skis to league championship	Schools/Sports	Tamara Turnbeaugh
3/2/1995	Record Courier	Villa Gigli plans springtime celebration	Business	Ruggero Gigli
3/2/1995	Record Courier	Alpine library hosts murder mystery	Library/Event	
3/2/1995	Record Courier	Remember When? 25 Years Ago - Snow Squall	History/Hope Valley	
3/5/1995	Record Courier	League Champion	Schools/Sports	Tamara Turnbeaugh
3/5/1995	Record Courier	Kirkwood hosting North Series race today	Kirkwood/Kids/ Sports	Lysle Turnbeaugh, Blake Myers
3/7/1995	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Alpine economy lacks mine of its own	Mining	Chuck Keebaugh, Don Jardine
3/9/1995	Record Courier	Murder mystery set	Library/Event	

3/9/1995	Record Courier	Alpine grand jury issues recommendations	Courts	Letisis Ortiz, Judge Harold Bradford, Terri Garcia-Ortiz
				Nathan Bennett, Brandon Brown, Zack Ledbetter, Jeff Martin, Jeff John, Bud Nollett, Raymond Gabriel, Jason Gray, Dewayne Rey, Jake Williams, David Bennett, Lysle Turnbeaugh, Nicole Bennett, C.J. Keith
3/12/1995	Record Courier	Douglas/Alpine wrestlers take third	Sports/Kids	
3/12/1995	Record Courier	It's a dog's life	Hope Valley/Sports	
3/12/1995	Record Courier	Alpine supervisors can't agree on raise	Government	Pete Blum, Bob Rudden, Cam Craik, Don Jardine, Ann Wade, Warren Jang
3/12/1995	Record Courier	Girls Varsity Basketball	Schools/Sports	Amber Bill
3/12/1995	Record Courier	A season of winter	Schools/Sports	Tamara Turnbeaugh
3/18/1995	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Alpine supervisors reject environmental health fees		Pete Blum, Cam Craik, Dr. Rick Botto, Roy Hatcher, Garth McCormack, Bob Rudden
3/25/1995	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Mineral springs, hot tubs help soothe the soul	Hot Springs	
3/25/1995	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Alpine shff protests governor's rural parole policy	Sheriff	Skip Veatch
3/26/1995	Record Courier	Spring surprise	Weather	
3/26/1995	Record Courier	Lonely sentinel	Weather	
4/2/1995	Nevada Appeal	Bomb blast raises tempers	Land Use/Crime	
4/2/1995	Tribune Chronicle	324 inches of snow is just another winter	Weather	
4/6/1995	Record Courier	In memory of Letisia	Obituary/Event	Letisia Orti, Maureena Dressler

4/6/1995	Record Courier	No more abuse	Crime/Opinion	Maureena Dressler, Lovanna Dressler, Letisia Ortiz, Ann Wade Philip Bennett
4/6/1995	Record Courier	Local wrestlers place at state tourney	Sports/Kids	Jeff John, Bud Nollett, Frank Roza, Jason Gray, Nathan Bennett, Nicole Bennett, Mara Milich, Jake Williams, Jeff Martin, Brandon Brown, Zach Ledbetter
4/6/1995	Record Courier	Child abuse prevention month a served	Social Services	Litisa Ortiz, Cheri Worrell
3/30/1995	Record Courier	Easter feast planned in Markleeville	Business	Ruggero Gigli
4/16/1995	Record Courier	Cody Vann	Birth	Cody Vann, Rolena Vann
4/17/1995	Newsweek	Western Showdown	Land Use/Crime	
4/20/1995	Record Courier	Dr. Hot brings magic to Alpine County	Arts	
4/23/1995	Record Courier	Caution is key for trout opener	Fishing	
4/27/1995	Record Courier	Gardnerville man gets 12 years in prison for drunk driving	Crime	
4/30/1995	Record Courier	Mt. Sierra School aims at traditional setting	Schools	
4/30/1995	Record Courier	Free ski at Kirkwood set Monday	Kirkwood	
5/1/1995	Record Courier	Remember When? 100 Years ago - Opinions vary	History/Elections	
5/1/1995	Record Courier	Remember When? 100 Years ago - Outbuilding	History/Agriculture	Fred Dressler
5/1/1995	Record Courier	Remember When? 100 Years ago - More snow	History/Weather	
5/1/1995	Record Courier	Remember When? 100 Years ago - Accident	History/Accident	Kit Woodford
5/7/1995	Sacramento Bee	Rescuers' reward in lives saved this busy Sierra season	Search and Rescue	
5/18/1995	Record Courier	13-year-old boy publishes book on chess	Arts	Asa Embree, Lisa Embree

5/18/1995	Record Courier	Addition, correction	Washoe/Awards	Rob Jones, Amber Bill, Angela Jones
5/18/1995	Record Courier	Alpine man shares highlights of trip to Peru and Amazon	Travelogue	Mike Warren
5/20/1995	Reno Gazette	Taking a walk into the past	History/Hope Valley	John Brissenden, Patty Brissenden, Snowshoe Thompson
5/22/1995	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Alpine race a shootout between cops	Election	Skip Veatch, Lew Roper,
5/25/1995	Record Courier	Ebbetts Pass opening delayed until June 9	Roads	
5/28/1995	Reno Gazette	Minor jolt nudges Tahoe area	Earthquake	
6/1/1995	Record Courier	Ethel Zellmer	Obituary	Ethel Zellmer, David Zellmer
6/1/1995	Record Courier	Museum Opening	Museum	
6/3/1995	Record Courier	Rough 1995	Schools/Sports	Amber Bill
6/23/1995	Tahoe Dailey Tribune	There's more to Markleeville than Pleasant Valley	Fishing/Travelogue	
6/23/1995	?	Markleeville man ordered to pay victim's medical bills	Crime/Courts	Jerod Frank
6/28/1995	Record Courier	Accident kills motorcyclist	Accident	
6/28/1995	Record Courier	Villa Gigli will host commemorative volleyball tournament	Sports/Event/Business	Ruggero Gigli
7/1/1995	International California Mining Journal	Gold in Alpine County, California	Mining	
7/7/1995	Tahoe Dailey Tribune	Space available in Death Ride	Bicycle	
7/8/1995	Record Courier	Villa Gigli Volleyball' to be held on July 15	Sports/Event/Business	Ruggero Gigli
7/8/1995	Record Courier	Death Ride rolling today	Bicycle	
7/12/1995	Record Courier	Students tour mine as part of resource education	Mining	

7/21/1995	Tahoe Dailey Tribune	Off-road triathlon to debut Sunday at Kirkwood	Kirkwood/Sports	
7/22/1995	Record Courier	Off-road triathlon debuts Sunday at Kirkwood	Kirkwood/Sports	
7/24/1995	Tahoe Dailey Tribune	Unexpected hazard	Kirkwood/Sports	
7/29/1995	Record Courier	Forest hikes take you to lovely Sierra spots	Recreation	
8/5/1995	Reno Gazette	Blast rocks van at home of Carson forest ranger	Crime	
8/12/1995	Record Courier	Grazing rule reversed	Land Use	
8/13/1995	Reno Gazette	forest Service to be tried in '87 fire	Fire/Courts	John Bennett, Gary Helsel
8/19/1995	Record Courier	Soccer skill	Sports/Kids	Marcus McElroy
8/30/1995	Record Courier	Music set in Alpine County this weekend	Arts	
8/30/1995	Record Courier	Markleeville is site of grand picnic, ice cream social	Library/Event	
8/30/1995	Record Courier	Woodfords man arrested for drunk driving	Crime	Mark Merrill
8/30/1995	Record Courier	Kirkwood race Sunday	Kirkwood/Sports	
8/30/1995	Record Courier	Woodfords schoolteacher takes screenplay award	Arts	
9/1/1995	?	Goldie Bryan	Obituary	Goldie Bryan, Jimmie Bryan, Eloise Bryan
9/1/1995	Reno Gazette	Goldie Holbrook Bryan	Obituary	Goldie Bryan, Jimmie Bryan, Calvin Bryan, Ryan Bryan
9/1/1995	Tahoe Dailey Tribune	Heenan Lake to open Sept. 1	Fishing	
9/2/1995	Record Courier	New student orientation	Schools/Event	Brieanna Cross
9/9/1995	Record Courier	Board member's kids go to new Christian school	Schools	
9-Sep	Record Courier	Woodfords house catches fire twice	Fire	Skip Veatch, Wayne Thomson
9/17/1995	Sacramento Bee	Kirkwood plans to grow into Telluride-type resort	Kirkwood	Cam Craik, Don Jardine

9/18/1995	Reno Gazette	Ski growth raises questions	Kirkwood	Tim Cohee, Cam Craik
9/20/1995	Record Courier	Alpine Children's Center offers Child Care Food Program	Kids	
9/26/1995	Reno Gazette	Lucile M. Koenig Chain	Obituary	Lucile Chain, Al Chain, George Koenig, Nellie Koenig,
9/27/1995	Record Courier	Lucile Chain	Obituary	Lucile Chain, George Koenig, Nellie Koenig
9/27/1995	Record Courier	Why are you helping out with the cleanup of the Carson River	Opinion/Water	Judy Warren, Colin Steele
9/27/1995	Tahoe Dailey Tribune	Company won't mine near Markleeville	Mining	
9/27/1995	Tahoe Dailey Tribune	Springs eternal	Hot Springs	
10/1/1995	Sunset Magazine	A driving tour through Sierra fall-color country	Travelogue	
10/1/1995	Tahoe Dailey Tribune	Washo Tribe finds whites a strange lot	Washoe/History	
10/8/1995	Nevada Appeal	Firefighters kid themselves billing civilians	Fire	
10/11/1995	Record Courier	200 people forced out of Grover's pool, campsites by chlorine leak	Hot Springs/Accident	Gary Howard
10/11/1995	Record Courier	Gardnerville man convicted of stealing wood	Crime	
10/14/1995	Record Courier	Lady Tigers, Senators to meet Tuesday	Schools/Sports	Jana Martin, Brie Cross
10/25/1995	Tahoe Dailey Tribune	Alpine County Boundary Dispute Hearing Delayed	Boundaries/History	W. Coburn Cook
10/25/1995	Tahoe Dailey Tribune	Alpine County Fights For Tuolumne Strip	Boundaries/History	W. Coburn Cook
11/1/1995	Record Courier	Sorensen's Resort offers wreath making class	Hope Valley/Arts	
11/8/1995	Record Courier	Museum seeks information	Museum	Nancy Thornburg

11/8/1995	Record Courier	Electives teach skills and hands on experience	Schools	Jim Parsons, Chase Johnson, Bridget Wood, Nathan Bennett, Mike Pinzon, Steve Watson, Alan Bill, Jonathan Thomas
11/11/1995	Record Courier	Theater group brings show to Diamond Valley	Arts	
11/11/1995	Record Courier	Hope Valley cross country ski center opens Nov. 22	Hope Valley/Sports	
11/13/1995	Record Courier	Premiere of 'Rabbit Boss' at senior center Saturday	Washoe/Arts	
11/16/1995	Record Courier	Turnbeaugh opens Far West season fast	Sports/Kids	Tamara Turnbeaugh, Lysle Turnbeaugh
11/18/1995	Record Courier	Homeowners stunned to learn payment at end	Washoe	Kevin Jones, Willard Bennett, Russell James
11/18/1995	Record Courier	Calico Books	Business	Kimberly Hunt
11/18/1995	Reno Gazette	Motor Vehicles limited in three Wildlife areas	Roads/Environment	
11/18/1995	Reno Gazette	Preserving rare species	Fishing/Wildlife	
11/20/1995	Record Courier	Photos at museum	Museum	
11/22/1995	Record Courier	Book signing	Arts	Asa Embree
12/6/1995	Record Courier	Alpine brush fire whipped by wind	Fire	
12/6/1995	Record Courier	Markleeville man sent to prison	Crime	Phillip Gamez
12/9/1995	Record Courier	Kirkwood hosts junior team ski racing series	Kirkwood/Kids/Sports	
12/9/1995	Record Courier	Brissenden named presidential delegate	Government	John Brissenden
12/23/1995	Reno Gazette	Moderate quakes rumble South Lake Tahoe, Carson City areas	Earthquake	
12/27/1995	Record Courier	Remember When? 100 Years ago - Fine Sleighing	History/Recreation	

12/27/1995	Record Courier	Remember When? 100 Years ago - Camp Woodfords	History/Event	
12/29/1995	Reno Gazette	5.0 earthquake rattles region	Earthquake	Skip Veatch
1/1/1996	Tahoe Dailey Tribune	Keeping the faith in Alpine County	Fishing	Judy Warren
1/3/1996	Record Courier	What was your most memorable experience of 1995	Opinion	Anthony Caldera
1/20/1996	Record Courier	Mabel James	Obituary	Mabel James
1/24/1996	Record Courier	Mabel James leaves behind a legacy of honesty and hard work	Biography	Mabel James
1/24/1996	Record Courier	Open for business	Business	John Wipfil
1/27/1996	Record Courier	Trophy winners	Sports/Kids	Lysle Turnbeaugh
1/28/1996	Record Courier	Villa Gigli sure to put a smile on your face	Business/Biography	Ruggero Gigli, Gina Gigli
2/3/1996	Record Courier	Washo Title IX meetings set	Washoe/Schools	
2/7/1996	Record Courier	Clarence Davenport	Obit	Clarence Davenport, Dortha Davenport
2/7/1996	Record Courier	How do you feel about Magic Johnson returning to the National Basketball Association	Opinion	Kindra Raqueno
2/7/1996	Record Courier	Cow Camp featured in exhibition	History/Agriculture	Nancy Thornburg
2/10/1996	Record Courier	Rescue	Schools	Casey Rogers, John Vann, David Marcus
2/14/1996	Record Courier	Snowboard event held at Kirkwood	Kirkwood/Sports	
2/17/1996	Record Courier	We'll help	Sheriff/Opinion	Everett Brakensiek
3/2/1996	Record Courier	Gone fishing!	Hope Valley/Arts	
3/6/1996	Record Courier	Kirkwood skiers qualify for Junior Olympic skiing	Kirkwood/Kids/Sports	Tamara Turnbeaugh

3/6/1996	Record Courier	DHS to hold Health Fair March 13	Schools/Event	Josh Thomson
3/10/1996	Sacramento Bee	Without warning, slide left him trapped in white tomb	Accident/Weather	Charlie Dobson
3/11/1996	Tahoe Dailey Tribune	Open house slated Thursday for Woodfords timber salvage	Fire/Wood	Garth McCormack, Skip Veatch, John Brissenden, Patti Brissenden
3/13/1996	Record Courier	Forest Service to unveil plan	Fire/Wood	Garth McCormack, Skip Veatch, John Brissenden, Patti Brissenden
3/13/1996	Record Courier	Kirkwood instructor offers junior snowboard lessons	Kirkwood/Kids/Sports	
3/16/1996	Record Courier	Alpine events set	Community/Event	Edie Veatch, Jon Wipfil
3/27/1996	Record Courier	Markleeville man charged with using inhalants	Crime	Arlen Dutchy
3/27/1996	Record Courier	Kirkwood skiers compete in Junior Olympics, Western States races	Kirkwood/Kids/Sports	Tamara Turnbeaugh
3/30/1996	Record Courier	Burgers in Alpine	Business	Jon Wipfil
3/30/1996	Record Courier	Washoe tribute	Washoe	Fred Dressler
3/30/1996	Record Courier	His whole life was getting on a horse	Biography	Fred Dressler, Anna Dressler, Lucille Brown
3/31/1996	Record Courier	Remember When? 100 Years ago - Susan B. Anthony	History/Event	
4/1/1996	Sierra Heritage	Vaquero Cow Camp	History/Agriculture	Anna Koenig, Nancy Thornburg
4/3/1996	Record Courier	230 wrestle at DHS meet	Schools/Sports	Bud Nollett
4/3/1996	Record Courier	Friends, family bury Fred Dressler	Obituary/Biography	Fred Dressler,
4/4/1996	Fishing the California Alps	Welcome to Alpine County	Fishing	
4/4/1996	Fishing the California Alps	Blue Lakes Angling Guide	Fishing	

4/4/1996	Fishing the California Alps	Heenan Lake: Lahontan Cutthroat in California	Fishing	
4/4/1996	Fishing the California Alps	The National Forests are truly America's great outdoors	Fishing	
4/4/1996	Fishing the California Alps	Quickies from Markleeville	Fishing	
4/4/1996	Fishing the California Alps	Welcome Fisherpersons!	Fishing	Carol Fogarty
4/4/1996	Fishing the California Alps	From the Alpine County Board of Supervisors	Fishing	Martha Austin
4/4/1996	Fishing the California Alps	Alpine County Fishing	Fishing	
4/4/1996	Fishing the California Alps	Where to catch brook trout in Alpine County	Fishing	
4/4/1996	Fishing the California Alps	South Tahoe PUD & Alpine County partners for 30 years	Fishing	
4/4/1996	Fishing the California Alps	Alpine County to try own Fish & Game warden	Fishing	
4/4/1996	Fishing the California Alps	Fishing the west slope of Alpine County	Fishing	Eric Jung
4/4/1996	Fishing the California Alps	Alpine County Fish & Game Commission	Fishing	Sherman Glettig
4/4/1996	Fishing the California Alps	Program payoff	Fishing	
4/23/1996	Tahoe Dailey Tribune	Surprise Alpine County drug sting nets 35 arrests	Crime	Skip Veatch
5/1/1996	Record Courier	Four months in jail	Crime	Mark Merrill
5/4/1996	Record Courier	JV track runs well at zone	Schools/Sports	Dan Makely, Daniel Crawford
5/4/1996	Record Courier	Valley Shepherds hold a showmanship clinic	4 H	Bridget Wood
5/8/1996	Record Courier	Douglas track team runs, jumps zone	Schools/Sports	Dan Makely, Gregg Masse
5/8/1996	Record Courier	Storytime set May 11	Library	Diane Rogers

5/8/1996	Record Courier	DHS juniors are honored	Schools/Awards	Stephanie Himmelrick, Tamara Turnbeaugh
5/16/1996	Reno News and Review	That's Italian	Business	Ruggero Gigli, Gina Gigli
5/22/1996	Record Courier	Alpine County Museum opens this weekend	Museum	Nancy Thornburg
5/22/1996	Record Courier	Storytime	Library	Diane Rogers
5/22/1996	Record Courier	Folk, blues, country on tap for Alpine	Arts	
5/29/1996	Record Courier	Alpine County weekend fun	Museum	
6/1/1996	Record Courier	Two men arrested for stealing liquor	Crime	Shawn Christensen
				Joshua Horse, Tonya Gálvez, Lucerina Simmons, Janean Skenadore, Georgie Dressler, Mario Generelli, Gamie Greer, Sara Watson, Spencer Rogers, Michael Rojas, Trent Rogers, Angelina Lopez, Bobby Pinzon, Lori Cuellar, Kelley Welykholowa, Sharon Osgood
6/8/1996	Record Courier	Teacher brings Olympics to Woodfords	Schools/Sports	
6/12/1996	Record Courier	Wildflower tours return to Sorensen's	Hope Valley/Business /Event	
6/19/1996	Record Courier	Washoe Tribe offers summer food program	Washoe	
7/3/1996	Record Courier	Remember When? 50 Years ago - Merrill discharged from Navy	Armed Services	Austin Merrill, Grant Merrill
7/10/1996	Record Courier	Markleeville Death Ride Saturday not for wimps	Bicycles	
7/16/1996	Nevada Appeal	Kids learn the value of technology and the outdoors	Kirkwood/School	
7/24/1996	Record Courier	Alpine County man visits the Middle East	Travelogue	Mike Warren
7/27/1996	Record Courier	Art teacher prefers to do it all at once	Arts	Greg Drinkwine

8/1/1996	Tahoe Mountain News	Sorensen's Resort mixes business with environment	Hope Valley/Business /Event	John Brissenden, Patty Brissenden
8/7/1996	Record Courier	Teens help out at race	Bicycles	Theresa DuBois
8/10/1996	Record Courier	Graduates	Schools/Awards	
8/10/1996	Record Courier	Booths sought for Woodfords chili challenge	Community/Event	Edie Veatch
8/10/1996	Out Post	Gay Colony	History/Gay Liberation Front	
8/17/1996	Record Courier	Woodford's girl is pageant runner-up	Competition	Naomi John, Clint John, Estelle Conway
8/21/1996	Record Courier	Washoe artists featured in display	Washoe/Arts	
8/21/1996	Record Courier	Ebbetts Pass	Travelogue	
9/11/1996	Record Courier	Remember When? 100 Years ago - Deaths recently	History/Obituary	Henry Vallem, Peter Vallem
9/14/1996	Record Courier	Magical Moonshine coming to Alpine	Arts	
9/18/1996	Record Courier	Booth spaces available in Alpine	Community/Event	Lynda Kirby
9/21/1996		Art Commission, Chamber select Jones' design for Alpine County flag	Government	Wilma Rule, Kevin Jones, Pam Ledbetter, Irving Krauss, Paul Washam, DeAnne Jang, Charles Keebaugh, Leona Mendenhall, Barbara Jones, Jennifer Vaughn, Jen Jacques, Dena Catelani, Paula Cotter, Susan Flakus, Gina Gigli, Sarah Morgan

9/21/1996		Alpine County's official flag	Government/Library	Irving Krauss, Dianne Lipscomb, Kevin Jones, Leona Mendenhall, Len Jacques, Rhiana Jones, Jennifer Vaughn
9/25/1996	Record Courier	Alpine County gets its first flag	Government	Don Jardine Kevin Jones, Irving Krauss, Barbara Jones, Leona Mendenhall, Len Jaques, Rhiana Jones, Jennifer Vaughn, Diane Lipscomb
9/25/1996	Record Courier	Washoe Tribe gives \$25,000 to campus	Washoe/Schools	Ann Wade
10/2/1996	Record Courier	Remember When? 10 Years ago - Woodfords woman wins race	History/Sports	Linda Mantynen, Kathy Ceragioli
10/12/1996	Record Courier	Alpine restaurant manager takes trophy	Community/Award	Marci Milich, Edie Veatch, Dawn Riddle, Gary Coyan, Wanda Coyan, Bob Desrosier,
10/26/1996	Record Courier	"Chuck" Keebaugh	Obituary	Chuck Keebaugh, Karen Keebaugh, Dayla Keebaugh, Clayton Keebaugh, Keri Callison, Korrie Callison
10/30/1996	Record Courier	Charles R. Keebaugh	Obituary	Charles R. Keebaugh, Karen Keebaugh, Dayla Keebaugh, Clayton Keebaugh, Keri Callison, Korrie Callison
11/2/1996	Record Courier	Editor	Opinion/Environment	Wilma Rule, Irving Krauss
11/6/1996	Record Courier	Kirkwood, Sierra-at-Tahoe hope for Thanksgiving week openings	Kirkwood	

11/14/1996	Tahoe Dailey Tribune	Beaver traps pose veiled threat to hikers	Environment/Wildlife	Norman Reuther
11/15/1996	Tahoe Dailey Tribune	Many new projects in the works for Kirkwood	Kirkwood	
11/15/1996	Tahoe Dailey Tribune	Kirkwood examining alternative power sources	Kirkwood	
11/25/1996	Record Courier	Charlie Brown' set for Diamond Valley	Arts	
11/2/1996	Record Courier	Markleeville man arrested for DUI	Crime	Mark Kevin Jones
12/4/1996	Record Courier	Gladys Loganbill	Obituary	Gladys Loganbill, Fred Bruns, Elmer Bruns, Roy Loganbill, Merle Bruns
12/18/1996	Record Courier	Kirkwood offers ski teams	Kirkwood/Kids/Sports	
12/18/1996	Record Courier	Alpine ordered to allow gravel pit	Mining	Hubert Bruns, Nancy Thornburg, Tim Pemberton, John Brissenden
12/18/1996	Record Courier	Remember When? 10 Years ago - Chase ends in Markleeville	Crime	
12/21/1996	Record Courier	Deserves more	Mining/Opinion	Nancy Thornburg, Hubert Bruns
12/25/1996	Record Courier	Kirkwood's bases up to 14 feet at 9,800'	Kirkwood	
12/27/1996	Tahoe Dailey Tribune	Kirkwood Resort receives notice of environmental violation	Kirkwood	Tim Cohee
1/1/1997	Reno Gazette	Alpine to decide on levee rocks	Rivers/Flood	Hubert Bruns
1/22/1997	Record Courier	Mono: 395 to reopen	Roads/Flood	
1/22/1997	Record Courier	Well-known Alpine educator dies at age 94	Obituary/Biography	Mabel Love, Lewis Love
1/25/1997	Record Courier	Water war may be shaping up as Feds eye Carson River	Water	
1/25/1997	Record Courier	Students must commute 65 miles to CHS	Rivers/Flood	
1/29/1997	Record Courier	Kirkwood ski teams compete on California slopes	Kirkwood/Kids/Sports	

2/1/1997	Record Courier	Proposed Washoe language plan gets warm reception from state	Washoe	
2/5/1997	Record Courier	Elders enjoy traditional foods and reminisce in their native tongue	Washoe/Event	Linda Merrill, Ruggero Gigli, Marvin Dressler, Amy Barber
2/7/1997	Tahoe Dailey Tribune	Settlement to cost Kirkwood a million	Kirkwood/Environment	Tim Cohee
2/12/1997	Record Courier	What does Valentine's Day mean to you?	Opinion	Hector Caldera, Stephanie Chavez
2/12/1997	Record Courier	Storytime	Library	Dianne Rogers
2/15/1997	Record Courier	Prep skiing	Schools/Sports	Tamara Turnbeaugh
2/22/1997	Record Courier	Alpine kids have fun at dance party	Kids/Event	Marcus McElroy, Cori Niemann, Dina Catelani, Lana Hicks, Kathy Vann
2/22/1997	Record Courier	Alpine program	Library	Marie Bravo
2/22/1997	Record Courier	Washoe regard site as spiritual	Washoe/History	
2/26/1997	Record Courier	Markleeville man held for driving under the influence	Crime	Kenneth Ornellas
3/1/1997	Record Courier	Kirkwood ski team show well in races	Kirkwood/Kids/Sports	Tamara Turnbeaugh

				Anthony Caldera, Ramsey Horse, Brittany Myers, Jocelyn Myers, David Bennett, Luis Gabriel, Becky Mortimer, Jeremy Scherer, John Vann, Ray Gabriel, Alyson Graham, Nathan Bennett, Birdget Wood, Beth Brissenden, Dena Catelani, Chelsea Countryman, Mara Milich, Marcus McElroy, Bobbie Mortimer, Dylan Rogers
3/1/1997	Record Courier	Honor roll told	Schools/Awards	
3/5/1997	Record Courier	Actress will portray famous women March 10	Arts	
3/12/1997	Record Courier	Kirkwood junior series continues	Kirkwood/Kids/ Sports	
3/12/1997	Record Courier	Washoe Tribe to develop land south of Indian Hills for storage units	Washoe/Business	
3/15/1997	Record Courier	Mt. Sierra school to expand	Schools	
3/19/1997	Record Courier	Cave Rock subject of public lecture	Washoe/History	
3/19/1997	Nevada Appeal	Alpine wreck hurts 2	Accident	
3/19/1997	Record Courier	Remember When? 100 Years ago - Judge Arnot's mother injured	History/Accident	Judge Arnot
3/19/1997	Record Courier	Remember When? 50 Years ago - Alpine tops Red Cross drive	History	
3/23/1997	Nevada Appeal	Richard Lindsay Jones	Obituary	Richard Lindsay Jones, Belma Barber Ellsworth Jones, Lindsay Allen Jones, Angela Jones, Robin Jones, Bruce Jones, Kevin Jones, Dianna Jones

3/29/1997	Record Courier	Alpine Friends plan Chef Night	Library/Event	
3/29/1997	Record Courier	DHS officers	Schools	Brie Cross
3/29/1997	Record Courier	Alpine Kids raise enough for insurance	Kids/Event	Donna Dykes, Edie Veatch, Skip Veatch, Dale Bennett
4/1/1997	Fishing the California Alps	Welcome to Alpine County	Fishing	
4/1/1997	Fishing the California Alps	Blue Lakes Angling Guide	Fishing	
4/1/1997	Fishing the California Alps	Heenan Lake: Lahontan cutthroat in California	Fishing	
4/1/1997	Fishing the California Alps	Fishing news	Fishing	
4/1/1997	Fishing the California Alps	Fly fishing guides - Who needs 'me	Fishing	
4/1/1997	Fishing the California Alps	Quickies from Markleeville	Fishing	
4/1/1997	Fishing the California Alps	A message from the Suth Tahoe Public Utility District	Fishing/Sewage	
4/1/1997	Fishing the California Alps	Welcome Fisherpersons	Fishing	Carol Brakensiek
4/1/1997	Fishing the California Alps	Alpine locations for brook trout	Fishing	
4/1/1997	Fishing the California Alps	From the Alpine County Board of Supervisors	Fishing	Martha Austin
4/1/1997	Fishing the California Alps	Alpine County Fish and Game Commission	Fishing	Sherman Glettig
4/1/1997	Fishing the California Alps	Department of Fish and Game trout management in Alpine County	Fishing	
4/1/1997	Fishing the California Alps	Fishing stories	Fishing	
4/1/1997	Fishing the California Alps	Historical overview of Alpine County	History	Nancy Thornburg, Jacob Marklee

4/2/1997	Record Courier	New book on Washoe language now available	Washoe/History	
4/2/1997	Record Courier	Climbers hope to reach Cave Rock compromise	Washoe/History	
4/9/1997	Record Courier	New wing	Washoe	Barbara Bennett, Lynda Shoshone
4/16/1997	Record Courier	Terrance Wallberg	Obituary/Biography	Terrance Wallberg,
4/16/1997	Record Courier	Gardnerville man dies in vehicle rollover	Accident	Terrance Wallberg
4/19/1997	Record Courier	Kirkwood to offer best in ski auction	Kirkwood/Kids/Sports	
4/23/1997	Record Courier	Alpine senior legal advocacy services offered	Social Services	
4/26/1997	Record Courier	Bombers top at Kirkwood	Kirkwood/Kids/Sports	
4/26/1997	Record Courier	Rock-jazz fusion on tap for Turtle Rock	Arts	
4/27/1997	Nevada Appeal	Kirkwood shuffles ownership	Kirkwood	
4/30/1997	Record Courier	Joy to know	Schools/Opinion	Brianna Cross
5/8/1997	Tahoe Dailey Tribune	Cinematic site	Kirkwood	
5/17/1997	Record Courier	Earl Fogarty	Obituary/Biography	Earl Fogarty, Ernestine Fogarty, Stephen Fogarty, James Boucher
5/17/1997	Record Courier	All roads lead to Alpine County	Water/Roads	Barbara Thomson
5/21/1997	Record Courier	Books wear out	Schools	
5/21/2009	Record Courier	DVS students in photo contest	Schools/Arts	Beth Brissenden, Nocona Nyswonger, Mara Milich, Cori Niemann, Bridget Gibbons, Dena Catelani, Marcus McElroy

5/24/1997	Record Courier	Storytime	Library/Event	Diane Rogers, Spencer Rogers, Tyler Stump-Jeffers, Zachery Kluever, Karisssa Williams, Reena Spansail
5/24/1997	Record Courier	DHS students earn '97 awards	Schools/Awards	Gregg Masse
5/25/1997	Record Courier	Sarah Morgan selected to go to California art camp	Schools/Arts	Sarah Morgan
5/28/1997	Record Courier	Of what importance is a museum to a community?	Museum/Opinion	Jim Parsons, Dale Bennett, Melissa Lewis, Leonard Turnbeaugh, Jennifer Winschell
5/28/1997	Record Courier	Valley youth have good showing at Nevada Junior Livestock Show	4 H	Ben Wood, Bridget Wood
5/28/1997	Record Courier	Sheep results from April show announced	4 H	Ben Wood, Bridget Wood
5/28/1997	Record Courier	Awards given at Junior Livestock Show	4 H	Bridget Wood
6/3/1997	Tahoe Dailey Tribune	STPUD has been cited 143 times	Sewage	
6/4/1997	Record Courier	Virgil Neddenriep	Obituary	Virgil Neddenriep
6/4/1997	Record Courier	Museum opens	Museum	
6/7/1997	Record Courier	Markleeville author to sign books	Arts	Bill Morgan
6/11/1997	Record Courier	Alpine author to sign books June 14	Arts	Bill Morgan
6/7/2009	Record Courier	Big Band sounds come to Alpine	Arts/Event	
6/21/1997	Record Courier	Washoe Tribe seeks return of ancestral land	Washoe	
6/21/1997	Record Courier	Llazz Festa set for Markleeville in July	Arts/Event	Ruggero Gigli
6/27/1997	Nevada Appeal	Team extricates way to award	Fire	Tom Embree
7/2/1997	Record Courier	Nancy Thornburg retires as Alpine County Museum director	Museum	Nancy Thornburg, Fritz Thornburg, Diane Brigham, Asa Embree
7/2/1997	Record Courier	Trout fishing comes to Alpine County	Arts/Event	

7/7/1997	San Francisco Daily Journal	DA watches out for the Bears	Courts	Colleen Hemingway, Skip Veatch, Tim Pemberton, nard Turnbeaugh, Harold Bradford, Eric Jung,
7/9/1997	Record Courier	Death Ride takes detour to Kingsbury Grade	Bicycles	
7/10/1997	The Daily Recorder	At home in a county where bears outnumber criminals	Courts	Colleen Hemingway, Skip Veatch, Tim Pemberton, nard Turnbeaugh, Harold Bradford, Eric Jung,
7/12/1997	Record Courier	Relaxing in Alpine	Hot Springs	
7/16/2009	Record Courier	Annual llama and jazz event set for Alpine	Arts/Event	
7/16/1997	Record Courier	Alpine, Douglas youths attend camp	Kids	Mara Milich, Bridget Wood, Cori Niemann, Dena Catelani, Nocona Nyswinger, Mary Richardson, Bridget Gibbons, Marcus McElroy, Nancy Kerley
7/19/1997	Record Courier	Water issues	Water/Opinion	Al Pettit
7/23/1997	Record Courier	What would you like to see accomplished at the presidential environmental conference at Lake Tahoe?	Opinion	Norris Barsumian
7/26/1997	Record Courier	Sheriff's report: Markleeville man arrested, sentenced for disorderly conduct	Crime	Myron Ellis
7/26/1997	Record Courier	Washoe Tribe looks to have a presence at Lake Tahoe	Washoe	
7/30/1997	Record Courier	Remember When? 100 Years ago - Committed suicide	History	Mrs. Peter Dolling
7/30/1997	Record Courier	Kids of all ages have fun at the first Genoa Renaissance Faire	Arts/Event	Robert Williams
7/30/1997	Record Courier	Washoe elders are pleased to see land returned to Tribe for their use	Washoe	
7/30/1997	Record Courier	Historic event is held at the Lake on Friday	Washoe/Event	

8/1/1997	?	Is it adieu, Abdoo?	Business	Tom Abdoo, Gary Coyan, Dave Peets, Al Pettit
8/6/1997	Record Courier	Man saves dog	Fire	
8/6/1997	Record Courier	Mt. Sierra school breaks ground	Schools	
8/9/1997	Record Courier	Plasse's Resort on Highway 88 to hold annual barbecue	Silver Lake	
8/13/1997	Record Courier	Washoe language circle, elders bask in memories of summit	Washoe/Event	RuJames, Eloise James, Amy Barber
8/16/1997	Record Courier	Kid Kore program set for parents, children in Alpine	Kids	
9/10/1997	Record Courier	Remember When? 100 Years ago - Returned	History/Mining	Frank Musser, Willie Musser, John Musser
9/11/1997	Record Courier	Sylvia Barber Andrews	Obituary	Sylvia Barber Andrews, Belam Jones, Amy Barber
9/13/1997	Record Courier	Alpine Chili Challenge, Faire set for next week	Community/Event	Tammy Shannon Veatch, Sandy Cowen, James Parsons, Dave Peets, Earl O'Neal, Skip Veatch, Marilyn McKenzie, Chris Gansberg, Barbara Jones, Tony Varzos
9/17/1997	Record Courier	Fun for everyone in Alpine this weekend	Community/Event	Marcie Milich, Aaron Milich, Edie Veatch
9/20/1997	Record Courier	Following the Carson River - Contrasts mark the course	Rivers/Travelogue	
9/20/1997	Record Courier	Water providers discuss agency	Water	
9/20/1997	Record Courier	Should East Fork be made 'wild and scenic'?	Water	

9/27/1997	Record Courier	Woodfords' Chili Challenge sees eight cooks enter in contest	Community/Event	Bennie De Salvo, Marcie Milich, Paul Washam, Gloria Washam, Lynda Kirbey, Dave Kirbey, Joyce Higgenbotham, Paul Halling, Howie Iki, Skip Veatch, Edie Veatch, Jim Kucala, Ronda Kucala, Bobby Stephens, Chris Gansberg, Earl O'Neal, Dave Peets
10/1/1997	Record Courier	Robert Parker	Obituary	Robert Parker, Catherine Parker, Rick Parker
10/11/1997	Record Courier	Sorensen's historical slide show and hikes coming	Hope Valley/Business/Event	
10/15/1997	Record Courier	Alpine Children's Center has openings	Kids	Karen Hamann
10/15/1997	Record Courier	Old Leviathan Mine has long history	Mining/History	
10/15/1997	Record Courier	Leviathan Creek is sewer of toxic poisons which threatens Carson River	Mining/Pollution	
10/22/1997	Record Courier	Museum	Museum	
10/22/1997	Record Courier	Commission looks at Leviathan mess	Mining/Pollution	
10/25/1997	Record Courier	Leviathan Creek's foul sludge may be making its way to a faucet near you	Mining/Pollution	
10/25/1997	Record Courier	EPA leaving Leviathan site	Mining/Pollution	
10/29/1997	Record Courier	Remember When? 10 Years ago - Local actor happens to be 12	History/Arts	Tommy Kerley
11/1/1997	Record Courier	Leviathan is a mess - but is not harming East Fork	Mining/Pollution	Nancy Thornburg
11/7/1997	Nevada Appeal	Search ends in tragedy	Search and Rescue	

11/8/1997	Record Courier	Plane crash victims found	Search and Rescue	
11/12/1997	Record Courier	Thanks, Carson Valley, for food	Community/Event	Brieanna Cross
11/12/1997	Record Courier	Douglas, Alpine boards may hold joint meeting	Mining/Government	
11/12/1997	Record Courier	Sandra Jim	Obituary	Sandra Jim
11/15/1997	Record Courier	Elly Andrews	Obituary	Elly Andrews, Bob Andrews
11/19/1997	Record Courier	Special events to raise funds for Alpine Kids	Kids/Event	Edie Veatch
11/19/1997	Record Courier	Wreath-making at Sorensen's	Hope Valley/Business/Event	
11/29/1997	Record Courier	Alpine, Douglas boards will meet	Mining/Pollution/Government	
11/26/1997	Record Courier	Sorensen's set Muir Portrayal	Hope Valley/Business/Event	
11/29/1997	Record Courier	Alpine Women Artists offer Show and Sell	Arts/Event	Gina Gigli, Linda Merrill, Ellen Martin, Cathy Merrill
12/1/1997	Ski	Kirkwood Scrubs Up For Company	Kirkwood	Tim Cohee
12/2/1997	The Recorder	AG Ruling Borders On the Surreal	Government	Colleen Hemingway, Tim Pemberton

				Edie Veatch, Cody McGeein, Vaness Cruz, Derinda Caldera, Regina Watson, Pan Ledbetter, Teresa Horse Leanne Lear, Barbara Howard Joe Voss, Bennett, Adelina Osario, Jo Daugherty, Dave Roberts, Chuck Daugherty, Sandy King, Linda Pullen, Robert Bowman, Frank Jacobelli, Yvonne Christensen, Janice Generilli
12/3/1997	Record Courier	Alpine Kids- Program cares about children and families	Kids	
12/20/1997	Record Courier	Ski report	Kirkwood	
12/27/1997	Record Courier	Ski programs at Kirkwood	Kirkwood/Kids/ Sports	
12/29/1997	Nevada Appeal	New Year's was flood of century	Flood	

# Alpine: California buys water

Continued from page 1

will stay in California," said Controller Gray Davis, who arranged the purchase along with state Sen. Tim Leslie.

"It assures the survival of wildlife and recreational fishing at the lake and it protects the local economy of Alpine County," Davis said.

Indeed, concern the water would be acquired for use in such areas as Carson City and Douglas and Lyon counties had Alpine County leaders pressuring their state representatives to protect the lake. With an option to acquire the water set to expire Jan. 1, the Board of Supervisors scheduled a special meeting last Thursday to discuss ways the county might be able to assist the state in last-minute acquisition efforts.

Supervisor chairman Don Jardine canceled the meeting upon being told the purchase by the state would take place.

"This is a real benefit not only to the ecology but our county's economy," Jardine said. "I can't tell you how much the folks in Alpine appreciate this."

Had diversions of water to Nevada occurred, Alpine residents feared the water level at Red Lake would be drawn down to the point where the lake's ecosystem would be endangered and several species of trout put at risk.

With fishing one of Alpine's most important tourism draws, county leaders carefully covet water rights to the pristine region's mountain lakes.

Plans by neighboring El Dorado County to acquire 17,000 acre-feet of water from Caples and Silver lakes also are viewed with concern by Alpine officials, who have filed suit in effort to block the proposal.

## Water won't come to Valley

by JEFF DeLONG  
R-C News Service

Alpine County residents are celebrating news that water rights to a substantial portion of a popular fishing lake will be purchased by the state of California, avoiding possible diversion of the water across state lines to Nevada.

In an agreement finalized last week, the state will pay \$1 million from the state controller's environmental trust fund to purchase 37 percent of the water rights to Red Lake, located on State Route 88 between Pickett's Junction and Carson Summit. Those rights were owned by Aqueduct One, a Col-

orado-based company specializing in marketing of water.

The purchase will double the amount of Red Lake water owned by the state. The Department of Fish and Game has title to another 37 percent, while the remaining 25 percent is privately held.

The roughly 400 acre-feet of water acquired Friday was being eyed for use in Nevada's quickly growing Carson Valley. Considering purchase of that water was the Carson River Subconservancy, according to a spokesman for the California Controller's Office.

"The purchase of water rights to Red Lake means California water

See Alpine on page 7

# Alpine officials, feds fighting over land use

by JEFF DeLONG  
Special to the R-C

An often tense relationship between Alpine County and the U.S. Forest Service has bottomed out and can't get much worse, according to several county leaders.

While a top Forest Service official insists the problem is not a serious one and open communication with the county continues, several Alpine County supervisors say they are at loggerheads with the federal agency that owns the vast majority of land in California's least populated county.

"It's reached a point where we just don't know what to do," complained Don Jardine, chairman of the Board of Supervisors. "It just wears you out."

Jardine and another supervisor are set to meet soon with high-level representatives of the Forest Service's Region 4, based in Ogden, Utah. The topic of discussion: ongoing troubles between the county and officials with Toiyabe National Forest and the Carson Ranger District.

For years, Alpine County leaders and Forest Service representatives have been at odds over a broad range of issues affecting the county, which is composed of rugged high-mountain wilderness more than 95 percent owned by federal and state governments.

Issues range from the Forest Service's role in the 1987 Acorn Fire when more than 25 homes in the Woodfords area were destroyed, to the need to prevent future wildfires through removal of dead and dying timber near residential areas.

Closure by the Forest Service

of historic roads in Alpine, closure and razing of old cabins, and the denial of requests to open campgrounds to private concessionaires are other topics that have county leaders frustrated with the federal agency.

The latest controversy stems from the status of 11 acres of land near Woodfords and the West Fork of the Carson River. The land is included in a complicated assortment of cash and land exchanges arranged years ago by the county, the Forest Service, and the Trust for Public Land.

While previous supervisors had signed off on the overall land exchange strategy, the current Board of Supervisors voted to oppose transfer of the 11 acres, which they felt were potentially developable and thus important to Alpine's limited tax base.

Supervisors said they sought to have Toiyabe Forest Supervisor Jim Nelson meet with them to discuss the issue, but met with little success in efforts at face-to-face communication. The transfer was finalized in late October without adequate input from the county, said Supervisor Pete Blum, Alpine's official liaison to the Forest Service.

"We're real upset," Blum said. "They ignored us and pretty much went on with it."

The controversy surrounding the status of the 11 acres, Blum said, is characteristic of the way Alpine is consistently treated by the Forest Service.

"We just send letters back and forth and meanwhile they just gain ground and gain ground," Blum said. "They don't tell you anything. They blindside you all the time."

JAN. 5, 1995

\*\*\* San Francisco Chronicle A15

## State Buying Lake Water to Stop Diversion

Associated Press

Markleeville

Rights to 37 percent of the water at Red Lake, a popular Alpine County fishing spot, are being bought by California to block diversion of the water to Nevada.

The California controller will pay \$1 million from an environmental trust fund to Aqueduct One, a Colorado-based company specializing in water marketing.

The deal doubles the amount of Red Lake water owned by California. The Department of Fish and Game has another 37 percent, and the rest is privately owned.

As a result of the deal, about 400 acre-feet of water will not be available to the Carson River Sub-conservancy, which had been considering the purchase for use in the rapidly growing Minden-Gardnerville, Nev., area downstream from Red Lake.

"The purchase of water rights to Red Lake means California water will stay in California," said California Controller Gray Davis, who worked with state Senator Tim Leslie to arrange the purchase.

### **Trump in Tahoe?**

Is true glitz coming to sleepy Alpine County? It might if rumors of Donald Trump's interest in acquiring a ski area is true.

According to Newsweek magazine, The Donald was spotted tramping around Telluride, Colo., during the holidays amid rumors that he was interested in buying the ski resort operations there.

Telski, which owns Telluride, is an investor in Kirkwood Ski Resort on Highway 88 and has the option of purchasing majority control of the area. So presumably, any sale of Telluride could also include Kirkwood.

Heather McDonald, as spokeswoman for the resort, said she hadn't even heard rumors of such a sale.

But if the deal somehow goes down, you might see some of the peaks around Kirkwood renamed Trump Tower, or perhaps Mt. Marla, in honor of his bride, Marla Maples.

1-8-95 Sacramento Bee

## OBITUARIES

Record Courier Jan 12, 1995

children, and numerous nieces and nephews. Among the five great-grandchildren are Billy Penrod of Minden. No services were planned. Cremation was held under the direction of FitzHenry's Funeral Home of Carson City.

### Lillian Thornburg

Longtime Alpine County resident Lillian Bushing Thornburg, 101, died at Cottonwood Care Center in Gardnerville Jan. 4.

She was born Dec. 24 1893 in Chicago, Ill. to Frederic C. and Mary Freudenberg Bushing. She married Benjamin Harrison Thornburg in 1932 in Alpine County. He preceded her in death.

In 1938 Mrs. Thornburg was elected to Deputy Clerk, Auditor

and Recorder in Alpine County, a position she held until her retirement in 1959. A member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Gardnerville, Mrs. Thornburg was a co-founder and a charter member of and was very active in the Historical Society of Alpine County.

Survivors include son Fritz Thornburg of Markleeville; broth-

er Dick Bushing of Reno; and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Historical Society of Alpine County, P.O. Box 24, Markleeville, Calif. 96120 or the charity of one's choice.

Walton's Chapel of the Valley in Carson City was in charge of the arrangements.

# Another blast of winter may be on t



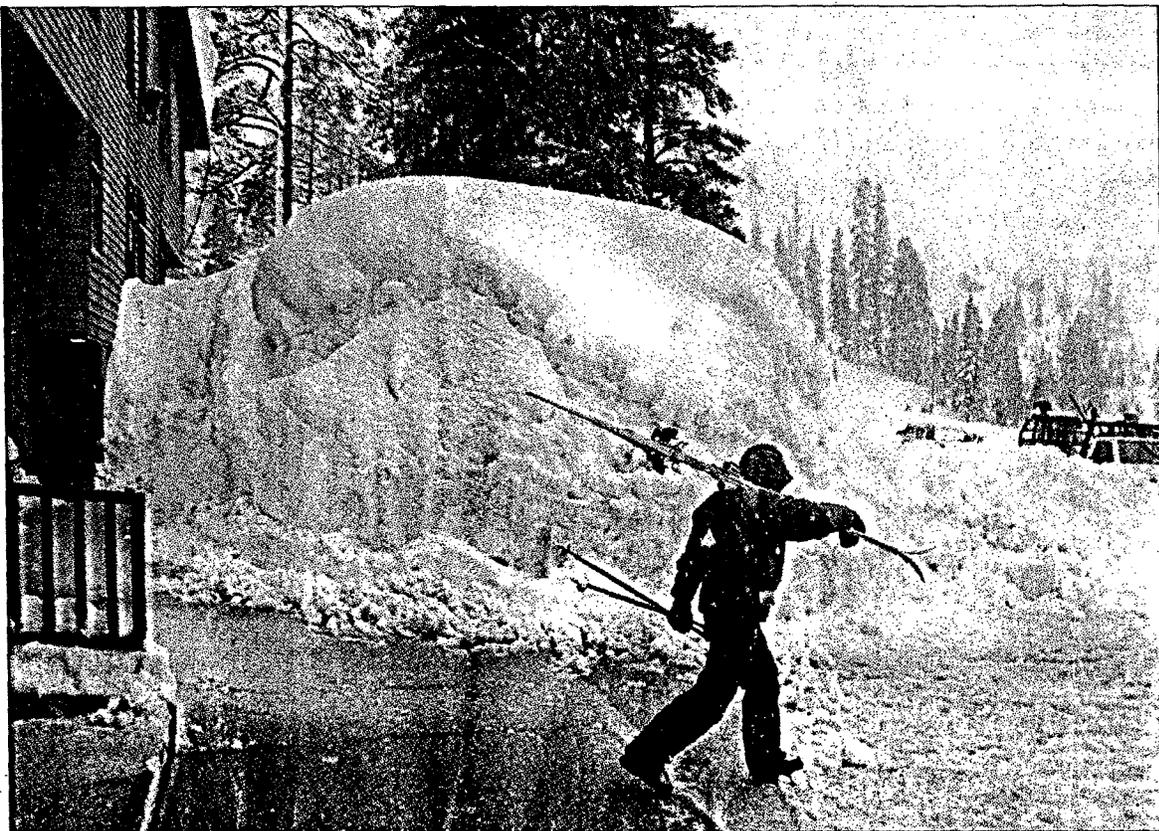
Special to the Gazette-Journal  
**DIAMOND PEAK:** For cross-country skiers, there's more than enough snow. **1E**

## TAHOE CONDITIONS

**Today:** Mostly cloudy, windy with rain or snow showers. Highs in the mid 30s.



Tell us about your day: See ski report, page 7D



**NOW THAT'S SNOW:** A skier makes his way out of the lodge at Alpine Meadows west of Lake Tahoe.

David B. Parker/Gazette-Journal

## 'In last 8 days, we've gotten 9-11 feet of snow'

By Kevin Patterson and Scott Thomsen  
 GAZETTE-JOURNAL

For nearly a decade, Sierra skiers have thought of a good snowstorm in terms of how many inches of snow it might bring to the slopes.

This year, they're thinking feet. "It's very, very, very, very deep," Chris Bracy crowed, after spending the day Thursday at Kirkwood Ski Resort. "It seems like it's bottomless, basically."

It almost is. "In the last eight days, we've gotten 9 to 11 feet of new snow," said Michele Gigante, media relations coordinator for Kirkwood. That brings Kirkwood's base totals to 14 feet at lower elevations of the mountain and 20 feet at the top.

The past week has delivered snow totals rarely seen during the past seven years in the Sierra, when weather systems that once showered the mountains with

■ **Northern California:** The cleanup bills are pouring in. **5A**

powdery snow either failed to appear or didn't linger long enough to produce much.

If there were such a thing as a snowfall scoreboard, the Sierra would be slam-dunking such prestigious ski areas as Breckenridge and Vail in Colorado or Mount Bachelor in Oregon. Those resorts so far have accumulated only about one-fifth to one-third as much snow as there is at Sierra ski resorts.

Skiers and resort operators said the series of storms delivered some rain and wet snow along with powder.

Northstar-at-Tahoe got rain Monday but saw its base levels more than double during the week, to 10 feet at lower elevations and 16 feet up top.

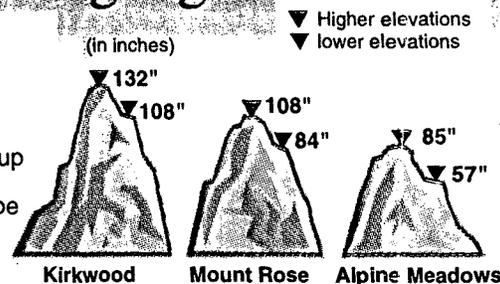
See **SNOW** on page 5A

## The Sierra's big edge

### Snow totals

For period  
 Jan. 5 to Jan. 12

A series of Sierra snowstorms in the past week has left up to 11 feet of new snow at some Tahoe ski areas.



### Snow depths compared

The average snow base at some Sierra ski areas is up to seven times higher than resorts in Colorado and Oregon.



Source: Gazette-Journal research

Mark Bartley/Gazette-Journal

## Winter storm watch: In effect for Tahoe starting tonight with snow possible in the valley Saturday night.

By Frank Mullen Jr.  
GAZETTE-JOURNAL

Here we go again.

The National Weather Service issued a winter storm watch for the Lake Tahoe area starting tonight and continuing Saturday.

That means the Sierra could get heavy snow tonight and the valley could see rain showers today and snow Saturday night continuing into Sunday.

A strong, moist system developing over the Pacific is expected to track eastward into the Tahoe-Truckee area and on into northern Nevada, said meteorologist Tom Cylke, a forecaster with the weather service in Reno.

The storm will be accompanied by strong gusty winds up to 50 mph in the Sierra, he said.

"The storm should push through late Saturday afternoon," Cylke said. "It should continue through Sunday and we expect some clearing Monday."

At least a foot of snow could accompany this storm in the higher elevations, if it moves as is now projected. There are no predictions on how much snow might fall in the valley.

Initial snow levels will be around 7,000 feet or above, dropping to 5,000 feet late Saturday and well onto the valley floors of western Nevada by Sunday.

Today is predicted to be cloudy with a chance of rain showers in the valley.

The storm should be a bit easier on northern California than the weather systems that passed over the state earlier this week, forecasters said.

More rain is forecast in northern California this weekend, but the string of blustery storms that killed 11 people and turned 34 counties around the state into federal disaster areas has temporarily ended, said forecaster Ed Gardner in Sacramento.

"We'll be getting more calls about the 49ers-Cowboys game than about flooding," he predicted.

## Snow

From page 1A

"Last night (Wednesday) it got really cold and we were able to wring some of the water out of it with the groomers," said spokeswoman Judy Daniels. "I think we're pretty well set for the rest of the season."

"You've got to lean back, especially in this stuff," said Mark Bjorlin of Reno, who skied at Kirkwood Thursday. "It's a little bit wet. But it sure is fun."

Every Sierra ski area has benefitted from the past week's deluge of snow. But the intensity of the

storms has prevented many skiers from reaching the snow they've been anticipating.

"In terms of base snows, it was wonderful," Mount Rose marketing director Mike Pierce said of the past week's snowfall. "In terms of highway closures, it was terrible." The threat of an avalanche kept the Mount Rose Highway closed much of the week.

The storms that produced the Sierra snow also soaked California, where many residents were more concerned with saving their homes from flooding than strapping on skis.

"It's put people off, especially in

Sacramento and the Bay area, mopping up water down there," said Sally Jones, ski school director at Tahoe Donner Cross-Country area.

But the skiers who made it to the mountains returned tired and happy.

"It was really windy and you couldn't see where you were going and what the terrain was like," Mollie McCormick of Reno said as she returned her rental skis at Mogul Mouse in Reno Thursday after a day at Mount Rose. "But, of course, it was great. If you love skiing, you're gonna do it."

Several skiers said conditions

Thursday ranged from deep powder to packed trails and some ice. But no one was complaining.

"It's a lot better than last season," said Reno's Robert Thompson, who hit the slopes Thursday at Mount Rose. "There's lots more powder now."

Cross-country skiers might have to wait a little longer to test their favorite trails.

"They're buried," said Lee Weber, director of sales and marketing at Diamond Peak. "They did pick up 5 or 6 feet of snow, which is a phenomenal amount in a seven-day window."

RECORD CORNER Jan. 26, 1995

## Laura Spitzer set for Alpine concert

High energy is a good way to describe the style of pioneering pianist Laura Spitzer. The expression applies equally well to her dynamic music making, demanding schedule and vibrant, enthusiastic personality.

She has become an inspired missionary for classical music, bringing the strains of Bach, Chopin, and Ravel to places where the last recital may have been in Mark Twain's youth.

The Alpine County Arts Commission will present "An Evening of Exceptional Music with Laura Spitzer, Pianist" on Friday, Feb. 3. The performance will be held at the Diamond Valley School in Woodfords, Calif. at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices for the performance are: \$5 adult (age 16 and older), \$1 child, and \$11 family (up to two adults and four children). Seating is limited so it is advisable to reserve tickets by calling (916) 694-2787.

This program is funded in part by the California Arts Council, State-Local Partnership Program, State Agency.

Eighty years and 60,000 miles ... and everywhere she has been, she has left a trail of enthusiastic converts. The New York Times observed that she performed with "verve, clarity ... a lively interest in the ways and means of each work and left one interested in hearing her ideas about others." The New York City Tribune proclaimed she has "the dexterity of the touring virtuosos."

Record Journal

**Alfred Chain** Jan 29 1995

Alfred O. Chain, 92, a Coleville, Calif. resident for the past 18 years, died Jan. 25 at Cottonwood Care Center in Gardnerville.

He was born Jan. 4, 1903 in Kansas to Guy Parry and Maud Manson Chain.

He previously had lived in Markleeville, Calif., for 16 years and before that in Stockton, Calif. He was in commercial construction and had been an Alpine County supervisor.

Mr. Chain was a member of Carpenters Local 1418, Antelope Lions Club, Sciots Pyramid No. 5 in Stockton, Ben Ali Temple in Sacramento for 50 years, and of the F&AM California Morning Star Lodge No. 68 in Stockton for 65 years.

Survivors include his wife Lucile Brown Chain of Coleville; son Alfred B. Chain of Stockton; stepsons Floyd Brown of Coleville and Orrin P. Brown of Gardnerville; daughter Elaine Broersma of Waterford, Calif.; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Entombment will be held at Parkview Cemetery and Mausoleum in Manteca, Calif. Memorial contributions may be made to the Historical Society of Alpine County in Markleeville.

Walton's Chapel of the Valley, Cemetery and Mausoleum in Carson City.

Record Courier Jan 29, 1995

## Hope Valley cross country tour Sunday

Hope Valley Cross Country and Sorensen's Resort are sponsoring the third annual Indian Head Challenge Sunday.

Check-in starts at 9 a.m. and the tour starts at 9:30 a.m. from

Sorensen's in Alpine County.

The event, recommended for skiers of at least intermediate ability, is a back-country ski tour that covers a 12-mile distance.

The cost is \$20, which in-

cludes cookie stations on the course and lunch after the tour at Sorensen's. For more information on the Indian Head Challenge, call Hope Valley Cross Country at (916) 694-2266.

Record Courier Feb 5 1995

# Alpine/Douglas wrestling tournament today

Today is homecoming for the Alpine/Douglas Wrestling Club.

The Alpine/Douglas Championship Freestyle Wrestling Tournament has 12 teams entered for a day-long event sanctioned by USA Wrestling that begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Douglas High School gym.

No admission will be charged.

The age group competition, which starts at 5 to 6 years of age, will take place

in the morning, followed by open wrestling for adults in the afternoon.

The list of clubs expected to attend include South Tahoe, Yerington, Fallon, Fernley, Elko, Lovelock, Sparks, North-west Reno, South Reno, Reno and Reno PAL.

The Alpine/Douglas club has enjoyed some highlights in two previous tournaments.

Troy Fontana, Jeff John, David Ben-

nett, Nathan Bennett, Brandon Brown, Raymond Gabriel, Zack Ledbetter, Frank Roza, Dewayne Rey and Jack Williams all captured first-place in their respective age and weight classes during a USA Wrestling tournament at Galena High School.

Jeff Martin, Jack Sparman, Ryan Pierce, Al Bill and Nicole Bennett were second-place finishers in their classes, and Bud Nollet was a third-place medalist.

At the team's season-opening tournament Jan. 21 at Wooster High School in Reno, the first-place trophy went to South Reno, second-place to Reno PAL, third to Fallon and fourth to Alpine/Douglas.

The local team has about 40 wrestlers from five years of age to open (any age). Practices are held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 5:30 to 7 p.m. at both Diamond Valley School, located in Woodfords, and Douglas High School.

Alpine Enterprise

February, 1995



Your assistance  
is required to  
apprehend  
the culprit!

# **murder of the loaded librarian**

*Starring*

- SKIP VEATCH  
Mason Rumpole
  - JOHN BRISSENDEN  
Heathcliff Bux
  - CAROLYN VAUGHN  
Madonna Bux
  - DORANNA GLETTIG  
Nurse Hatchet
  - BOB RUDDEN  
Parky Prudhomme
  - GARY HOWARD  
Guy Happy
  - BOB BOWMAN  
Indy Kowalski
  - JUDY MOLNAR  
Jane Bronte
  - KELLY GREEN  
Rocky Stallion
  - TOM NAGEL  
Lt. Columbus
  - SHEILA MORGAN  
The New Librarian
  - SHEILA JARDINE  
Understudy
- Directed by Jim Dunn*

**Fri. & Sat.  
March 10 & 11  
7:00 p.m.**

Alpine County Library  
270 Laramie St.  
Markdeeville  
\$5 per person



Prizes! \*\*  
Raffle! \*\*

Prizes! \*\*  
Raffle! \*\*

**REWARD for Identifying the Perpetrator of the Dastardly Deed**

**Hors D'oeuvres and Desserts Provided**

*Sponsored by the Alpine County Arts Commission and Friends of the Library*

This program is funded in part by a grant from California Arts Council, State-Local Partnership Program, State Agency.

SUNDAY FEB 5, 1995

# Life in a wheelchair can't keep ex-Douglas star down

**■ Gary Price: He runs own business, keeps a positive outlook.**

By Joe Santoro  
GAZETTE-JOURNAL

CARSON CITY — All Gary Price remembers about June 28, 1984 is lying in the cool grass.

A 6-foot-6 inches of him, mangled and discarded on the side of a dark Virginia expressway by a passing automobile.

The former Douglas High School sports star was walking home after a late night at the Oceana Naval Air Station's officer club in Virginia Beach. It was the proudest time of his eventful life of 23 years.

Just a month earlier, he had realized his ultimate goal of graduating from the Naval Academy, where he also played basketball on a team that featured current NBA star David Robinson. Price even bought his dream car, a 1977 Corvette, as a graduation present to himself. Ever since helping Douglas capture the Nevada Class AA state basketball title in 1979, his life had been one giant list of chal-

lenges conquered.

His future was going to be filled with discovery.

"I was going to go to a civilian ship," said Price, who wanted to be an oceanographer. "I was going to spend a year in Europe, travel around the Seychelle Islands in the Indian Ocean."

The next 10 years of his life were planned. It was all right there in front of him to grab onto. But there he was at 12:45 a.m. on June 28, 1984. One moment, walking home. The next moment, he was hit from behind.

He remained in the cool grass for about four hours in the darkness, a hit-and-run victim. Ironic term, hit-and-run. Ironic because from the instant that car hit Price on that lonely highway, one of the most graceful athletes in northern Nevada prep history could no longer run.

Not even a step. Price was left without the use of his legs. He has some use of his right hand and arm, and his left hand and arm appear normal but he says he still struggles with them at times.

"The Academy taught me to do the best with what I have," he said.

The driver of the vehicle, according to Price, was acquitted of all charges. He walked away scot-free. Price is in a wheelchair.

But he's not bitter. You see, that horrible early morning on that



Ira Gosen/Gazette-Journal

**HIS OWN BOSS:** Gary Price, who helped lead Douglas High to 1979 AA state basketball title, now runs Exotic Car Audio in Carson City.

Virginia highway changed Gary Price's life forever. But it didn't change Gary Price.

## Same old Gary

Steve Wilcox has taught and coached at Douglas High for 21 years. The 14-year-old Gary Price he knew is the same 33-year-old Gary Price he knows today.

"His personality is just the same as it was before he got hurt," said Wilcox, who has been the Douglas athletic director the past four years. "It's unbelievable how he's kept such a positive perspective on life."

Price is outgoing, friendly and has re-established himself with a

successful car-stereo business in Carson City. He's the type of guy who makes you feel like his best friend after knowing him less than an hour.

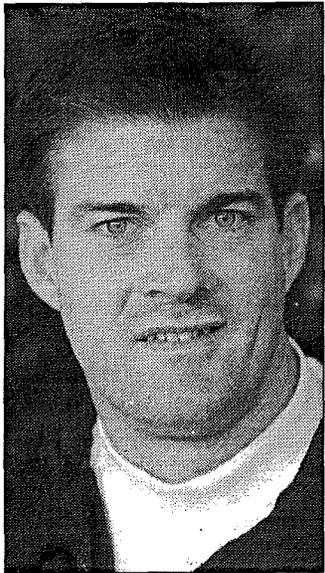
Matt Bernard was the point guard for the Tigers back in the '70s. It was his job to feed the ball to Price and twin tower Eric Reiter, who, like Price, was 6-foot-6.

"He was a goofball, really," Bernard said of Price. "We'd go out to eat after road games and he'd embarrass everybody. But the game was a lot of fun."

A goofball? "I don't mind people calling me that," Price said, smiling. "T

See **PRICE** on page 4

# Memories of a champion



■ *“My fear is that one day I will just get tired. It’s not a big fear. But I think about it, like I believe everybody does.”*

**Gary Price**

Reno Evening Gazette Tuesday Jan. 24

## Douglas' 'big man' Price emerges

By BOB LEWIS

One day, after practice two years ago, a gangling-looking freshman at Douglas High School picked up a basketball and tried to stuff it — just like he saw the pros do it on TV.

To his own surprise, he did it.

Last Saturday night, against Marquette, Gary Price took off from the free throw line off a fast break and jammed the ball down.

This time, no one was surprised.

The 6-6 junior center — the best big man in the state — according to his coach, Randy Green — scored 29 points, had 13 rebounds, seven blocked shots and four assists as he led the 53-41 win over the Mirrors.

what each other could do, and we get kind of nervous. I think we're getting over that. Against Marquette, the guys started setting me up real well with their passes. They really made it easy for me.”

As well as Price is playing, Douglas Coach Randy Green says that the 16-year-old who came to Gardnerville from Alpine County, California, is just starting to show his potential.

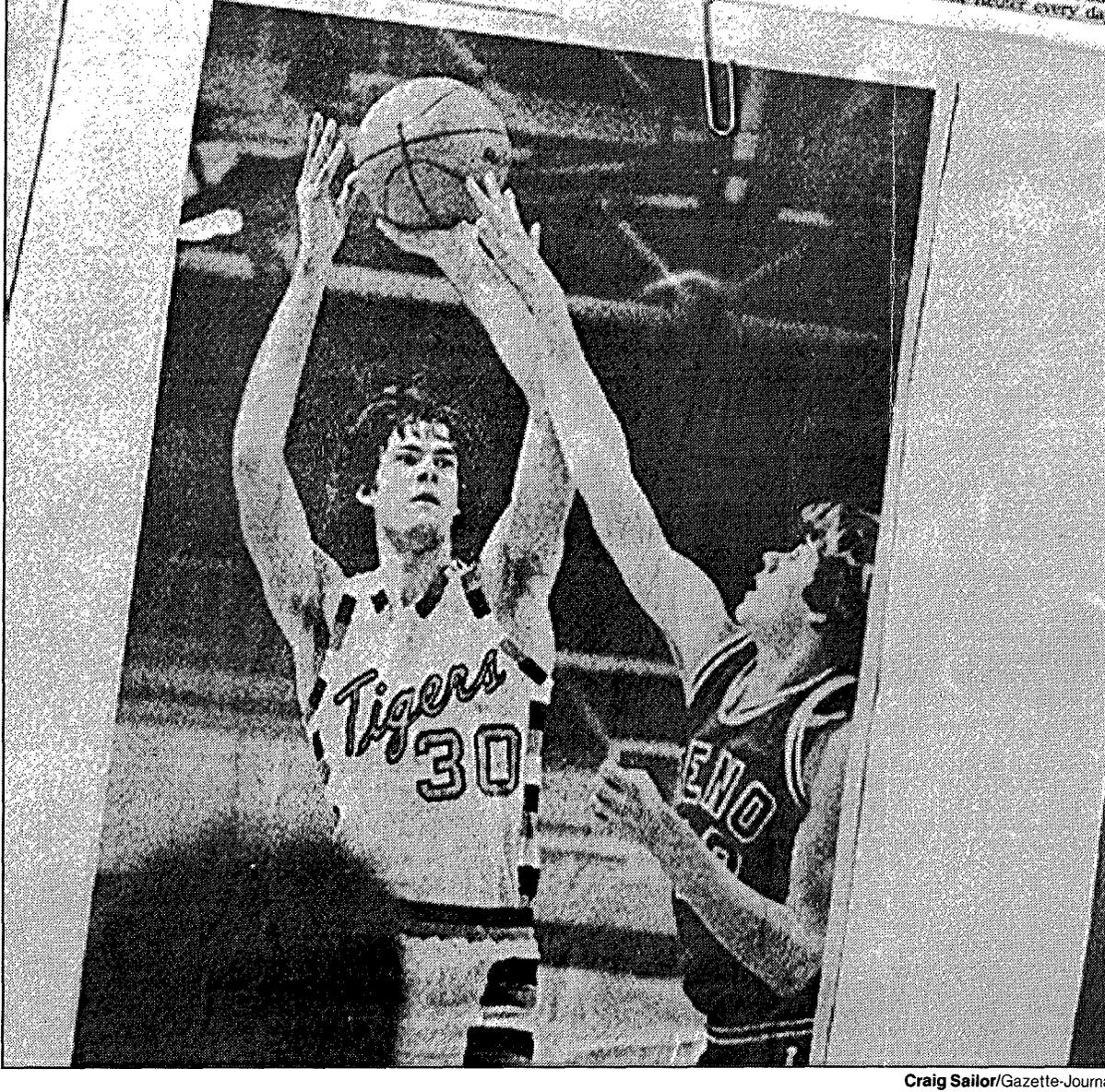
“Offensively he's just now started to assume the role he's capable of playing,” Green said. “Earlier in the year he wasn't turning around and shooting the ball from the outside. It's crazy, but Gary's only the third leading scorer on the team. But he's starting to look to the basket more.”

And most of his coaching has come from his father — a pretty fair basketball player — Gerald Price, who played for Carolina.

“My Dad and Coach Green have worked with me all season to rebound and to go to the basket,” Price said. “I start getting lazy, the coach will get all defense and let me know that rebounds and plus and it's up to me to go get them. That helps.”

“The best matchup of big players in the state might not be seen this year outside the Douglas High School gym.

“One thing I'd have to say,” Green said, “is that I'd love to see Gary Price every day.”



Craig Sailor/Gazette-Journal

## Price

**From page 1D**

thing about me is that I could never stand complacency, boredom. I could never sit still and do nothing. So when I was out with my friends I would try to dream something up.”

Bernard is amazed that Price hasn't lost his sense of humor since the accident.

“I do wonder if he's just good at hiding his true feelings,” Bernard said. “I hope not. He's just an amazing guy. There's never a hint of self-pity from Gary.”

Price wants you to know that he's human. Of course, he hurts. “My fear is that one day I will just get tired,” he said. “It's not a big fear. But I think about it, like I believe everybody does.”

## Tough times

Price spent a little over a year in hospitals after the accident. He had 10 months where he was flat on his back. It was a year that nobody around him will ever forget.

“When I first saw him he looked

**SCRAPBOOK:** Stories about Gary Price and the Douglas High 1979 state championship basketball team are part of a scrapbook kept by the parents of Douglas coach Randy Green. Price, considered one of the finest basketball players ever from northern Nevada, is pictured shooting over an opponent from Reno High. At top is an article about Price from the 1978 Reno Evening Gazette. “I'm sure it depends on whom you talk to, but Gary was definitely one of the best to ever come out of this area,” said Green.

Jerry. "He looked like a curled up spider. I know I cried a lot and prayed a lot. Prayer was there every single moment."

"When I heard the news of what happened I had a hard time talking about it," Bernard, his former teammate, said. "You know, I could still walk and he couldn't."

Randy Green, Price's coach then and still Douglas' basketball coach, recalled the first time he visited Price at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Palo Alto, Calif.

"I don't think he even knew I was there," Green said. "After seeing him I was just devastated. I cried all the way across the Bay Bridge. I was just not prepared for what I saw."

Price knew that he would have to be the one to make everyone feel at ease once he returned to the Carson Valley.

"It was hard for people close to me," he said. "So I would just go see them. Once I saw them, we'd start talking and it was no problem."

Gary was when he was hit on that Virginia highway.

"It was tragic," Price said. "But after what my family went through with me it was kind of . . . well, easy sounds like a very trite thing to say. But my mom made a comment when I was in the hospital. She said, 'If any one of my children ever gets hurt again I hope it's a quick and painless and easy death.' And that's what happened to my sister."

The Corvette became a tragic symbol to the Price family.

"After my accident I could never drive it because it's a 4-speed. I'd get rides in it but that was it.

"At first that car was a symbol of my graduating. But then, when I got hurt, it symbolized a communication between my dad and I. My dad really took my accident hard. We could barely talk to each other. But the way we communicated back then was through that car. We were like two little boys. It was always, 'Let's go see the car. Isn't this a great car?' We were like two boys fantasizing."

## The Corvette

Price knows he's lucky. That's right. Lucky. Doctors told him twice in the weeks after the accident that he wasn't going to survive.

"The first time they told me, I was on so many different drugs, I barely knew what they were saying," he said.

"But the feeling that came over me was that I just had this big open-ended question. You know, like, 'Where am I going?' I wasn't really sad or emotional.

"It was a big black hole. 'Where am I going?' That's how I've approached every big challenge in my life. It's, 'OK, now what's next?'"

What was next was an unthinkable tragedy. About eight months after Gary returned home, his sister, Leslie, asked for the keys to the Corvette.

"She wanted to take it for a ride to Markleeville," Price recalled.

She never returned. A crash killed Leslie and Price's roommate. Leslie was 23, the same age

## All-around athlete

Before the accident, Price was living a fantasy life. Growing up in tiny Woodfords, Calif., about a 20-mile drive from Douglas High, nothing seemed to get in the way of all his dreams.

His years at Douglas are still talked about at the Minden school.

"I'm sure it depends on whom you talk to, but Gary was definitely one of the best to ever come out of this area," said Green.

Green remembers the first time he ever met Price and Reuter, the two stars of the team he was about to take over.

"They amazed me," Green said. "I grew up in the Los Angeles area and I was used to, let's say, kids who were a little wilder. But their idea of a big night out was to come to our house, cook popcorn and watch movies.

"I tell you, it made my job easier."

A lot of Green's work had already been taken care of by Jerry Price, a former All-State high school player in Pennsylvania who

went on to play for the 1954-55 freshman basketball team at North Carolina State.

"I'd take Gary to the gym and we'd practice for hours," said Jerry, now a teacher at Diamond Valley Middle School in Woodfords. "I taught Gary how to dunk a medicine ball. He was a great jumper. He'd take two balls and take one step from the free-throw line and dunk them both."

After his high school career, Gary went on to average 5.9 points and 5.0 rebounds in 109 games at Navy, shooting 55 percent. He started until his senior year, when he became the sixth man during David Robinson's freshman year.

"Oh, yeah, I used to dunk on him all the time," Price said of Robinson. "But he was only 6-9 then. That next summer he grew 3 inches."

He had a 39-inch vertical jump. And for a guy already 6-6, that means his head was bumping into the rim.

"My dad was a big part of it," Price said of his 6-4 father (mom is 6-foot). "He always had me jumping, lifting weights."

Jerry Price remembers one particular night when his son was at Navy.

"I saw him play against San Diego State," his father said. "And that was against Michael Cage, who was the top rebounder in the country at that time. Gary had 14 rebounds that night with seven blocked shots and 18 points. He was wonderful.

"My biggest mistake is that I only saw him play twice when he was at Navy. I really regret that. But I was so involved in my work at the time. I never felt I could get away enough. That's the biggest mistake of my life."

SUNDAY FEB 5, 1995

## From hoops to woofers

Except for the chair Price wheels around in now, his life hasn't changed much.

He's still around cars.

"He always had his car in impeccable shape," Green said. "You could eat off the engine."

Five years ago, he opened up Exotic Car Audio in Carson City with a partner, and the business, like most things Gary Price touches, is a success.

"The store has been one of his main reasons to live," said his father. "It's given him a purpose in life, other than just existing."

The logo for his car stereo business is his pride and joy, a Cobra replica he built from scratch. He has even raced the Cobra in competition.

His other pride and joy — his van — sits outside his shop every day under a canopy. But calling this rock 'n' roll-powered vehicle a van is like calling the Super Bowl just another football game.

It has 26 speakers. A thousand-watt stereo system. He has won numerous car audio competitions.

That van put him back on center court.

"I remember them calling out my name after I won my first trophy (in 1988)," he said, a smile flashing across his face. "I was going through the crowd to get my trophy, and I remember thinking, 'Hey, this is was my first big high since basketball.' It was really the same, only better because this was all mine."

The van is more than just speakers, tape players, amplifiers, steel and rubber to Price.

"Once I got my van, my whole world opened up again," he said. "Suddenly, I was independent

again."

His business has also helped in gaining that independence.

The store is Gary Price.

"Why not make your hobby your life's work?," he said. "I think that's the key to life. Do something you enjoy."

"You know, I go to work in the morning and it's funny. I see people in their cars and they look unhappy. But there I am, I'm singing. They must think I'm crazy. But I'm just happy."

## A role model

Gary Price deserves all the enjoyment he can get out of life. One reason is that he has been a source of inspiration for the many people in the Carson Valley.

"We've used his name many times when we talk to our athletes," said Wilcox, the Douglas athletic director. "And they listen. He's also been a tremendous source of inspiration to us coaches. Many of us have known Gary for so long."

Price went back to Douglas as an assistant coach for Green a few years ago.

"When things were going bad for us on the basketball floor, the kids only had to look at Gary to know that things were never as bad as they seemed," Green said. "He inspired us. All of us."

Price knows people look at him and see this man in a wheelchair smiling and laughing and making

a success out of his life. He knows what that means to people.

"It gives me strength," he said. "Being able to do the things I do gives me strength. I see people giving up in life. I figure if I can do the things other people are giving up, I get strength from that."

## Where am I going?

He still wants to visit the Seychelles. Travel is still a big part of his dreams.

"One of the last things of being totally independent is travel," Price said. "But it's still hard for me to get around like that."

Just talking about it, though, makes him smile. Identifying goals and achieving them is what this guy is all about.

"My goals always have to involve some type of adversity," he said. "It's not a goal if it's given to you. And if it's too easy, there's no reward."

"My store has been my biggest goal for the longest time. So right now I don't know what's next."

"My biggest goal was to graduate from the Academy and become an officer. I did that and then I got hurt."

"And then it was the store. Now? I don't know. I don't have one specific goal. But my life is a goal, just life itself. Just getting dressed in the morning. Just being myself. Every little thing. Those are my goals."

# Bill takes care of business for lady Tigers

by DAVE PRICE  
Sports editor

Record  
COURIER

2-9-95

Amber Bill certainly knows what to do with a basketball.

Need a 3-point shot? Bill, a fourth-year veteran of the Douglas High School girls varsity, can take care of that. Need someone to bring the ball up the floor? The point guard fills that need, too. She's equally adept at dishing off to an open teammate for a score, as well.

Saturday night, Bill proved she can make a high stakes free throw, delivering with six seconds remaining to lift Douglas to a critical 56-55 Northern AAA win at home against Lowry.

Bill connected on the front end of a bonus situation to break a 55-55 deadlock and send the Tigers to victory in a battle for fourth-place in Division II.

The 5-foot-4 senior guard finished the night with 18 points, including three 3-pointers, all in the third quarter. Even though Bill likes to score, she was equally satisfied with her six assists.

"The 3's are nice, but I like the passes. One of my goals for this year was to pass

the ball more," Bill said. "The most important thing is for the team to win."

Bill triggered the Tigers' 21-12 run through the second quarter by handing out five assists. Then, when Douglas needed a boost on the offensive end in the third quarter, she came through with those three 3-pointers.

"She's tough, she's our leader," coach Tammy Waldal said. "She scores, she passes the ball and she handles the ball. When it comes down to crunch time, she's the one we want to get the ball to."

Bill saw the ball often at the end. The result was eight free throw attempts in the final 1:14 and she made good on five of those, the last hitting the front of the rim and rolling in for the game-winning point.

The Tigers were in position to win largely behind Bill's passing in the second quarter and her 3-point sharpshooting in the third period.

Lowry led 12-7 at the end of one quarter and by as many as six points early in the second period when the Tigers scored three unanswered baskets, all on assists from Bill. Jamie Vigil scored from underneath, then sophomore Jessica Wixom hit

an outside jumper to tie the score at 17-17 with 4:57 to go in the period. Douglas took its first lead of the night when Bill found Wixom all alone for a layup with 4:28 showing on the clock.

Three unanswered baskets, two by Amy Arlit and another by Wixom, gave Douglas a 28-24 lead going to the locker room at halftime. Bill handed out assists on two of those baskets.

Lowry rallied back in the third quarter behind Amy Olson, who finished with a game-high 21 points. Twice, the Buckaroos pulled to within two points and both times Bill took passes from Arlit and buried 3-pointers to give Douglas some breathing room.

Then, after Lowry took a 42-39 on a 3-pointer by Olson late in the period, Bill answered back by firing in a trey of her own to tie the score at the buzzer.

"I didn't want to lose this game. I felt like we were down a little and 3's will get a team pumped up so I started taking them," Bill recalled.

The score was tied five times in the final period. Lowry held a 49-46 lead with 3:10 to go, but Douglas came back to pull

event on a Vigil free throw and jumper from the right side by Maya Woods.

Douglas took the lead for good, 53-51, when Bill converted a pair of free throws with 1:14 left.

Douglas only shot 6-for-15 from the free throw line in the fourth quarter, leaving Waldal with a feeling that her Tigers may have dodged a bullet.

"I'd say so, but we'll take the win at this point," the coach said. "This sets us up nice, although we still have some big games ahead of us."

Bill looks forward to playing in her first zone tournament at Douglas.

"Our goal is to make it to zone and we're halfway there now," she said. "This is my senior year, my last year, and I want to make the best of it."

Angela Jones had eight points and 13 rebounds to aid Douglas. Arlit contributed eight points and Vigil seven.

"This was a big win," said Waldal, whose Tigers had lost two previous meetings against Lowry this season. "The kids stepped up and handled the pressure well tonight. You could see they really wanted to win."

# Sports



**VARSITY VETERAN.** Senior guard Amber Bill is in her fourth season with the Douglas High School varsity girls basketball team, experience that is showing up as the season heads into the home stretch. Bill scored 18 points, in-

cluding a free throw with six seconds left to lift Douglas past Lowry last Saturday, 56-55. Tuesday, Bill scored 14 points, but the Tigers came out on the short end of a 77-49 score against Reed. R-C photo by Belinda Rohleder

Record Courier  
2/9/95

## Reed girls run to win

While Douglas High School has not qualified for the Northern AAA zone girls basketball tournament, the story in Sparks at Reed High is an entirely different one.

Reed is a perennial power, highlighted by three straight state AAA crowns between 1991 and '93. And Tuesday night, the Raiders brought their act to Minden and sprinted to a 77-49 win over Douglas.

The Raiders motored to a 29-10 first-quarter advantage en route to a win that kept them in the hunt for first-place in a heated Northern AAA Division I first-place race. Reed is 10-2 in conference, right behind McQueen (12-1) and Elko (10-1) in the standings.

Meanwhile, Douglas slipped to 5-8 in conference (7-12 overall) but maintained a one-game edge over Hug and Lowry in the battle for fourth-place in Division II — which is worth a trip to the zone tournament opening round Feb. 28.

Vanessa Varela and Nicole Guinan scored 16 points each to lead Reed's high-octane attack.

The Tigers did rally back to make it 36-22 at halftime. In the third quarter, back-to-back shots by Amber Bill, the first a 3-pointer, and two free throws by Rochelle Van Bruggen enabled Douglas to get within 52-31. But then Reed took off on a 13-0 run to close out the period with a 65-31 advantage.

Bill finished with 14 points to lead Douglas offensively. Jessica Wixom chipped in with eight points, while Van Bruggen added seven, including a 3-pointer in the fourth quarter.

# 4A Tahoe/Sierra

## Alpine County, Forest Service on bet

By JEFF DELONG  
Tribune Staff Writer

MARKLEEVILLE — A troubled relationship between Alpine County leaders and the U.S. Forest Service is apparently on the mend, but federal lawmakers remain poised to bring management of the county's public land a little closer to home.

Two months after Alpine officials said virtually all communication between the county and federal agency had ceased, much to their frustration, the rift has been resolved for the better, according to county supervisors and congressional staffers who met with them last week. Representatives from the Forest Service could not be

reached for comment.

"Sticky sweet" was Supervisor chairman Cam Craik's description of the new relationship, according to Bill Mueller, an aide to Rep. John Doolittle.

Mueller and Tom Bohigian, field representative to Sen. Barbara Boxer, met with the Alpine County Board of Supervisors last week to discuss interactions between the county and Forest Service.

"It looks like there have been substantial improvements," Bohigian said. "They sound like they're communicating a lot better."

Late last November, Alpine supervisors said they were receiving little or no cooperation from officials with Toiyabe National Forest's Carson Ranger District regarding

county land-use issues. Acquisition in October of 11 acres of private land over protests from county officials punctuated the growing resentment.

The situation is a matter of particular concern because the Forest Service controls close to 95 percent of the land within the rugged, rural county.

A meeting in December between two supervisors and an official from the Forest Service's Region 4 headquarters in Ogden, Utah, apparently improved the situation. According to Pete Blum, the supervisor who serves as official liaison to the Forest Service, the Region 4 representative promised representatives from the Carson Ranger District will make an extra effort to

involve the county in all land-use decisions.

During the ensuing weeks, that promise has been kept, Blum said.

"They got the message and they're doing everything, I think, to rectify the problem," Blum said.

Supervisor Don Jardine agreed. "I think, hopefully, we have a voice now," he said.

That's good news to Rep. Doolittle, who Mueller said is "very concerned" about the reported communication breakdown.

Should Alpine fail to receive adequate cooperation from Utah-based Region 4, Doolittle is prepared to sponsor legislation which would transfer control of the county's Forest Service land to San Francisco-based Region 5, Mueller said.

Wednesday, February 15, 1995  
Tahoe Daily Tribune

---

# ter terms

The idea, Mueller said, is that officials from Region 5 — which already controls the entire Tahoe Basin — might lend a more attentive ear to Alpine than those with Region 4, which controls mostly desert country east of the Sierra Nevada.

Another proposal Mueller said is under consideration is adoption of a memorandum of understanding which would guarantee the county "partner" status with the Forest Service.

Mueller said the congressman's office will continue to monitor developments.

"There is evidence the Forest Service is working more cooperatively than in the past," Mueller said. "We still remain watchful."

# Rockies style in the Sierra

New Kirkwood owner  
wants to create  
a village resort not  
unlike his Telluride

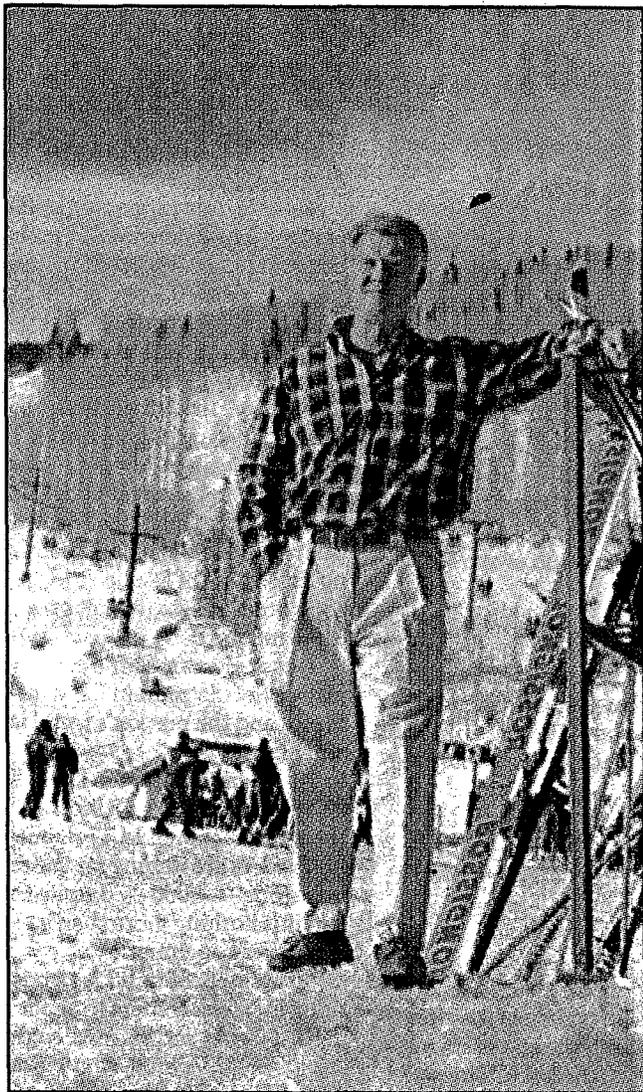
By Janet Steinberg  
SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER

**T**ELLURIDE, Colo. — No one is more excited and enthusiastic about Lake Tahoe's 20 feet of powder this winter than Colorado native and prominent ski resort developer Ron Allred.

On the job for just a month, Allred, 54, is the new chief executive officer of the Kirkwood Ski and Summer Resort.

"Two things appealed to me about Kirkwood right away. One, the mountain itself is simply excellent. Having a great mountain is the key element to having a great resort. Two, because of Kirkwood's isolated location, there is a unique opportunity to do a real ski village, a real destination resort, like we do in Colorado," Allred said.

Sitting 1,500 feet higher at its 7,800-foot base than any other resort in the Tahoe region, ski purists agree that Kirkwood has the best, driest, fluffiest Colorado-style powder in California. In Ski magazine's 1994-95 annual readers' poll of North American ski resorts,



DOUG BERRY

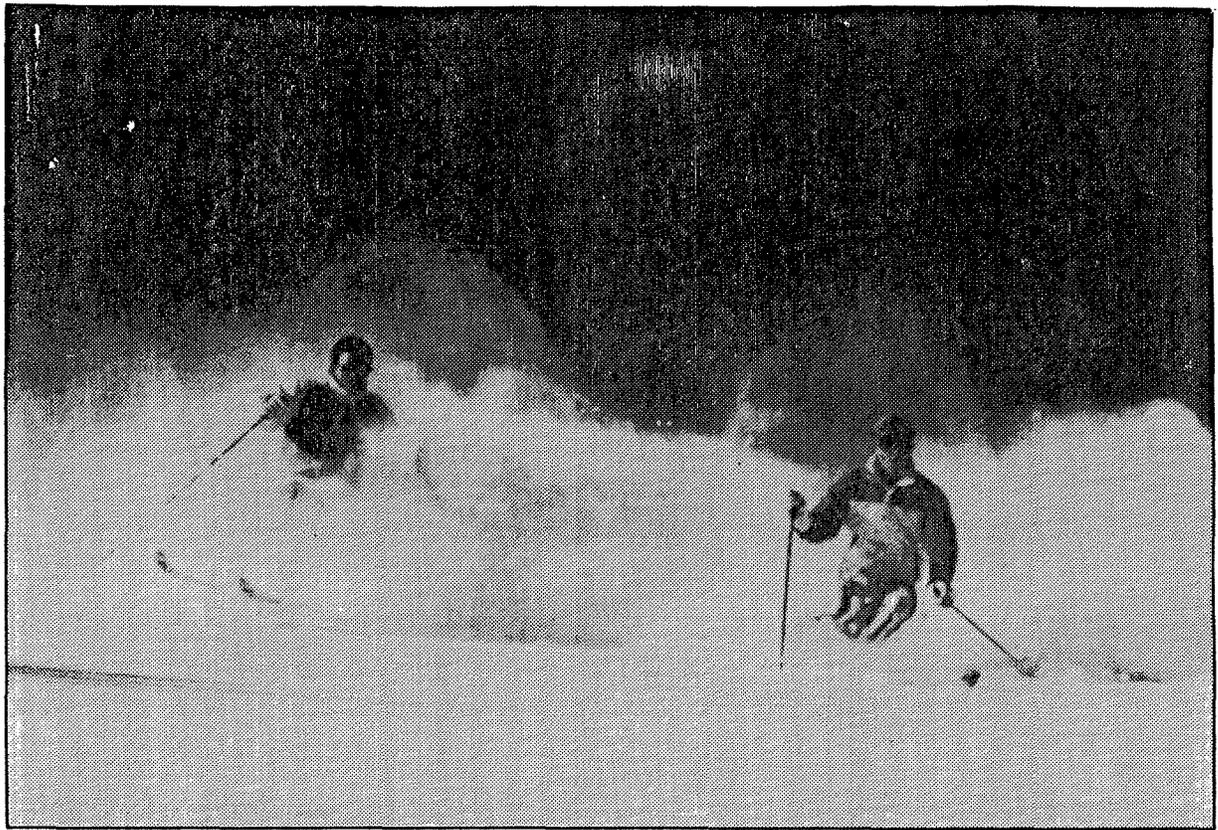
Kirkwood ranked No. 1 among Tahoe resorts, over such giants as Squaw Valley.

About 30 miles south of Lake Tahoe, Kirkwood sits in the middle of U.S. forest lands and adjacent to the Mokelumne Wilderness area on a flat, open meadow protected by two ridges. Its complete isolation (it's roughly a one-hour drive from South Lake Tahoe), its sheer lack of proximity to other sprawling subdivisions is Kirkwood's "biggest economic asset," according to Allred.

In addition to owning, developing and operating Telluride's Ski and Golf Co. and its Mountain Village community in southwest Colorado, Allred and his part-

**Kirkwood CEO  
Ron Allred:**  
*"The mountain itself is simply excellent."*

[ See ALLRED, B-9 ]



**Kirkwood Ski Resort** is known for its deep, fluffy Colorado-style powder.

◆ *ALLRED from B-1*

## Rockies style in the Sierra

ner, Jim Wells, have developed several subdivisions in the Avon-Beaver Creek area adjacent to Vail, Co.

Allred took completely undeveloped land about 15 minutes down the road from Vail and turned it into an upscale resort that welcomes the likes of former President and Mrs. Gerald Ford. Telluride, marketed as the "most beautiful place you'll ever ski" and this year ranked as the No. 2 resort in North America by Ski magazine readers, now counts luminaries such as Tom Cruise, Oprah Winfrey and Sharon Stone among its second-home owners and its 300,000 skiers a year.

Allred is one of a small but growing number of ski industry operators and developers throughout the country who is expanding his existing business by acquiring already established, independently run resorts. Other recent local ski industry consolidations or mergers

include Northstar with the newly renamed Sierra-at-Tahoe; Alpine Meadows and Park City in Utah; and the Japanese acquisition of both Heavenly Valley and Steamboat Springs resort in Colorado.

"It's a natural phenomenon that our partnership, Telski (Telluride Ski and Golf Co.) would look to another ski business when we look to expand outside of our existing environment," he says. "Consolidation of like businesses occurs in every field.

"In our case, we've grown up in the ski business. We know it. . . . There are just a few in this industry who actually plan and build destination communities and villages and we are one of that few," says Allred.

Buying an established resort with already approved and cut trail systems and ski lifts can be cheaper than installing one \$2.5 million high-speed quad lift, says Allred. Obtaining the necessary approvals to cut new trails can take years.

Allred has learned the hard way the difficulties that can accompany resort development. Telski Co. has

been in litigation with the Environmental Protection Agency for wetlands violations at Telluride for the last six years.

Financial details of the Kirkwood deal are few. No dollar amounts have been disclosed, nor has Telski's percentage of ownership.

Industry sources said Kirkwood has been undercapitalized compared to other major Tahoe-area resorts, and was finding it harder to compete with the likes of Heavenly, Squaw Valley, Alpine Meadows and Northstar.

Allred did admit that Kirkwood filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection before Telski announced its intent to acquire a controlling interest.

He also said that Telski is the think-tank headquarters for both Telluride and Kirkwood, that the shareholders of Kirkwood — now reduced to "three or four" — continue to be shareholders of Kirkwood but not Telluride, and that Wells Fargo Bank and the original

[ See ALLRED, B-13 ]

◆ ALLRED from B-9

## Rockies style in the Sierra

Kirkwood shareholders continue as Kirkwood's only creditors. Capital infusion is expected to come from Wells Fargo and Telski, according to Allred.

For Allred and his Telski partners, the timing was right for the Telluride/Kirkwood consolidation. Telluride is coming to the end of its development cycle, while Kirkwood is basically at its beginning. Perhaps even more important than timing, the Kirkwood acquisition offers Allred the unique opportunity to "Rocky Mountainize" a California ski resort by planning and developing its 700 acres of currently undeveloped but already approved land.

"Rocky Mountainized" resorts mean self-contained, destination resorts with a majority of skiers staying at the resort where they ski. The destination appeal of Telluride, with its 60,000 people within a 150-mile radius, makes sense.

The destination appeal of Kirkwood, with 5 million people in the same 150-mile radius, will have to cater to mostly day skiers, who number and estimated 300,000 daily. "We are one of the very few companies in the industry who know how to build such resorts," Allred says.

With Telluride essentially under his belt, Allred says he is completely focused on the future of Kirkwood.

"The key is the village," Allred says, referring to his idea for a complete retail, commercial and lodging complex. He hopes it will make Kirkwood "a destination for visitors and it will make economic sense for business people within this complex."

He has already begun land and site planning for architectural drawings in hopes of breaking ground this summer. He also plans to install snow-making machinery this summer, as other Tahoe resorts like Squaw Valley and Heavenly have done.

"This year there are 20 feet of snow, but who knows how many feet there will be next year," he says. "With snow-making equipment, only 4 inches of natural snow is required to open the mountain and be in business.

"Telluride opens every season on the day before Thanksgiving and everyone knows and counts on it. I want Kirkwood to be the same."

Allred is also making plans for summer resort facilities.

"A golf course is a necessity to build a summer season in Kirkwood," says Allred. He wants Kirkwood's now barely staffed, minimally operational summer season to equal the winter as soon as possible.

The Telski acquisition is already showing some economic effects on the area. Since the deal was announced, real estate sales in the area have boomed. According to Kirkwood Real Estate, there have been more sales in the weeks since the Telski announcement than in the previous three years.

# CAR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1995  
RENO GAZETTE-JOURNAL

COVERING

## Mine proposal

**By Lisa A. Kirk**  
GAZETTE-JOURNAL

The Zaca Mine proposal garnered both accolades and worries but no outright opposition Wednesday night from about 75 people who came to a hearing held near the mine site in Markleeville, Calif.

The biggest worry was over water quality and the potential for chemicals or dangerous concentrations of metals to end up polluting the Carson River. Others concerned the impact on wildlife and the trucking of chemicals to the

mine over the narrow mountain roads.

Those who want to see the gold and silver mine open next year cite jobs, tax revenue and other benefits the multimillion-dollar operation might bring to Alpine County and neighboring Douglas County.

The U.S. Forest Service and Alpine County — who sponsored the hearing — are taking written comments until March 27 in order to help them prepare an environmental impact study and develop their recommendations for how the mine will operate.

Western States Minerals Corp.,

# SON/DOUGLAS

CARSON CITY, MINDEN AND GARDNERVILLE AREAS

NEWS/RECORD	2B
LOTTERY	2B
EDUCATION	3B
OBITUARIES	5B



LISA KIRK, BUREAU CHIEF

PHONE, 884-1165; FAX, 884-1526

## laws mixed reaction at hearing

a Utah-based firm with Reno offices, wants to mine four million tons of gold and silver ore from the side of Colorado Hill over a seven-year period.

The area has been a popular mining spot since 1857, and is located about miles southeast of Markleeville on the Monitor Pass.

The mine proposal calls for an open pit mine and heap leach process, which involves spraying crushed ore with a cyanide solution. That solution is then routed through a sealed system where the minerals are removed using powdered zinc and the cyanide solu-

tion is recycled back to the heap. Western States vice president Buzz Gerick vowed to meet the concerns during the analysis phase of the environmental study.

Several stood up in the meeting hall at Turtle Rock Park near Markleeville and said the mine would be an economic boon to the county with its 70 jobs, mining and property taxes.

"Every \$1,000 the mining company spends in the community will be circulated three times," said Frances Gillings of Sparks. "The economics are very important."

But others were anxious about

how Western States would protect the environment.

"I want to see a plan to deal with acid mine drainage if the mining operators are incorrect and it does become a problem," said Lisa Dernbach.

She was referring to a process under which sulphur in the rock is exposed to water through the mining process and converts to acid. That acidic water then dissolves harmful minerals in the rock, among them selenium, mercury and lead and flows into waterways or ground water.

Another mine in the Marklee-

ville area called the Leviathan Mine has severe acid mine drainage problems, polluting Leviathan Creek so badly that it has no fish.

But Gerick and the mine's project manager, Rick Fiddler, both say that all the tests show acid mine drainage will not be a problem at the Zaca Mine.

"There is no comparison between the Zaca Mine and the Leviathan Mine," Gerick said, explaining that the rock types are different and that core samples show only small amounts of sulphur at Zaca compared to 35 percent sulphur at Leviathan.

Reno Gazette-Journal  
2/95

*'We're looking forward to hearing the concerns'*

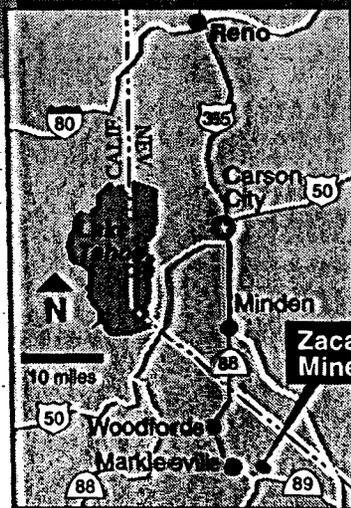
# Mine plan stirs mixed emotions

## Zaca Mine project at a glance

Workers will dig up rock, crush it and treat it with cyanide. The recovered gold will be sent to market.

### Fast facts about Zaca Mine

Location	7 miles southeast of Markleeville off State Route 89 in Alpine County, Calif.
Mining patents owner	Western States Minerals Corp.
Minerals	Gold and silver
Elevation	6,000-7,500 feet
Volume	14.4 million tons of waste rock will be removed compared to 4.43 million tons of ore
Jobs	70



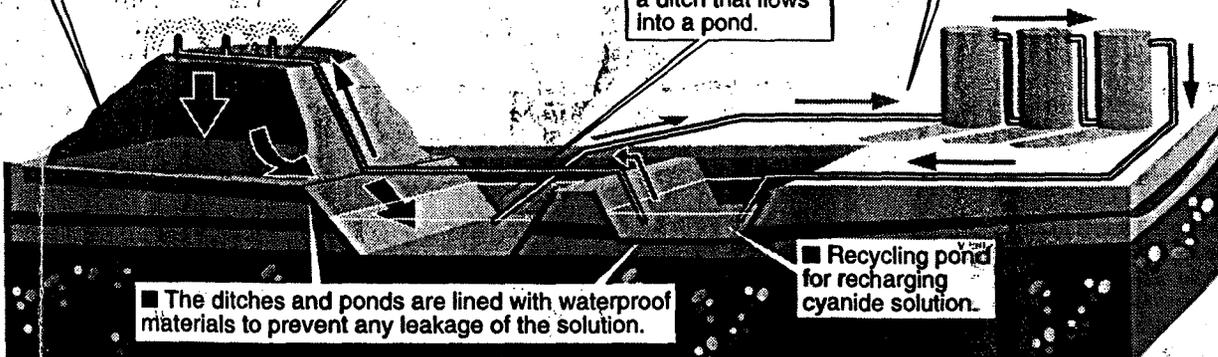
### Heap-leaching with cyanide

■ This technique involves taking ore directly from the mine or ore that has been crushed to smaller size and placing it in large piles or heaps on a waterproof pad.

■ A weak cyanide solution is sprayed on the top of the piles and percolates down to the bottom, dissolving the gold and silver as it goes.

■ When the solution reaches the waterproof pad, it follows a designed-in slope under the heap and is collected in a ditch that flows into a pond.

■ When enough solution has accumulated in the pond, it is pumped into a zinc or carbon recovery circuit where gold is filtered from the cyanide solution.



■ The ditches and ponds are lined with waterproof materials to prevent any leakage of the solution.

■ Recycling pond for recharging cyanide solution.

## ■ Markleeville, Calif.: Some call about jobs, others fear pollution.

By Lisa A. Kirk  
GAZETTE-JOURNAL

A plan to mine 4 million tons of gold and silver ore from the eastern Sierra Nevada will bring both jobs and controversy to the small mountain town of Markleeville, Calif.

Western States Minerals Corp. executives say they are already getting calls from folks in the sparsely populated Alpine County as well as Carson City and the Carson Valley looking for work at the Zaca Mine.

And Glenn Miller, a professor at the University of Nevada, Reno and mining expert for the Sierra Club, is already gearing up to oppose what he says is the potential for mining pollution in the Upper Carson River from the mine.

"The people of Carson City should be very concerned about their water quality," Miller said. "I do not think this place ought to be mined. There is no compelling societal reason with gold and silver to create a substantial impact on the ecosystem and a major source of water in northern Nevada."

Buzz Gerick, vice president for Western States, denies any allegations that the Zaca Mine will pol-

## PUBLIC MEETING ZACA MINE PROJECT

■ **What:** The U.S. Forest Service and Alpine County will host a public meeting to review a plan to open a gold and silver heap-leach open pit mine near Markleeville.

■ **When:** Wednesday, Feb. 22. Open house at 6 p.m., formal meeting starts at 7 p.m.

■ **Where:** Turtle Rock Park.

■ **Directions:** Take U.S. Highway 395 South to Minden, then State Route 88 to Woodfords, then State Route 89 toward Markleeville. Turtle Rock Park signs can be seen from the roadway.

■ **Details:** Maureen Joplin, Toiyabe National Forest, 355-5394.

lute the surface or ground waters in the region.

He cites the extensive environmental oversight required by the U.S. Forest Service, Alpine County, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board and other federal and state agencies.

The California Silver mining company had gotten the permits in 1982 to open the Zaca Mine after an environmental impact study was completed. But Gerick said the price of gold and silver was apparently not high enough to warrant beginning the operation.

# Mine pla

**From page 1B**

Western States bought half the mine's interests in 1989 and then the balance in 1990. Gerick said the company has been doing exploratory work in the area and, based on quality of the ore and modern extraction techniques, is going forward with the project.

Gerick and the mine's project manager, Rick Fiddler, describe the area as a place where, thousands of years ago, liquefied minerals oozed up through the rocks and formed veins that later hardened.

Workers will take 14 million tons of rock from the side of Colorado Hill, then haul it to a crusher, where it will be smashed into pieces about 3/8 inches or 1/4 inches in size. The crushed materials then will be taken to the heap-leach pad, where they will be treated with a cyanide solution that dissolves the gold and silver from the rock.

The solution will be mixed with powdered zinc to remove the minerals, and the waste ore will be piled in a waste management area.

Reclamation — reseeding, regrading and other revegetation efforts — will occur as mining takes place over a five-year period.

The Zaca Mine — underneath

# n sparks controversy in Markleeville, Calif.

## HOW MANY MINERALS DO YOU USE?

Over a lifetime, you will use:

- 800 pounds of lead.
- 840 pounds of zinc.
- 534,000 pounds of coal.
- 1,500 pounds of copper.
- 3,200 pounds of aluminum.
- 91,000 pounds of iron and steel.
- 1 million pounds of stone, sand, gravel and clay.

Source: California Mining Association

Colorado Hill — was actively prospected in the 1850s-'60s, and considerable amounts of gold and silver were taken out using old-style mining techniques. A town called Loope even sprang up.

Between 1934 and 1942 the Zaca Mining Corp. and Siskon Corp. built a mill on Monitor Creek and fed it ore from the mine, but the partnership dissolved in a lengthy legal battle. Eventually, World War II ended the production of gold.

In 1959 Siskon Corp. leased the property to Claude Lovestedt, who built another mill on Monitor Creek and continued mining until

1981, when California Silver bought out the interests and applied for a permit to begin a large mining operation.

Today, Miller said mining technology is better than it was in 1981, but the potential for an environmental disaster still exists, particularly in this region of the country.

It is called acid mine drainage, a process where water mixes with exposed sulfur in open pits or on waste rock piles and turns into sulfuric acid. The acid eats away minerals in the rock such as selenium, arsenic, nickel, lead and mercury, Miller explained.

Those minerals, dissolved in the water, travel into streams and rivers, where they can kill fish and pollute water for the wildlife and the humans who might drink the water.

A nearby abandoned mine — the Leviathan Mine is about five miles away — is doing just that and has rendered Leviathan Creek fishless, sending pollution into the Carson River as water seeps over 22 million tons of low-grade sulfur ore.

Miller is doing a pilot project for the California Regional Water Quality Control Board in an attempt to clean up the water as part

## MOREFACTS ZACA MINE

■ **Size:** 231 acres

■ **Mining patents owner:**

Western States Minerals Corp., a Utah corporation with a Reno office that bought out California Silver in two stages starting in 1990.

of a \$6 million reclamation project. He uses horse manure to create a biological process that causes the minerals to harden and drop out of the water. The technique works under controlled conditions and is expensive.

However, Miller said that a method to remove the minerals is not an excuse to pollute the water.

"Under any circumstances, the Zaca Mine would not be as bad as the Leviathan Mine and the threat should not be overstated," Miller said. "But this region has a strong potential for acid mine drainage. ... We need to place a burden of proof on this company that they are not going to contaminate the water and make them pay a bond to ensure the cleanup is paid for if they don't."

Some of Miller's other concerns include:

■ The quality of any water in the open pit, because if it becomes full of minerals it could leak into the ground water.

■ The quality of the water as it runs off the waste rock or the heap leach piles, because it could contribute to acid mine drainage.

■ A financial bond of at least \$40 million so that any unfulfilled promises by the mining company can be financed.

Gerick and Fiddler both say that based on their tests acid mine drainage will not be a problem. And if it does occur there are methods to control it because all the agencies involved in the heavily regulated mining process are equally concerned about the problem.

Also, it is dry in the existing tunnels of the Zaca Mine, Fiddler said, which means there will not be water in the open pit.

Miller is also critical of Western States, citing environmental problems with the North Umlerland Mine in Nevada.

However, Gerick defends his company's track record at North Umlerland and cites a 1994 Nevada Reclamation Excellence Award for its Willard Mine near

Lovelock given by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service and the Nevada divisions of Minerals, Wildlife and Environmental Protection.

"We are looking forward to hearing the concerns," Gerick said, adding that the firm intends to resolve as many of the questions as possible in the final operations plan.

Regardless of any opposition to the mine that could surface in the next few months, the 1872 Mining Act gives the public the right to mine on public lands. The U.S. Forest Service has the ability to regulate but not ban mining operations.

Local jurisdictions, such as state environmental agencies and counties, may have more yes or no control depending on how various court decisions are interpreted, Miller said.

The U.S. Forest Service will make its recommendations this fall when the draft environmental impact statement is released. Then a final EIS will be issued after a series of public hearings.

Anyone interested in commenting on the proposal is invited to send statements to Forest Supervisor Jim Nelson, Toiyabe National Forest, 1200 Franklin Way, Sparks, Nev. 89431.

# Water board reviews Zaca Mine

by KURT HILDEBRAND  
Staff Writer

Douglas County may turn to the Carson Water Subconservancy District for help monitoring progress of the proposed Zaca Mine project near Markleeville.

Commissioner Dave Pumphrey told subconservancy members not to rely on Douglas County to keep track of the mining operation.

"We don't have a water engineer and our staff time is very limited," Pumphrey said Tuesday. "I wouldn't feel comfortable leaving

it to Douglas County. We do not have the expertise to do it ourselves."

Several public sessions have been held to present the proposed heap leach gold mine near the headwaters of the Carson River's East Fork.

In his report to the subconservancy district board, Ira Rackley said the mine is now under review by the U.S. Forest Service and that he believes the forest service will require an environmental impact statement.

Western States Minerals Corp.

filed a plan of operation to mine gold and silver using loaders and trucks.

An estimated 4.4 million tons of ore would be mined over a five-year period leaving about 14.5 million tons of waste material.

Ore would be crushed and processed by conventional heap leaching methods, followed by zinc precipitation to extract the precious metals, according to a Dec. 21, 1994 letter from District Ranger Guy Pence.

About 231 acres of land would

See Mine on page 9

The Record-Courier • Gardnerville, Nev. • Thursday, Feb. 23, 1995 9-A

## Mine: Water district looks at project

Continued from page 1

be disturbed in the mining operation and reclamation efforts would be done as mining an area is completed.

Carson City member Greg Smith said Pence told him that a presentation is scheduled before the Douglas County commissioners on March 16.

Pumphrey said it was his impression that the forest service doesn't have a great deal of discretion over the mining operation.

"The forest service doesn't have the power to say no," he said. "It can only put reasonable restrictions on the operation."

Lyon County district member Charles Lawson warned fellow subconservancy members to watch how the operation disposes of its waste material.

"We probably all share significant concerns," Pumphrey said.

The mining operation would employ an estimated 70 people during the five-year duration.

Alpine County Administrative Director Jeanne Lear said she expected that the mine could affect Alpine County.

"The county is being kept apprised of what the plans are," she said last week. "It is going to be a long process and involve environmental analysis."

Lear said company representatives have said they will set up a storefront in Markleeville to hire locally.

"There would be unsecured tax on the equipment," she said of the economic effect. "There are no royalties, but there would be more traffic through town, and there could be some trickle down to the stores."

An environmental impact report was completed in 1982 for a min-

ing operation at the Zaca Mine.

Subconservancy concerns stem from the effects nearby Leviathan Mine had on Bryant Creek, which flows into the East Fork.

Both Bryant and Leviathan Creek have suffered from pollution caused the open pit strip-mine operation in the 1950s.

Tailings and slag from the mining operation were 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.

---

## Kirkwood skier wins Super-G

Kirkwood Ski Education Foundation (KSEF) ace Tamara Turnbeaugh had a breakthrough day Feb. 17 during a Junior Olympic qualifier at Mammoth.

Make that a winning day because Turnbeaugh sped to first-place against a blue chip Super-G field. The 15-year-old Douglas High sophomore won in a time of 71.97 seconds, just a fraction ahead of two Heavenly rivals, Alicia Howard (a U.S. Ski Team member) and Jonna Mendes.

The performance was a step toward the Junior Olympics next month at Mt. Bachelor, Ore.

2/26/95

Record Courier

# Alpine board ponders pay hike

by JEFF DELONG  
R-C News Service

Alpine County leaders are struggling with the question of whether they should pay themselves more money.

At a public hearing here last Tuesday, some taxpayers supported the idea. Others called it, at least as now envisioned, "obscene."

Supervisor Pete Blum, now midway through his first term on the board, calls the salaries of the five-member Board of Supervisors "way, way out of line" with those of supervisors in surrounding counties.

So Blum has proposed hiking the current monthly paycheck of \$872 to \$1,915 — an increase of roughly 120 percent that would boost yearly income of supervisors to about \$23,000.

Paychecks for Alpine supervisors have not been increased in 11 years, while board members took a

salary cut several years ago during especially difficult fiscal times for California's smallest county.

The current yearly pay of under \$1,500, Blum said, is simply insufficient.

"I do serve the people of this county. That is my priority," Blum said. "To do the job effectively and how I think it should be done, I cannot do that for that amount of money."

Blum said he is already dipping substantially into his own pocket for phone bills, mileage and the costs of a newsletter he has been publishing since getting elected.

By a 3-2 vote, supervisors decided to hold a second public hearing on the matter. Supervisors Cam Craik and Don Jardine are opposed to any pay increase.

"I can live with what I make here," Craik said.

Supervisor C. Ann Wade and newly seated Supervisor Warren Jang are more ready to consider increasing compensation both

believe is lacking at current levels.

County residents attending last week's session were divided over the issue.

"I think the county supervisors are way behind time in their salaries," said Frank Rubello. "I think you people are way down below minimum wage."

Others agreed some sort of pay increase may be warranted, but suggested Blum's proposal was, as resident Nancy Thornburg put it, "way out of line on the upper end."

"Let's make it a reasonable pay increase," agreed Bob Rudden.

Blum stressed that his proposed increase to \$23,000 per year was not a figure pulled out of thin air.

He arrived at that number by averaging the salaries of the county's top six elected officials — excluding Alpine's judges — and cutting that figure by half.

Jang stressed that if the board does decide to increase its pay, the move better be well justified in the eyes of the public.

Record Courier Feb 26, 1995

# Zaca Mine reopening sparks debate

by JEFF DeLONG  
R-C News Service

The mountains southeast of Markleeville are pockmarked with old mines, remnants of times when enterprising pioneers gouged their livelihood from the land.

A Utah-based mining company is gearing up to renew activity on a rugged peak near Monitor Pass — a proposal generating support from a job-hungry community and concern from downstream water users.

Western States Mineral Corp. wants to open the Zaca Mine about seven miles southeast of Markleeville and just north of State Route 89.

The seven-year project would extract more than 4 million tons of gold and silver through an open pit mine.

Excavated ore would be heaped on a waterproof pad and sprayed with a cyanide solution which dissolves the precious metals for later collection.

The \$12 million project is expected to employ some 70 area residents, pump an estimated \$100,000 of tax money into Alpine County coffers and provide a needed economic boost for California's smallest county.

That economy, almost entirely dependent on tourism, could use some help, said Carol Fogarty of the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce.

"I think it would be tremendous," Fogarty said. "That can be nothing but a plus for the county and we would certainly welcome the revenue."

If the jobs and money the Zaca Mine might bring to residents of

Alpine and nearby Douglas County would be welcomed, some are concerned the project could have other, more detrimental impacts.

The mine would be located near the banks of the East Fork of the Carson River — the primary water supply for Douglas County's important agricultural industry and a recharge source for Carson Valley's groundwater.

Just how wrong things can go is demonstrated by the nearby Leviathan Mine — a closed facility that has major acid leaching problems and which has rendered one creek totally fishless.

Bob Nunes, director of community development for Douglas County, has expressed his worry over the mine's potential impacts on water quality to the county Board of Commissioners.

His concern is echoed by Glenn Miller, a University of Reno professor and mining expert for the Sierra Club.

"This region has a strong potential for acid mine drainage," Miller said. "People ... should be very concerned about their water quality. I do not think this place ought to be mined."

Oversight for the mine's impacts on the water supply is the responsibility of California water quality officials.

They said they view the issue particularly seriously because it could possibly impact the water of an adjoining state.

"We have some major concerns," said Catherine Schoen, water resource engineer for the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board.

One of those concerns is that the Zaca Mine project could worsen an existing acid leaching problem from old mine workings below the site.

Executives from Western States Mineral Corp. assured people there is little to fear from the project's impacts on the water supply.

Record Courier  
2/26/1995  
GL Cross-Lites  
"Do you justify yourself instead of judging yourself?"

# Kirkwood's changes: Skiers hope for the best



Photos by Tim Dunn/Gazette Journal

**EXPERT TERRAIN:** A skier drops into a run off the Cornice Chair at Kirkwood ski area. In the background are The Sisters and Wagon Wheel Bowl.

## Users don't want resort to go downhill under new owners

By John Trent  
GAZETTE-JOURNAL

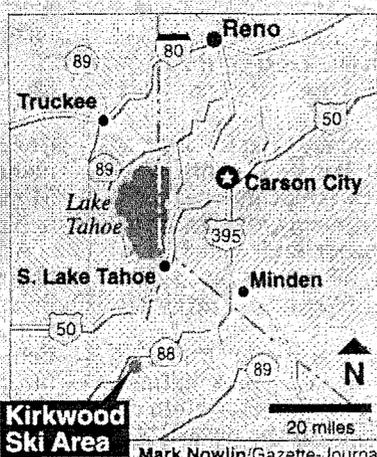
KIRKWOOD, Calif. — Jim McGinnis points around him. "You need to know why I keep coming to Kirkwood?" asks the 63-year-old resident of Pollock Pines, Calif. "Look around you."

The snow on Thimble Peak, 9,876 feet, glistens soft and inviting. Nearby, the parking lot takes its own meandering time to fill. It's quiet enough to hear gentle unwrapping of sandwiches, popping of soda cans, from a family parking-lot picnic.

"Last week I was on the backside of the mountain," says McGinnis, who has skied here religiously since turning 60. "It was a gorgeous day. I had the feeling the mountain was mine."

Devoted skiers like McGinnis have mixed feelings about a "new" Kirkwood, which would become reality over the next 10 to 15 years. On Dec. 30, 1994, Kirkwood, facing a \$10 million debt, was sold to Telluride Ski and Golf Co. (Telski) of Telluride, Colo.

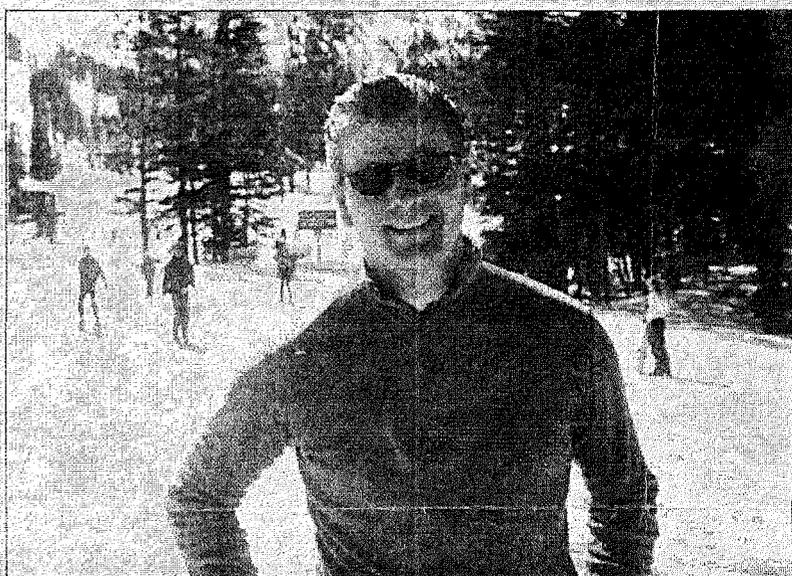
Telski's plans call for a 10-acre ski "village" at the base of the



Mark Nowlin/Gazette-Journal

■ **Kirkwood profile:** Map takes a look at resort. **4A**

mountain, featuring shops, hotels and increased lift capacity. The village, coupled with more than \$25 million of improvements in snowmaking, lifts and opening of new terrain on the mountain, will increase Kirkwood's yearly skier count from 350,000 to 500,000 or 600,000, according to Kirkwood



**COHEE:** Kirkwood's president and CEO believes the resort's planned changes will reflect what its residents and guests want.

president and chief operating officer Tim Cohee.

Skiers agree Kirkwood needs capital infusion, but worry what it means for the resort's relaxed atmosphere.

"My honest opinion is I don't

like it, because it's still a hometown resort," says Chris Smith of Walnut Creek, Calif., who has skied Kirkwood for eight years. "But I guess this is what they have

See **KIRKWOOD** on page **4A**

---

**TODAY'S TOPIC: O**

---

**Kirkwood**

**From** page 1A  
to do to survive.”

The sale was a complicated maneuver involving three groups: Kirkwood ownership led by resort founder Bud Klein; Wells Fargo Bank's willingness to convert Kirkwood's \$10 million debt for a preferred stock position; and Telski. Although it isn't known what percentage of ownership Telski maintains, Cohee says that plans call for Wells Fargo's preferred stock position eventually to be retired. In two to seven years, Telski and Kirkwood will make up "100 percent" of ownership, with "the Telluride group having the option to purchase the majority interest," Cohee says.

Telski's planned Colorado-style, ski-in and ski-out village includes an underground parking garage, boutiques, shops, restaurants, swimming pool, fitness center, lodging and increased lift capacity. The village is estimated to have a total retail build-out of close to \$300 million. Kirkwood's record of 366,000 skier days should be easily surpassed. A presentation for the village will be made to Kirkwood property owners on March 11.

"It's a different level of business," Cohee says. "There are probably 15 ski resorts in America doing that kind of business."

Bob Roberts, executive director of the California Ski Industry Association, says the challenge for Telski will be developing Kirkwood without losing its greatest asset — its sense of remoteness.

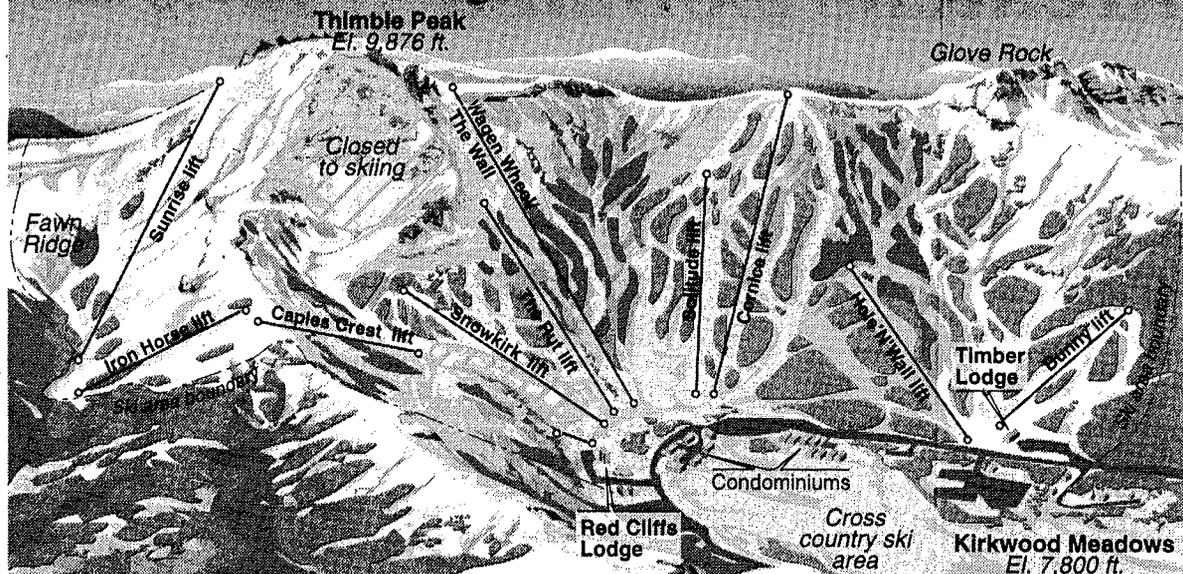
For years, Kirkwood, situated at 7,800 feet — the highest base of any of the ski resorts in the Lake Tahoe area — and about 85 miles southwest of Reno on California Highway 88, has been known as a skier's mountain. Except for the drought year of 1991, snow has always been plentiful. This year, Ski magazine's readers tabbed the 23-year-old resort's powder the finest in California.

"It is such a pristine environment there," Roberts says of the resort, situated in a meadow protected by two ridges, and adjacent

---

# OUTDOOR RECREATION

## Kirkwood Ski area at a glance



<b>Skiable acres:</b> 2,000	<b>Lifts:</b> 11	<b>Terrain:</b>	<b>Longest run:</b> 2.5 miles
<b>Elevations- Top:</b> 9,800 feet	<b>Triple chairs:</b> 6	<b>Beginner:</b> 15%	<b>Cross Country:</b> 48 miles
<b>Base:</b> 7,800 feet	<b>Double Chairs:</b> 4	<b>Intermediate:</b> 50%	<b>Average season:</b> November to May
<b>Vertical descent:</b> 2,000 feet	<b>Surface lifts:</b> 1	<b>Advanced:</b> 35%	<b>Phone number:</b> (209) 258-6000

Source: Kirkwood Ski Resort

Mark Nowlin/Gazette-Journal

to the Mokelumne Wilderness. "It's going to be a real challenge to open it up and maintain its sense of isolation and its sense of beauty. No one wants to see helter-skelter development."

Ron Allred, who along with partner Jim Wells owns and operates Telski, enthusiastically awaits the challenge. Telluride, under Allred and Wells' direction, is an upscale resort with 300,000 skiers a year. It ranked as the No. 2 resort in North America last year.

Allred says Kirkwood has three ingredients to make it "the top" ski resort in California: a great mountain; a lack of urban sprawl; and zoning approvals for development of a ski village.

"It's got a pristineness to it that I really like," Allred says. "I'm sure the shareholders in the past thought of its location as a liability, but I think in the end (location) will be Kirkwood's greatest asset."

Adds Roberts: "Certainly Telluride has a real strong track record in real estate, and I'm sure it's go-

ing to be a priority. My sense is it's going to be very favorable for the industry. I think we've gotten a very experienced, well-capitalized group coming in to make what will hopefully be a good cultural and business statement."

Cohee believes Kirkwood's changes will reflect what the resort's residents and guests want.

"Our expertise is, really, once you get onto the mountain," Cohee says. "Telluride's expertise, really, is once you get off the mountain. What we don't do, what we've never been able to do successfully, is develop the real estate. Now, we can bring all of these elements together."

Those who love Kirkwood the way it is are keeping their fingers crossed.

"It's just so quiet and the snow is so good," says Lea Gewald, who brings her family from the Bay Area to Kirkwood three times a month during the winter. "I just hope the little things you appreciate about Kirkwood won't change drastically."

## FACT FILE KIRKWOOD SALE

■ **Opened:** 1972 by founder Bud Klein (remains the last ski resort to open in California).

■ **Ownership agreement:** Dec. 30, 1994, sale involved three groups: Kirkwood ownership led by Klein, Wells Fargo Bank and Telluride Ski and Golf Co. (Telski). Agreement called for Wells Fargo to agree to convert resort's \$10 million debt into a preferred stock position. Wells Fargo also retains common stock, along with Kirkwood ownership and Telski. Plan is for bank's common stock and preferred position to be purchased by Kirkwood and Telski, with Telski having the option to purchase the majority interest.

# Sports

## Hope Valley goes to the dogs

Hope Valley went to the dogs this weekend, and when the 10th annual Canine Connection Sled Dog Races were over, most of the prize money went to Ralph and Diana Whitten of San Jose.

The Whittens' Alaskan huskies finished in first-place in the four-, six- and eight-dog categories in the two-day event in Hope Valley. Their combined time for two heats in the roughly eight-mile, eight-dog race bested the runner-up team driven by Jason Nickle by nine minutes.

Whitten was pleased with the across-the-boards victory. But with the world championships of sled dog racing in Lake Placid, N.Y., coming up in two weeks, the thrill of victory was subdued by the need for additional training and fine tuning.

"The competition is a lot tougher (in the world championships)," Whitten said. "The dogs aren't in top shape now, but hopefully they will be in time. They've got two weeks to hit their peak."

Although Whitten and his wife have raced their dogs every weekend since the beginning of January, a new job has limited midweek training sessions for the couple and their canines. The Whittens plan to get the dogs and themselves in training for Lake Placid. In sunny San Jose, midweek training consists of the dog teams pulling an ATV on dirt trails, while weekend excursions to the Sierra Nevada are for practicing in snow.

Team Whittens' success left Nickle, of Doyle, Calif., a long time friend and competitor of the winning mushers, in second place.

Nickle's eight-dog team finished third a week earlier in Truckee, but two star canines suffered cuts on their paws during



Scott CANINE CONNECTION. The 10th annual Canine Connection Sled Dog Races attracted mushers and their teams from as far away as Washington to Hope Valley last weekend. Brian Downs is shown here starting out in the three-dog race Saturday afternoon. R-C photo by Belinda Rohleder

those races. The injured dogs stayed home this week and Nickle's times suffered.

Nickle was still pleased with the outcome.

"It was good," he said of his teams' performance. "I wish we could have given Ralph a little more competition."

About 10 racing teams from across the state and as far away as Washington competed in the weekend event. Final standings were determined by the combined time for two heats in each event. In the six-dog race, the course length was approximately six miles long, four miles long for the four-dog race and three miles

for the three-dog races.

For the Whittens, success at Hope Valley ensured them the highest share of the event's \$2,000 purse, split between the top five finishers in each race category.

"Nobody gets into it for the money," Ralph Whitten said. "It (prize money) pays for a little dog food."

# Turnbeaugh skis to league championship

Douglas High's Tamara Turnbeaugh gained a measure of redemption Tuesday when she blazed to victory at the Tahoe Basin Ski League Championships Tuesday at Alpine Meadows.

Turnbeaugh, a sophomore at Douglas, bested a talented field to win the dual slalom event held on Alpine's Kangaroo Run. Last year, Turnbeaugh had to settle for second-place behind North Tahoe's Cara Leininger after losing a ski three-

quarters of the way through her final run.

This was just the latest in a string of successes, which included her recent selection to the Far West Division team which will compete at the USSA/Rolex Western Region Junior I and II Olympic Championships at Mt. Bachelor in Bend, Ore. March 9-15.

Turnbeaugh, 15, will represent the Kirkwood Ski Education Foundation (KSEF) at the Junior Olympics. KSEF

director Ray Dicius is serving as head coach for the team.

"Tamara is developing quite well," Dicius said. "She's racing smarter, showing more maturity and showing more strategy. I think she's always been there physically. It's just been a matter of putting it all together on race day. When she does, she's competitive with anyone."

She was certainly competitive against Tahoe Basin League high school competi-

tion on Tuesday. In a make-up giant slalom held in the morning, Turnbeaugh captured third-place in a race won by another Far West team member, Kirsten Beronio of George Whittell. Later in the afternoon, nobody was better than Turnbeaugh in the head-to-head championship competition as she sped past two more Far West team members from North Tahoe High, Ali Ganong in the semifinals and Chelsea Sullivan in the finals.

Record  
March 3/2/95

## Villa Gigli plans springtime celebration

"Merenda della Primavera" is the name of the springtime celebration dinner to be held Sunday, March 12, 6:30 p.m. at the Villa Gigli Gallery Cafe in Markleeville.

Jim Pedroncelli, co-owner of the Pedroncelli Winery in northern Sonoma County, is bringing a selection of his wines to accompa-

ny the Italian foods prepared by Ruggero Gigli.

Primavera Mista, a white wine blended in memory of the Italian "field mix" method, will start the evening, along with antipasto. Chardonnay will go with chicken ministrina; a reserve 1986 Pedroncelli Cabernet Sauvignon will be served with roasted lamb and veg-

etables. For the finale, 1991 Pedroncelli Vintage Port from the Burr/Benevides Vineyard will accompany panforte al pignolo.

Long-time friends Jim Pedroncelli and Ruggero Gigli will share anecdotes about California Italian-style wine and food affinities, for the enjoyment of guests, as the meal progresses. For reservations, call Markleeville, phone 916-694-2253.

## Alpine library hosts murder mystery

Carson Valley residents are invited to help solve the "Murder of the Loaded Librarian" at the Alpine County Library, March 10 and 11, 7 p.m. in Markleeville. Cost is \$5 per person, and there

will be prizes and a drawing. Rewards will be given for identifying the perpetrator of the dastardly deed and to audience members who come up with the most creative answers regarding the

identity of the murderer. The event is sponsored by the Alpine County Arts Commission and Friends of the Library. Tickets are available at the library, (916) 694-2120. No children under 14, please.

Record Courier 3/2/95

RC  
3/2/95

**25 YEARS AGO**  
**The Record-Courier**  
**Thursday, March 5, 1970**

**SNOW SQUALL.** Hope Valley's snowmobile courses, developed this year by Alpine District Toiyabe National Forest Rangers, which is already receiving maximum use by snowmobile enthusiasts, will be the subject of a National Geographic Magazine feature next fall.

# Sports



**LEAGUE CHAMPION.** Douglas High sophomore Tamara Turnbeaugh displays the first-place hardware she earned at the Tahoe Basin Ski League Championships Tuesday at Alpine Meadows. Turnbeaugh swept through the league's dual slalom competition and now has her sights set on the Junior Olympics March 9-15 in Bend, Ore. Kevin Hickey photo

# Jenkins earns freestyle trip

by DAVE PRICE  
Sports editor

Chris Jenkins doesn't have high expectations about his trip this coming week to Winter Park, Colo. But somewhere down the road, watch out.

Jenkins, a 16-year-old who represents the Kirkwood Ski Education Foundation (KSEF), departs on Tuesday as an alternate for the Far West Division team competing at the USSA Junior National Championships. He is an alternate for the moguls competition behind two other Far West qualifiers in the J-2 class.

"If somebody were to get hurt in training, I'd get a chance, but I really don't expect to compete. Mainly, it's a chance to go back and see everybody I met last summer," said Jenkins, referring to a USSA freestyle camp he attended last summer at Mt. Hood, Ore.

"Next year, I want to be there competing," he added with a wide grin.

Jenkins, a Douglas High School sophomore, stacked up with the front-runners

last Sunday when he placed fourth in his class and 14th overall at the Far West Division Championships held at Squaw Valley.

Jenkins has come a long way since starting out in the KSEF program as an alpine racer. He switched to freestyle three years ago.

"He's basically grown up in our program. He started with alpine program, then decided to switch over to freestyle for the mogul events and he's progressing extremely well," KSEF program director Ray Dicius said.

"This is a good chance to measure himself against his peer group and it's good to be exposed to that level of competition."

Jenkins posted a 21.78 score at the Far West finals. Tod Disbrow was first in the J-2 class and first overall with a 26.33.

Remember, this is just his third season of competition in the bumps.

"He's right in there. He's closing the gap on the leaders," Dicius said.

Two other KSEF athletes competed in the Far West moguls finals. Andy



CHRIS JENKINS

Blakeslee took fourth in the J-4 category and 37th overall out of 65 entries, while Derek Dimitri was sixth in J-4 and 41st overall.

## Kirkwood hosting North Series race today

A field of 260 ski racers have gathered to compete at Kirkwood Ski Resort in a U.S. Ski Association Far West Division event that concludes today.

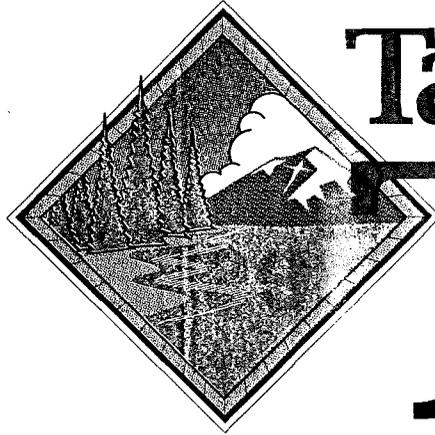
Action in the North Series/Ski Tobacco Free giant slalom, for J-4 and J-5 division competitors who are 12 years of age and under, gets under way with the boys race at 9:30 a.m. on Chair 5 at Kirkwood. The girls race is scheduled for 11:30 a.m.

Athletes representing 11 ski teams from around the Far West Division are entered in the event, including the host-Kirkwood Ski Education Foundation (KSEF).

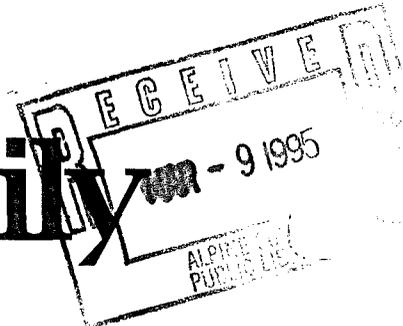
One of the featured KSEF racers is Russell Mitchell, a 12-year-old who hails from Yosemite, Calif. Mitchell was a top-10 finisher in his J-4 class last weekend during a North Series Super-G race held at June Mountain. He also captured third-

place in a North Series slalom at Diamond Peak earlier in February.

Other KSEF racers competing this weekend include Lysle Turnbaugh from Markleeville, Blake Myers of Kirkwood, Ashley Boe, a first-year team member who lives in Corte Madera, Calif., and Patrick Sargent of Reno. The group is coached by Liza Bitton of Gardnerville, herself a former KSEF star.



# Tahoe Daily Tribune



Friday, March 7, 1995 50¢  
Volume 38 • Number 56 • South Lake Tahoe, California

**Murals could perk up Tahoe 4A**

**Holyfield picks a fight 1B**

## Alpine economy lacks mine of its own

*Was project a boon?*

By **JEFF DeLONG**  
Tribune Staff Writer

MARKLEEVILLE — News that a Utah-based mining company has ditched plans for a mining operation near Monitor Pass leaves Alpine County without a project many residents hoped would provide a needed boon to the economy.

Western States Mineral Corp. has announced it will abandon plans to mine some 4 million tons of gold and silver from a hill-

side about seven miles southeast of Markleeville. Potential profits from the so-called Zacca Mine do not warrant the facility's operation at this time, company representatives said.

The project — viewed with concern by some who felt it could threaten the water quality of the Carson River — nevertheless was supported by many Alpine residents and business leaders who felt it could revitalize the economy of California's smallest county.

"I thought this could be a thing that would help us," said Chuck Keebaugh, vice president of the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce. "It certainly could have been asset."

"Overall, I think people are disappointed," Alpine County Supervisor Pete Blum said of a project that was expected to employ some 70 residents.

Blum said many residents of the area he represents near Woodfords were worried about the mine's environmental impacts, but that residents and business owners in the Markleeville area were mainly supportive.

"They're grasping for straws and anything helps," he said.

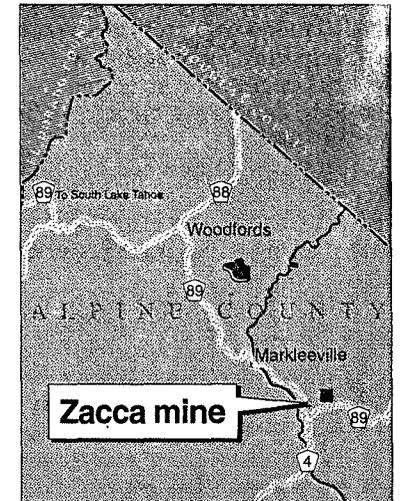
"I did view the economic impact as being very positive," said Supervisor Don Jardine. "This would have diversified the economy a bit and that would have been very helpful."

In addition to the direct boost in jobs provided by the mine, it was estimated the seven-year project would pump about \$100,000 per year into the coffers of Alpine County government.

The project would have involved extracting ore from an open pit mine. The material would have been heaped on a waterproof pad and sprayed with a cyanide solution to dissolve precious metals for later collection.

Buzz Gerick, vice president for Western States Minerals, said the decision to abandon the project was "strictly economic."

Gerick said his company fully intends to develop Zacca Mine at some future date.



STEVE MILLER/Tahoe Tribune

## **Murder mystery set**

Carson Valley residents are invited to help solve the "Murder of the Loaded Librarian" at the Alpine County Library, March 10 and 11, 7 p.m. in Markleeville. Cost is \$5 per person, and there will be prizes and a drawing.

Rewards will be given for identifying the perpetrator of the dastardly deed and to audience members who come up with the most creative answers.

The event is sponsored by the Alpine County Arts Commission and Friends of the Library. Hors d'oeuvres, desserts and drinks will be provided. Tickets are available at the library, (916) 694-2120. No children under 14, please.

*3/9/95 Record Courier*

# Alpine grand jury issues recommendations

by JEFF DELONG  
R-C Staff Writer

A lack of coordination and follow-up contributed to the death of a 4-year-old girl who was beaten by her mother a year ago.

Such was the conclusion of the 1994 Alpine County grand jury, which recommended county agencies coordinate activities to avoid a recurrence of such tragedies.

The jury's probe was prompted by the March 27, 1994 death of Letisia Ortiz — a toddler who had been under the official stewardship of Alpine County authorities for two years prior to her death.

Alpine officials intervened with the Ortiz family when sheriff's deputies responded to their Woodfords home and found signs of child abuse in April 1992. Authorities took custody of Letisia and two of her sisters after reviewing evidence that included bite marks around the face of one of the children and burns on the tops of her feet. No criminal charges were filed.

A year and a half later at a Superior Court hearing, Judge Harold Bradford returned Letisia and a sister to the custody of her mother, Terri Jean Garcia-Ortiz, who then resided with her husband just across the state line in Genoa, Nevada.

Two months after joining her parents, Letisia was fatally beaten

and her mother charged with her murder. Murder charges were later dropped amid allegations that a Douglas County sheriff's investigator coerced statements from the mother.

Garcia-Ortiz pleaded guilty to child abuse causing substantial bodily harm and was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

The little girl's death raised controversy, including allegations that Alpine County officials failed to inform Douglas County of the potentially volatile situation in the Ortiz family after releasing the child to her parents' custody in Nevada.

In its examination of the case, Alpine's grand jury cited a lack of communication between the two counties, and found that Douglas officials failed to conduct a routine home survey of the Ortiz family after the child took up residence in Genoa.

The jury also concluded there were a number of shortcomings in Alpine's overall handling of the situation. Jurors found that the county Sheriff's Office failed to conduct a thorough investigation following the 1992 incident during which an intoxicated Garcia-Ortiz allegedly bit Letisia in the face, and that the District Attorney's Office did not conduct a follow-up probe into the appropriateness of criminal charges against the mother for child abuse.

The jury found there was no policy in place to coordinate activities of the Sheriff's Office, District Attorney and Department of Social Services in child abuse cases. It noted that for three consecutive years grand juries have identified a lack of cooperation between those three agencies.

Despite existing evidence of violence and child abuse in the Ortiz family, none of it was brought forward during the court hearing in which Letisia was returned to the custody of her parents, jurors concluded.

The grand jury made the following recommendations regarding the Ortiz case:

- Any suspected child abuse case should be thoroughly investigated by law enforcement.
- The Sheriff, District Attorney, Social Services and Superior Court must follow a cooperative procedure to communicate suspected incidents of child abuse. The court should ensure that procedure is followed.
- A criminal prosecution must follow a confirmed incident of child abuse.
- All requests for out-of-county transfers of social services and custody jurisdiction must be followed up within six weeks.
- Alpine County must regularly update staff training of all personnel involved in child protection and welfare.

Record Courier 3/9/95

IN LOS ANGELES.

## Douglas/Alpine wrestlers take third

The Alpine/Douglas Wrestling Club flexed some muscles both from a team and individual standpoint at the Fallon Outlaw Tournament last Saturday, March 4.

With 16 wrestlers earning medals, the local club vaulted to third-place in the team standings at the tournament. Powerful South Reno copped the team title, followed by host-Fallon and then

Alpine/Douglas.

Seven locals emerged as champions in their respective age and weight classes: Nathan Bennett, Brandon Brown, Zack Ledbetter, Jeff Martin, Jeff John, Bud Nollet and Raymond Gabriel.

Six others earned second-place finishes, including Jason Gray, Dwayne Rey, Jake Williams, David Bennett, Lysle Turnbeaugh

and Nicole Bennett.

C-J Keith, Ben Egbert and Romaine Smokey also collected bronze medals for third-place finishes in their divisions.

The next stop for the Alpine/Douglas club is the USA Wrestling-sanctioned Nevada State Tournament this Saturday at the Reno/Sparks Convention Center.

Record Courier 3/12/95

**It's a dog's life**

Record Courier 3/12/95



Seven-year-old Danny Bailey gets a ride in a dog sled from Dotty Dennis on Saturday during a pause in the action at the annual Canine

Connection in Hope Valley. See story, additional photo page 11. R-C photo by Belinda Rohleder

# Alpine supervisors can't agree on raise

by JEFF DELONG  
R-C News Service

Unable to agree as a board how much they should be paid, Alpine County supervisors decided to make the matter one of individual choice.

Following a discussion in which many involved seemed clearly uncomfortable, supervisors voted to establish a three-tier pay system for Alpine's panel of elected leaders.

Supervisors will have the option of retaining their current pay of \$872 per month, or boost that paycheck to \$1,915 — an increase of roughly 120 percent producing annual compensation of about \$23,000.

A third option would be to take a lesser raise of just under \$1,600 per month, or about 80 percent.

The debate follows two others prompted by Supervisor Pete

Blum's effort to increase money paid to county supervisors. Paychecks for Alpine's supervisors have not been boosted in 11 years, and they are paid far less than those in surrounding counties.

"You get what you pay for," Blum said.

Most residents of California's smallest county agreed some sort of raise is warranted but balked at one of 120 percent.

"Nobody here has said you don't deserve a raise. We just would like it to be realistic," said resident Bob Rudden.

Also expressing opposition to the size of the proposed pay hike were the Alpine County Employees Association and two former Alpine supervisors.

Two supervisors who had previously opposed any salary hike — Chairman Cam Craik and Donald Jardine — said Tuesday they might be willing to support a mod-

est one.

Blum and Supervisor C. Ann Wade favored something more substantial, with Wade continually pushing for a tiered pay arrangement that would allow those supervisors uncomfortable with the raise a way out.

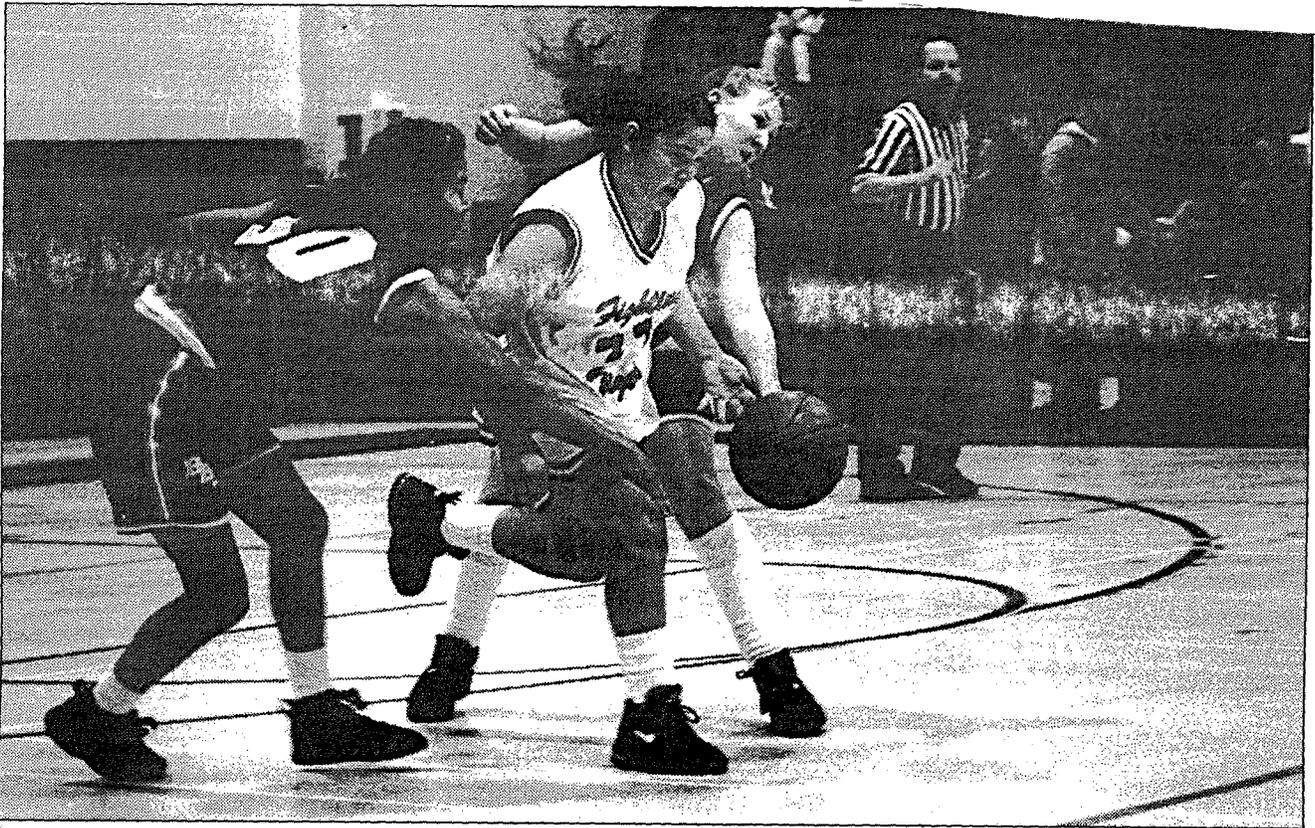
The difficulty of the issue was summed up by Supervisor Warren Jang.

"Honestly I don't know what a fair amount is," Jang said. "It's a political decision and it's not easy."

The board eventually decided by split vote in support of Wade's tiered pay scale, with Craik and Jardine opposed.

Supervisors must submit to the auditor by June 1 their choice of the three pay options. If they make no choice, they will automatically receive the highest amount. The raise would take effect in early July.

Record Courier 3/12/95

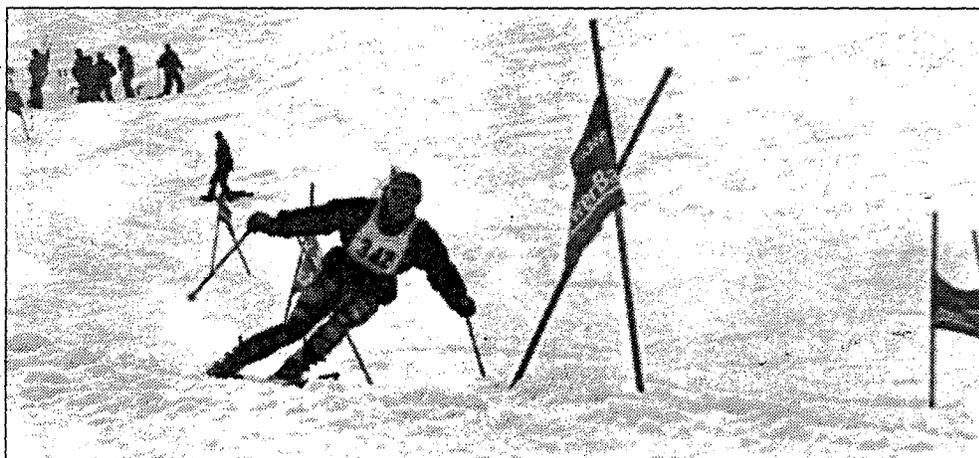


Girls Varsity Basketball player Amber Bill puts her knowledge to the test to avoid a steal from the other team. The girls made it to zone, only to lose to McQueen. Tiger Beat photo By Sean Harding

RC 3/12/95

RC 3/12/95

## A season of winter



DHS sophomore Tamara Turnbeaugh glides down the hill to a first place finish at league championships. Tiger Beat photo by Kevin Hickey

# 4A Tahoe/Sierra

Friday, March 18, 1994  
Tahoe Daily Tribune

## Alpine supes reject environmental health fees

By JEFF DELONG  
Tribune Staff Writer

MARKLEEVILLE — Alpine County is the only county in California not to charge a collection of fees for environmental health services.

On Tuesday, county supervisors decided it should stay that way.

Offered a list of fees the county could impose on residents and businesses to help offset the cost of providing services, supervisors kept the idea squarely at arm's length.

"I don't think it's necessary," said Supervisor Pete Blum. Supervisor Cam Craik said he wants the idea "put to bed."

Dr. Rick Botto, the South Shore physician who serves as Alpine's part-time health officer, said the fees would offer an opportunity to bring some extra money into county coffers.

"It's possible during these tight fiscal times to have a few dollars come into the county," Botto said, adding that Alpine is the only one of California's 58 counties not to charge such fees.

Currently the only environmental health fees assessed in Alpine County are for its underground storage tank program and for inspection of small public water systems.

The new fees would be assessed

*'We're going to  
fee them to  
death and put them  
out of business.'*

— Cam Craik  
Alpine County Supervisor

for inspections of everything from restaurants to temporary food stands, markets and swimming pools. Botto estimated they would bring the county an extra \$12,000 per year.

They would also allow the Health

Department to expand activities, possibly avoiding health problems which might be associated with food served at Alpine's two ski resorts and during large public events such as the "Death Ride" bicycle competition.

The proposal brought a quick and negative reaction from Alpine's business community, with Chamber of Commerce president Roy Hatcher saying his organization is opposed.

Garth McCormack, owner of the Woodfords Inn, said the property and room taxes he already pays for county government services should suffice.

"I can't afford my government," he said. "I think it's absolutely ab-

surd."

In agreement was Bob Rudden, owner of Markleeville General Store.

"I, as a businessman, can't afford an increase in help like this," Rudden said. "It sounds bad. It really does."

Craik and fellow supervisors sided with complaining business interests.

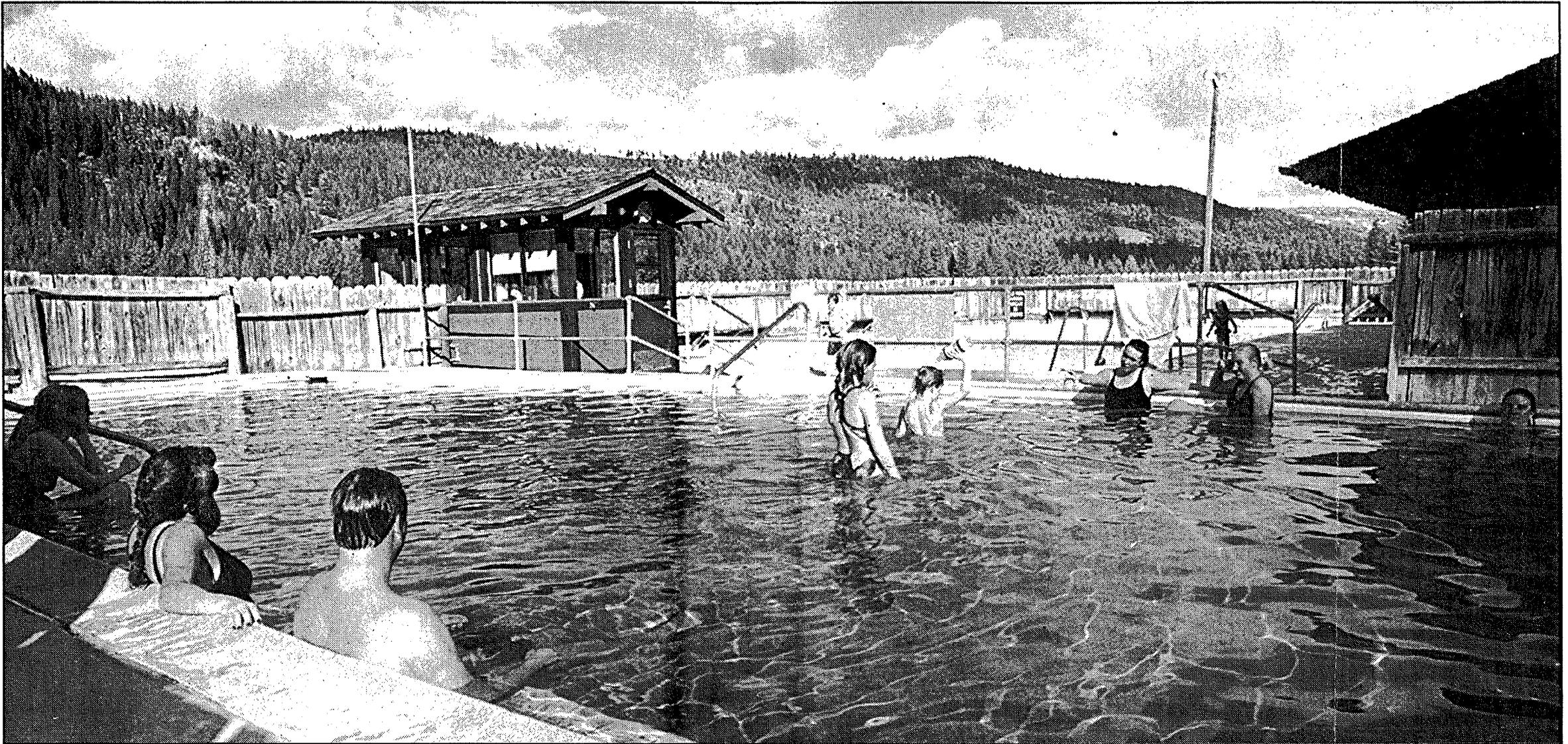
"We're going to fee them to death and put them out of business," Craik said.

Following the board's decision, Botto said he was satisfied.

"We weren't really looking for approval," Botto said. "We were looking for direction."

# Tahoe Life

Weekend edition, March 25-26, 1995  
Tahoe Daily Tribune



Grover Hot Springs, located three miles from Markleeville, is open year-round and has been a subject of travel writers since the mid-1850s.

# Mineral springs, hot tubs help soothe the soul

TAHOE DAILY  
TRIBUNE  
MAR. 23-26, 1995

BY DENISE SLOAN  
Tribune Entertainment Editor

Faster than psychotherapy and deeper than a relaxation tape, Mother Nature's bathtub can soothe modern day tension in a matter of seconds.

Fortunately, the Sierra region is dotted with natural hot springs, mineral springs and man-made hot tubs.

The Alpine beauty of 519-acre Grover Hot Springs State Park has been the subject of travel writers since the mid-1850s. From South Lake Tahoe, the 35-minute drive begins at U.S. Highway 50 and 89 in Meyers. The trek takes travelers through scenic Hope Valley, across the West Fork of the Carson River and east on U.S. Highway 88.

Located three miles from Markleeville, Grover Hot Springs are a phenomenon associated with the faulting that developed when the Sierra Nevada Mountains began to rise from the earth millions of years ago. As with most hot springs and natural mineral springs, surface water courses its way through cracks in the earth's crust until it reaches hot rock thousands of feet below. The heated water then bubbles to the surface dissolving minerals along its way.

Many years before the advent of modern medicine, people sought

the curative powers believed to exist in nature's bathtub. Today, a relaxing soak after a day on the ski slopes is enough to prompt most people to hop into hot water.

Grover Hot Springs' mineral content is 74.7 grams per gallon and unlike springs from many natural sources, it contains little sulphur. One of the park's two concrete pools is fed by the runoff from six mineral springs that leave the ground at 148 degrees Fahrenheit. The pool's temperature, however, is regulated between 102 and 104 degrees. A cool-temperature pool, day-use fees at Grover Hot Springs are \$4 for those over 18 years of age and \$2 under 18. Swimsuits are required and restrooms and changing rooms are available. For road conditions and winter hours, call (916) 694-2248.

Nestled at the base of the Sierra in Genoa, Nev. is historic Walley's Hot Springs Resort. In 1862, David and Harriet Walley built a resort adjacent to the Pony Express Route and the Emigrant Trail. Mark Twain, President Grant, Clark Gable and Ida Lupino frequented the luxury spa.

More than a century later, guests can still soak in six hot mineral spring pools, cool-off in a fresh-water swimming pool, play tennis or workout in the fitness center. A distinct sense of history surrounds Walley's Hot Springs, which is 12 miles east of South

Shore at the foot of Kingsbury Grade. Day use is \$12 per person for all day; children under 12 are not permitted in spa area. Cabins are available starting at \$85 per night. Walley's is open seven days a week from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.

To the west of Lake Tahoe and a little closer to Heaven lies the High Camp Lagoon & Spa. High Camp sits at more than 8,000 foot elevation at the top of Squaw Valley's Cable Car.

High Camp Lagoon opened for the Spring last weekend with man-made, but just as relaxing hot tubs, outdoor spas and a swimming lagoon. The average spa temperature is 104 degrees, perfect for unwinding after a day of skiing Squaw. Cost is \$17 for adults and \$10 for children, which includes Cable Car transportation, swimming lagoon, spa and locker rooms. High Camp Lagoon & Spa is open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

In the middle of South Lake Tahoe is another relaxing choice: Nepheles' Restaurant & Hot Tubs on Ski Run Boulevard. Four private hot tubs, recently remodeled and upgraded, are available by the hour. Swimsuits are optional in the private tubs which rent for \$15 an hour for two, \$5 for each additional person. Drink service, fresh towels and piped in music add to the soothing experience. Nepheles' hot tubs are available daily from 2 p.m. until midnight. For reservations,

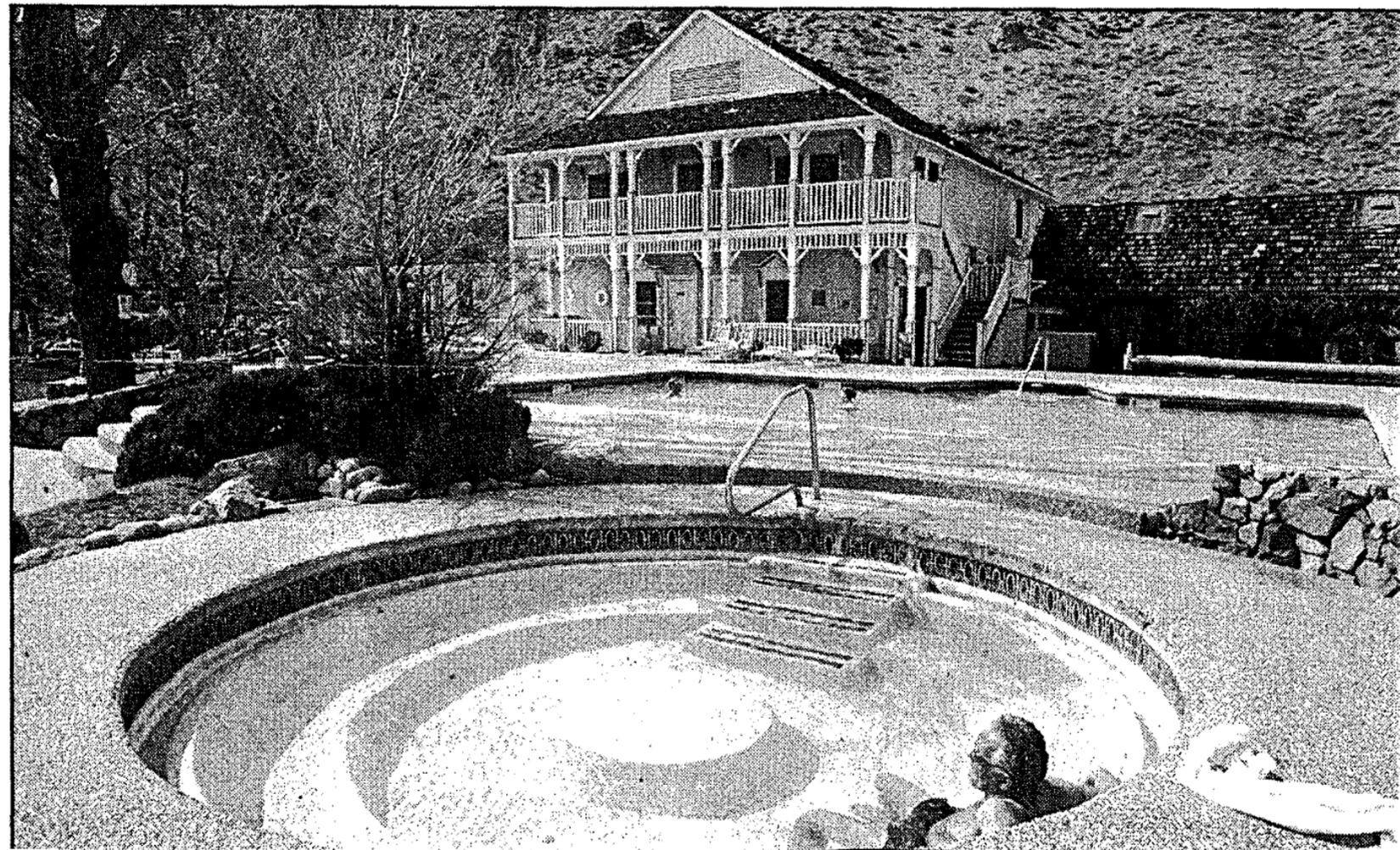


One of Grovers' six mineral springs releases water at 148 degrees Fahrenheit.

call 544-8130.

Whether you slip into a natural mineral hot springs or simmering hot tub, it is easy to let the cares of everyday life seep from your body as your muscles desolve to Silly Putty.





At right, Nepheles' private hot tubs offer the convenience of push-button cocktail service.

At left, visitors get a real sense of history at Walley's Hot Springs, a favorite place of Mark Twain and Clark Gable.



*Tribune photos by Jim Grant*

# Alpine sheriff protests governor's rural parole policy

By JEFF DELONG  
Tribune Staff Writer

MARKLEEVILLE — When Skip Veatch heard Gov. Pete Wilson was planning to parole a serial rapist to one of the most remote areas of California, he felt a sinking sensation.

"I held my breath," said Veatch, sheriff for California's smallest and least populated county.

Ultimately Alpine County was spared from a state-sponsored move of Melvin Carter, the admitted rapist of some 100

women. Remote Modoc County was favored over Alpine, possibly because the county south of Lake Tahoe does not have a minimum security facility of the type Carter now calls home.

But the issue hit home for Veatch and the sheriffs of several other rural California counties. On Wednesday Veatch and the sheriff's of Siskiyou, Plumas, Glen, Sutter and Inyo counties journeyed to Alturas in Modoc County to show support for Modoc County Sheriff Bruce Mix.

"Who's next? Charlie Manson?" asked Sutter County Sheriff Art Brendwood.

"They want to dump people like this individual here where you don't have the resources or the manpower to deal with this."

The sheriffs urged Gov. Wilson and the Legislature to establish halfway houses at state prisons for violent sex crime parolees.

Veatch said he and fellow sheriffs are frustrated with the state's actions.

"It's just rotten to send a guy like that to a tiny county like that," Veatch said. "Law enforcement just doesn't have the personnel to take care of him or the people there if he gets out."

Veatch thought back about a decade

when a paroled murderer moved to Alpine County and caused major problems for a sheriff's department forced to deal with him several times a week.

"We just didn't need it," he said, adding that the last thing small counties want is for the state to decide violent felons should live within their boundaries.

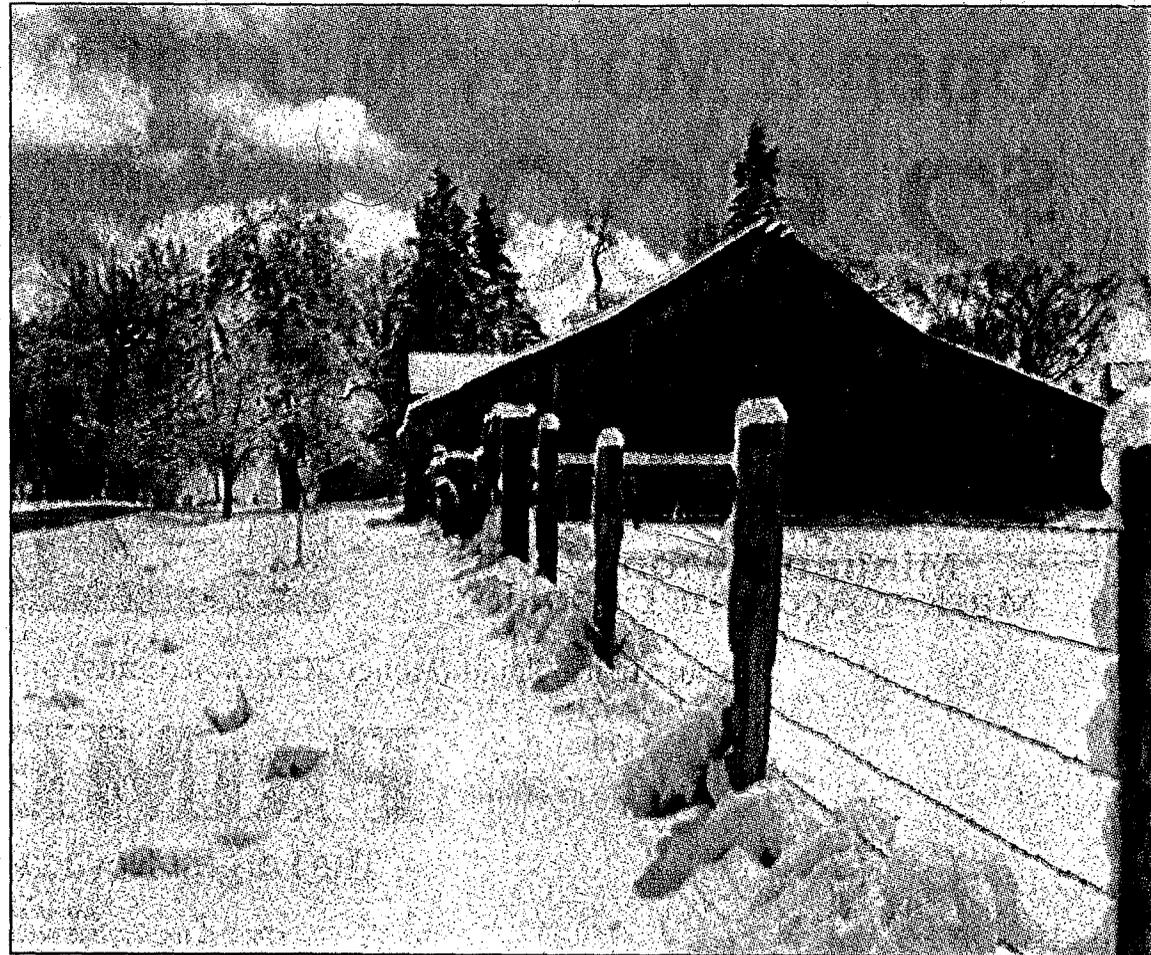
Had Carter been paroled to Alpine County, Veatch said, the reaction would likely be as negative as it has been in Modoc.

"I know we would be just as violently opposed," the sheriff said.

Tahoe Daily Tribune 3/25/95

**Spring surprise**

March 26 1995 Record Courier



Residents awoke Thursday and Friday to an early spring snowfall. This barn was photographed on Fredricksburg Road near the old cemetery. The National Weather Service is calling for highs in the low 50s through Tuesday. R-C photo by Belinda Rohleder.

Record Courier 3-26-95



### **Lonely sentinel**

The scene hasn't changed much in the past 150 years on Emigrant Trail in Alpine County where this horse was photographed last week.

Last week's early spring snowfall helped contribute to the wettest season in years. R-C photo by Belinda Rohleder

# Bomb blast raises tempers

## Lyons: Perpetrators will be brought to justice

### Bomb scene

By ANITA SZOKE  
Appeal Staff Writer

Federal officials continued their investigation Saturday into the bombing of a U.S. Forest Service office last week, calling for justice for those responsible in creating thousands of dollars in damages.

The small bomb exploded late Thursday, blowing out several windows and damaging equipment in the office on South Carson Street, causing about \$5,000 in damages.

No one was injured and the building was unoccupied at the time.

The Carson City office is the second Forest Service building to be bombed in as many days.

A small pipe bomb damaged an outhouse in Lamoille Canyon, on Forest Service land, on Thursday.

Also, a small Forest Service guard station north of Reno was broken into last week. However, officials say that appeared to be a burglary attempt.

"Those responsible for these crimes must be brought to justice," USDA Undersecretary Jim Lyons said. "It is appalling to think that anyone could act with such disregard for people and public property."

Authorities are not speculating whether the bombing is connected

gators believe may have been a pipe bomb placed on a window sill, destroyed District Ranger Guy Pence's office in the southwest corner of the building — shattering several windows and damaging a wall.

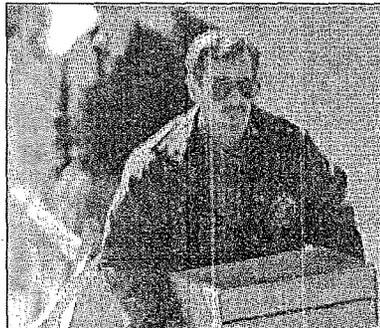
The blast broke four windows, gouged a big hole in the sill, tore off some rock facing material and broke wall framing and sheetrock.

An office employee discovered the damages after showing up for work just before 7 a.m.

Federal and local authorities cordoned off the office and the area around the 1-story building, located on South Carson Street.

Carson City Sheriff Rod Banister said his office got about 30 calls at about 7:30 p.m. Thursday from people who heard what sounded like a

(See BOMB, Page A-5)



Thursday, blowing out several windows and damage equipment in the office on So. Carson Street, causing about \$5,000 in damages.

No one was injured and the building was unoccupied at the time.

The Carson City office is the second Forest Service building to be bombed in as many days.

A small pipe bomb damaged an outhouse in Lamoille Canyon, on Forest Service land, on Thursday.

Also, a small Forest Service guard station north of Reno was broken into last week. However, officials say that appeared to be a burglary attempt.

"Those responsible for these crimes must be brought to justice," USDA Undersecretary Jim Lyons said. "It is appalling to think that anyone could act with such disregard for people and public property."

Authorities are not speculating whether the bombing is connected to recent contentious Forest Service policy decisions.

Both the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service have been involved in increased fees for grazing livestock, for mining on federal lands, and general access to public lands under their control.

A grassroots "Sagebrush Rebellion" is challenging the government's management of public land.

The motive for the Carson City bombing is still unknown and federal officials have no suspects.

"The nature of our business is we make decisions that affect the management of national forestland," Forest Service spokeswoman Erin O'Connor said. "Sometimes the decisions we make do not please individuals."

The small device, which investi-

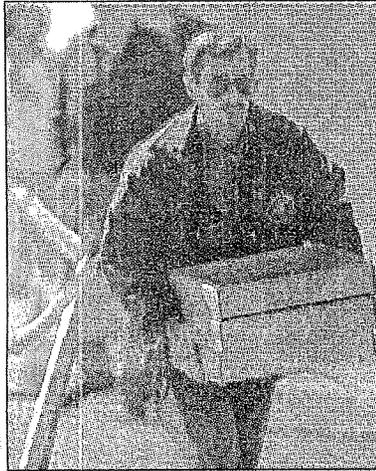
broke wall framing and sheetrock.

An office employee discovered the damages after showing up for work just before 7 a.m.

Federal and local authorities cordoned off the office and the area around the 1-story building, located on South Carson Street.

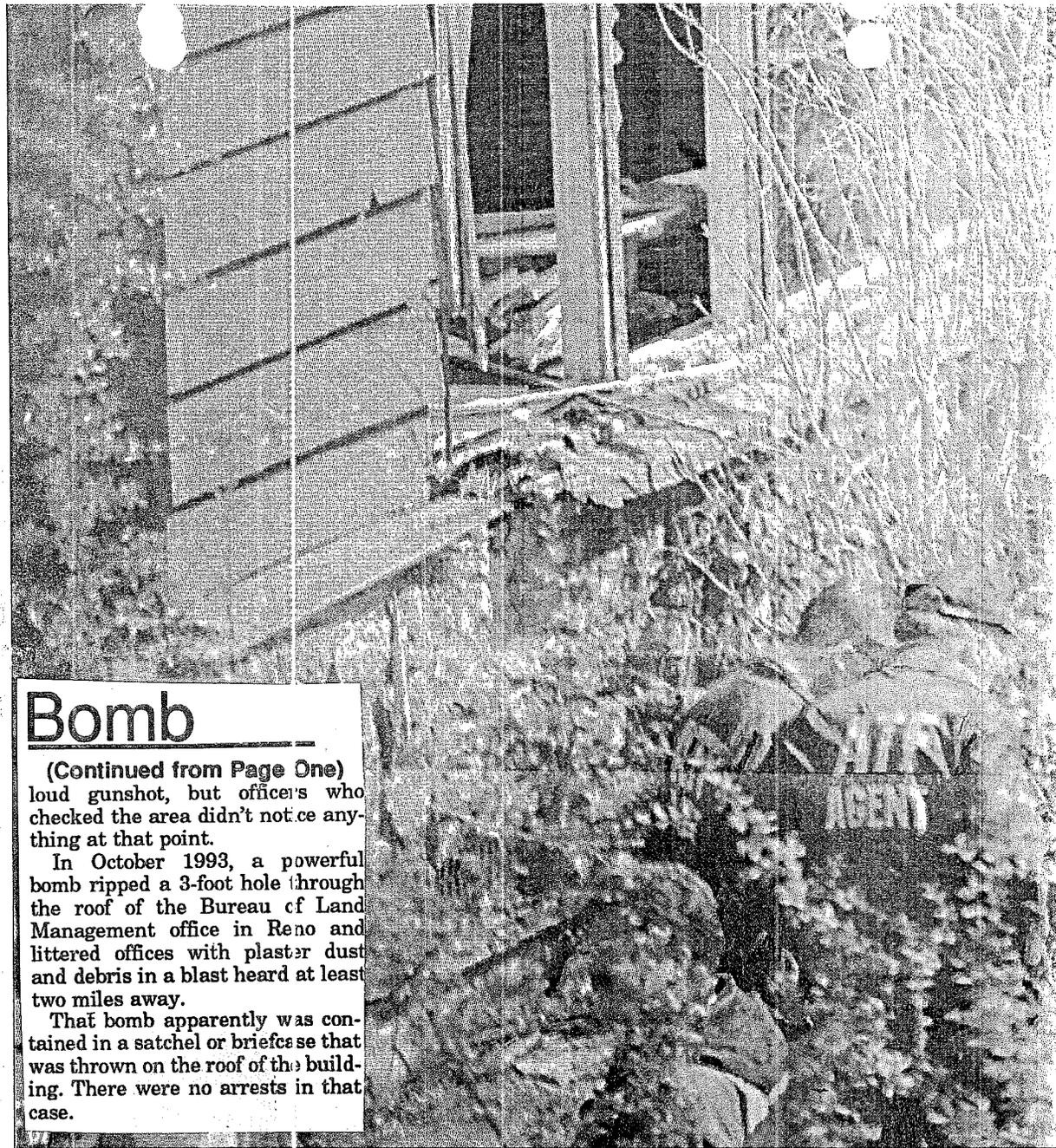
Carson City Sheriff Rod Banister said his office got about 30 calls at about 7:30 p.m. Thursday from people who heard what sounded like a

(See BOMB, Page A-5)



Appeal photos by Rick Gunn

Barry Craven, above, Carson City sheriff's forensic specialist, carries plaster impressions of footprints near the bomb blast scene Friday morning. At right, ATF, FBI and Sheriff's Department officials comb the area for clues to the blast at the U.S. Forest Service station on South Carson Street.



## Bomb

(Continued from Page One)

loud gunshot, but officers who checked the area didn't notice anything at that point.

In October 1993, a powerful bomb ripped a 3-foot hole through the roof of the Bureau of Land Management office in Reno and littered offices with plaster dust and debris in a blast heard at least two miles away.

That bomb apparently was contained in a satchel or briefcase that was thrown on the roof of the building. There were no arrests in that case.



## 324 inches of snow is just another winter

**M**y eyes focused and then refocused, my brain telling them to double check the numbers because at first glance they certainly couldn't be right.

They were snowfall totals from the Sierra Nevada Mountains in California, the likes of which these eyes had only seen embellished in record books.

At Lake Tahoe two weeks ago, 72 inches fell in three days. At Alpine Meadows, 324 inches of snow was on the ground — that's 27 feet! I stopped at this point and blinked repeatedly, wondering if a contact lens had slipped off.

But I quickly realized my vision was fine, it was the numbers that were out of whack. Like total snowfall this winter at Donner Pass; 522 inches! That's Trumbull County's total in the last 10 winters combined.

I know it snows a lot in the mountains, but 500 inches? Do people really live in these areas?

**T**he Sierra Nevada Mountains are the first major range east of the Pacific Ocean. There's the coast, then the Coastal Range Mountains, with peaks to 4,000 feet above sea level. Continuing east there are the valleys, San Joaquin and Sacramento, out of which the Sierra Nevadas majestically rise to over 12,000 feet. (The highest point in Ohio is at Bellefontaine, northwest of Columbus, a measly 1,550 feet.)

To get a lot of snow in the Sierra Nevadas you need a strong, persistent, moist flow of air off the ocean. When this air hits the mountains, it's pushed up (orographically, meteorologists call it). When the moisture hits the cold air of the higher elevations you get snow, sometimes lots of it.

"These numbers are not that unusual," says Randall Offerhuber, of the Central Sierra Snow Laboratory at Donner Pass, where the railroad once ran through and Interstate 80 now traverses the mountains. "But that was a big storm a couple weeks ago, no doubt about it."

**B**ig maybe, but not of biblical proportions. Last week's snow — 103 inches in seven days — was only the 15th largest snowstorm in 50 years at Donner Pass. And the record snow in a season is 819 inches, making this year's 522 seem like a dusting.

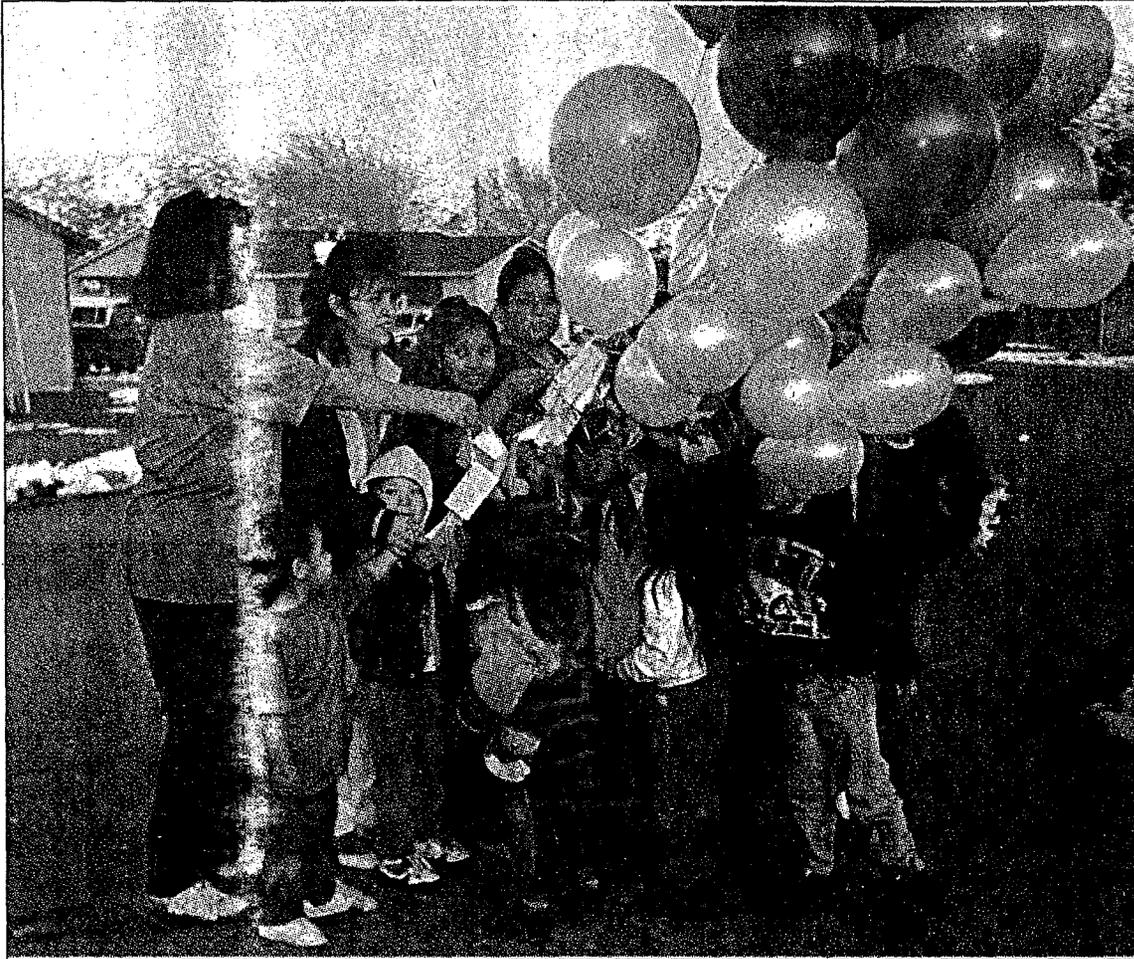
During the winter about 2,000 people live around Donner Pass, many working at the seven ski resorts nearby. "Most of the structures here," says Offerhuber, "are built very tall, with entrances off every level. We have a lot big machinery to move snow."

Offerhuber laughs when he hears reports on the national news of east coast snowstorms of eight inches. "Eight inches here doesn't even get recognized," he says.

And no wonder. My eyes have seen the numbers, but even with them closed it's hard to imagine three stories of snow. My eyes want to see it, but my brain just can't comprehend.

**In memory of Letisia**

Record Courier April 6, 1995



Balloons were released at 5:30 p.m. March 27, exactly one year after doctors unplugged life support machines for Letisia Ortiz, who died of child abuse. Family members in Woodfords wrote messages to the little girl and tied them

to the balloons; in the center is Cecilia Perez, Letisia's sister. April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. For information about local observances, see page 5. Photo courtesy Maureena Dressler

# No more abuse

pgs

## EDITOR:

It has been a year since our little Letisia Joyce Ortiz has gone home to be with the Lord. During that year so many fingers have been pointed. We felt from the very beginning the system had failed to protect this loved one. At this time we would like to thank Letisia with all our hearts for opening the eyes of some county officials that have seen fit to change some of the rules and regulations in how they will be handling future cases such as this. We hope for the sake of all children that not one more child will be standing beside Letisia to stop further abuse on chil-

# Letters to the editor

dren. We need to listen to them now.

We would again like to thank the nurses at the Washoe Medical Center Trauma Unit for making our last moments with Letisia as comfortable as possible. Douglas County Paramedics, Washoe Medical Care-flight, Judge Doug Struthers for allowing Terri to attend funeral services, Ann Wade, Alpine County Board of Supervisors, Lionel Abdunko, Chief of Police for the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, Rev. Phillip Bennett of Woodfords, Calif., Reuben Martinez of the Pit River Tribe for their prayers and comforting words, Woodfords Headstert, and a special thank you to the Douglas County Family Support Council for their dedication to preventing abuse.

With deepest gratitude,

MAUREENA DRESSLER  
LOVANA DRESSLER  
and the rest of our  
friends and family  
April 4

## Local wrestlers place at state tourney

Alpine/Douglas Wrestling produced eight individual champions at the Nevada State Freestyle and Grecco Roman Wrestling Championships March 18-19 in Reno.

The list of local gold medal winners included Jeff John, Frank Roza, Bud Nollet, Jason Gray, Nathan Bennett, Nicole Bennett, Mara Milich and 5-year-old Jake Williams.

Bud Nollet captured first-place in both the freestyle on Saturday and Grecco Roman on Sunday. In wrestled in the cadet (15-16 year-olds 83.5-pound division).

Four others collected silver medals for runner-up finishes in

their respective age and weight classes, including Jeff Martin, Brandon Brown, Zach Ledbetter and Romaine Smokey.

Beau Ulrick earned a bronze medal for his third-place finish in the Grecco-Roman competition.

Jack Sparman also placed fifth in the freestyle tournament.

Two local wrestlers also placed during the two days: Ben Egbert took second in both freestyle and

Grecco Roman, while Tony Smokey won the heavyweight division.

Overall, it was a successful day for the local program, according to director Dick Nollet.

"We were delighted with how well we did. Team-wise, we took 26 kids and 13 finished either first or second, which is the best we've ever done at the state tournament. From northern Nevada, the only

Record Courier April 6, 1995



## Lavender ribbons distributed Child Abuse Prevention Month observed

by CHERI WARRELL  
Special to the R-C

Childhood is a time of laughter, sweet things, hugs and days filled with sunshine and love, right?

Wrong, not for a growing number of our most vulnerable citizens. Child abuse and neglect are increasing around the country and in the Carson Valley.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and the Family Support Council is recognizing this month by distributing lavender ribbons as a reminder that we are all responsible for the memory of little Letisia Ortiz, who died in 1994 as a result of child abuse.

Letisia's story, as horrifying as it is, is not a singular incident. The potential for a similar situation happens every day, and as a community we need to be aware of how to prevent these tragic occurrences.

In 1993 there were 205 child abuse reports in Douglas County, of which 69 were substantiated. Surprisingly, according to national statistics, the natural parent is the most likely to physically abuse a child.

Child abuse can manifest itself in many ways, from physical and

emotional abuse to sexual abuse to neglect. In rural Nevada neglect, in the form of lack of supervision, ranks the highest, followed by physical neglect, emotional and physical injury.

What can you do to prevent or stop this terrible curse on our society? Children who have been abused and their families all need help.

Any suspected abuse should be reported to the proper authorities. Reporting the abuse can begin to break the cycle of negative behavior which contributes to abuse and neglect. If you report suspected child abuse, you are protected by confidentiality and immunity from liability.

The highest priority is the protection of the child. Second is to help the parents, and finally to bring the family back together if possible. Child abuse is never the child's fault.

There are a number of agencies in Douglas County that can intervene in suspected child abuse cases. Family Support Council parenting classes for parents of children from infant through 18 years of age are offered free of charge.

A 24-hour crisis line, (782-

8692) is also available. Douglas County Social Services (782-9825), Daybreak, a respite day care program (265-2185), Division of Child and Family Services (687-4943), and Douglas County Mental Health (782-3671) are all here to help.

The entire community is responsible for our children and individually we can make a difference just by being informed and taking action when necessary. (Some of the above information was taken from "Death From Child Abuse ... and no one heard," by Eve Krupinski and Dana Weikel.)

Family Support Council receives partial support from the Nevada Children's Trust Fund, to help prevent child abuse in our community.

Special thanks go to Valley Office Supply, Laurill's Fabrics and the Fabric Connection for donating the materials for this ribbon campaign. Family Support is grateful for all the time and effort Carol Buhlig volunteered as coordinator of the community-wide event.

Editor's note: Cheri Warrell is administrative aide at the Family Support Council.

### Easter feast planned in Markleeville

Villa Gigli Gallery/Cafe in Markleeville will host an "Easter Egg Dinner," Sunday, April 16, at 5 p.m., with a special family-style Toscano menu and setting. Guests will discover Easter

eggs, chicken broth, spring salad, pasta primavera, roast chicken breast, vino bianco, vino rosso and spumoni Gigli. The all-inclusive price is \$25 per person. For reservations, call (916) 694-2253.

Record Courier 3/30/95

Record Courier

Cody Vann

4/16/95

Rolena Vann of Markleeville is the mother of Cody Michel, born April 13 Carson-Tahoe Hospital in Carson City. He weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces at birth.

**Cycling club to meet**

# Western Showdown

## Land: Feds under fire

**N**O ONE WAS WORKING IN THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE office in Carson City, Nev., when a small bomb exploded last month. Still, the local rangers have become the latest targets of an anti-Fed campaign out West, and they're spooked. That same day, a pipe bomb destroyed a Forest Service outhouse in Lamoille Canyon. Rangers still talk about the blast that tore through the Bureau of Land Management office in Reno two Halloweens ago. No one has been hurt in these incidents, but at this rate, someone might be soon.

Westerners and Washington have long been at odds. The Feds administer more than half the land in several Western states, a situation many find intolerable. Now, some locals have decided to force the issue with threats of violence. In Nevada, "There are some areas we don't go in anymore," says the BLM's Michelle Barret.

Things have gotten so dangerous that the BLM office in Idaho issued war-zone guidelines to rangers last month: stay in radio contact, travel in pairs, plan escape routes. In Nevada, Forest Service employees now carry how-to-cope cards in case of arrest by local officials. Last week, the Feds offered \$25,000 for information about the Carson City bombing. But the locals couldn't care less. Cliven Bundy, a rancher in Bunkerville, Nev., who owes \$30,000 for grazing his cattle on federal land, says he'll go right on ignoring the Feds. "I'll do whatever it takes—that's my word," he says. Them's fighting words. ■

**After the bombing:** *In the Carson City office*

GEOFF DORNAN—NEVADA APPEAL



NEWSWEEK 4-17-95

## Dr. Hot brings magic to Alpine County

From Amsterdam to Adelaide, from Hong Kong to London, Dr. Hot has entertained audiences throughout the world. With his unique blend of magic and musical toys, physical comedy and circus arts, Dr. Hot creates a world of humor and visual poetry for adults and children alike. From knives and flaming torches to unicycle acrobatics, Dr. Hot presents a classic repertoire of new vaudeville.

Dr. Hot (known off-stage as William Galvin) will bring his impressive one-man circus arts and physical comedy show to Alpine County this month. He will appear on Friday, April 28 at Kirkwood

school for a children's performance and workshop at 9 a.m., followed by children's performances at Diamond Valley School at 1 p.m.

A public performance will be held in the Diamond Valley school gym at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 adults and \$1 for children 17 and under.

William Galvin began performing in California in 1976 and has toured schools, colleges and theaters across America. After 12 years living in Europe he has performed in over 20 countries and eight languages.

Among his credits are royal per-

formances in Monaco and Denmark, television specials in Denmark and Poland, numerous television appearances in Spain, England, France, Italy, Germany and the Netherlands.

He has also been a featured performer in international theater festivals throughout Europe, as well as festivals in Hong Kong and Vancouver. William Galvin graduated cum laude from Dartmouth College, where he studied literature and education.

For more information on this or other Alpine County Arts Commission events call (916) 694-2787, Kelly Green, director.

Record Keeper 4/20/95

T... Meadows college offers writers conference

4/23/85

# Sports

## Caution is a key for trout opener

**H**ello, fellow anglers, welcome to spring — or is it?

All I know is that fishing season opens on the Carson River this coming Saturday, April 29, and we still have snow on the ground.

On a recent trip to the Carson River over in Alpine County, I found the river to be clear and flowing good. As of last week, the Carson River was very fishable,

## Mac-The-Naw

by DOUG BUSEY, R-C News Service

but if warm weather returns, the snow runoff could blow out the river, making it unfishable and unsafe. Please use caution always; even though it may be calm on top of the water, underneath is a strong current.

Well, as I stand along the Carson River, the time is 2:30 p.m. and 33 degrees, with snowdrifts anywhere from a few inches to 2 feet, so dress accordingly — warm. Especially for those of you who will be tent camping, (the camping areas between Sorensen's Resort and Woodfords may open next weekend at the earliest.)

Fishing the Carson River will be a little tricky this year. Bait fishing may not be so easy. Your best bet is a good spinner, R.E. Roostertail, black or white, if the water stays clear, or a panther martin, black with yellow spots. Also, Kastmasters or red and white spoons may be productive. Basically, you need to use a heavy lure to get it down to the fish, instead of fluttering across the top. If this happens, use a small spit shot about 12 to 18 inches up the line. This will help get your lure to the fish.

Now, for you fly fishing enthusiasts:

The water is high, but the fish are still there. The question is how to get the fly to these fish. Use weighted flies, as well as extra weight above your flies. Get your flies to the bottom of the river or stream. The best flies will be rubber legs, golden stone nymphs, black stone fly nymphs and any weighted streamers, bunny leaches, zonkers, matukas and woolly buggers, to name a few.

Your best fly fishing, though, will be on still waters like Indian Creek Reservoir, Bridgeport Reservoir, Hinkson Slough, Topaz Lake or Pyramid Lake.

There has been a fairly good midge hatch as well as a fair amount of calabaetis showing. The best flies should be crystal buggers, prince nymphs, hares ears and brassies sub surface. If the fish are hitting the surface, try parachute adams, crippled calabaetis or olive parachutes for the may fly hatches. Try palamino midges, blood midges or griffiths gnats for the midge hatches. For Pyramid Lake, use black or white woolly buggers, fished on the bottom.

And remember to practice catch and release. Good luck!

Well, I hope this information and your very own fishing the Sierra with Mac-the-Naw map will help be your guide to a wonderful weekend. And if you happen to be around the East Fork Resort Saturday about noon or 1 p.m., stop in for the Mac-the-Naw fish fry and fishermen's lies. Just bring your fish and your best stories and let Mac show you his favorite recipe for fresh trout and potatoes. Hopefully, the fish will be cooperative.

Now, before I go, a fellow angler sent me one of his fishing adventures:

"Dennis Ramsey and I had been fishing Willow Creek for trout and bass when we came across a downed oak tree. The branches reached all the way over the creek, almost like a bridge. Ramsey spotted a squirrel on one branch and an acorn on another, across the water. We watched as the squirrel jumped from one side to the other and grabbed the acorn and wham, from out of nowhere, a 10- to 12-pound bass nailed the squirrel.

"I don't know who was more surprised, the squirrel or us. Less than 60 seconds later, that same bass came back to the surface and placed another acorn on the branch!

"Good day, Dave Stoddart."

Thank you, Dave. Now, that's a story!

If you have a story or a picture of your latest outing, send it to Mac-The-Naw: P.O. Box 2795, Stateline, Nev., 89923. You, too, can be in the Naw Hall of Fame.

## Openings remain for 40-and-over softball

Openings remain available for teams interested in joining the Douglas County Recreation Department adult 40-and-over slow-pitch softball league.

The deadline for registration is May 5. Rosters are due by May 15, with the league's season to begin a week after that.

The entry fee is \$423 per team, which covers a minimum of 14 regular season games, all of which are played at Lampe Park. A double elimination post-season tournament will also be held.

4/23/95

# Sports

## Caution is a key for trout opener

**H**ello, fellow anglers, welcome to spring — or is it? All I know is that fishing season opens on the Carson River this coming Saturday, April 29, and we still have snow on the ground.

On a recent trip to the Carson River over in Alpine County, I found the river to be clear and flowing good. As of last week, the Carson River was very fishable,

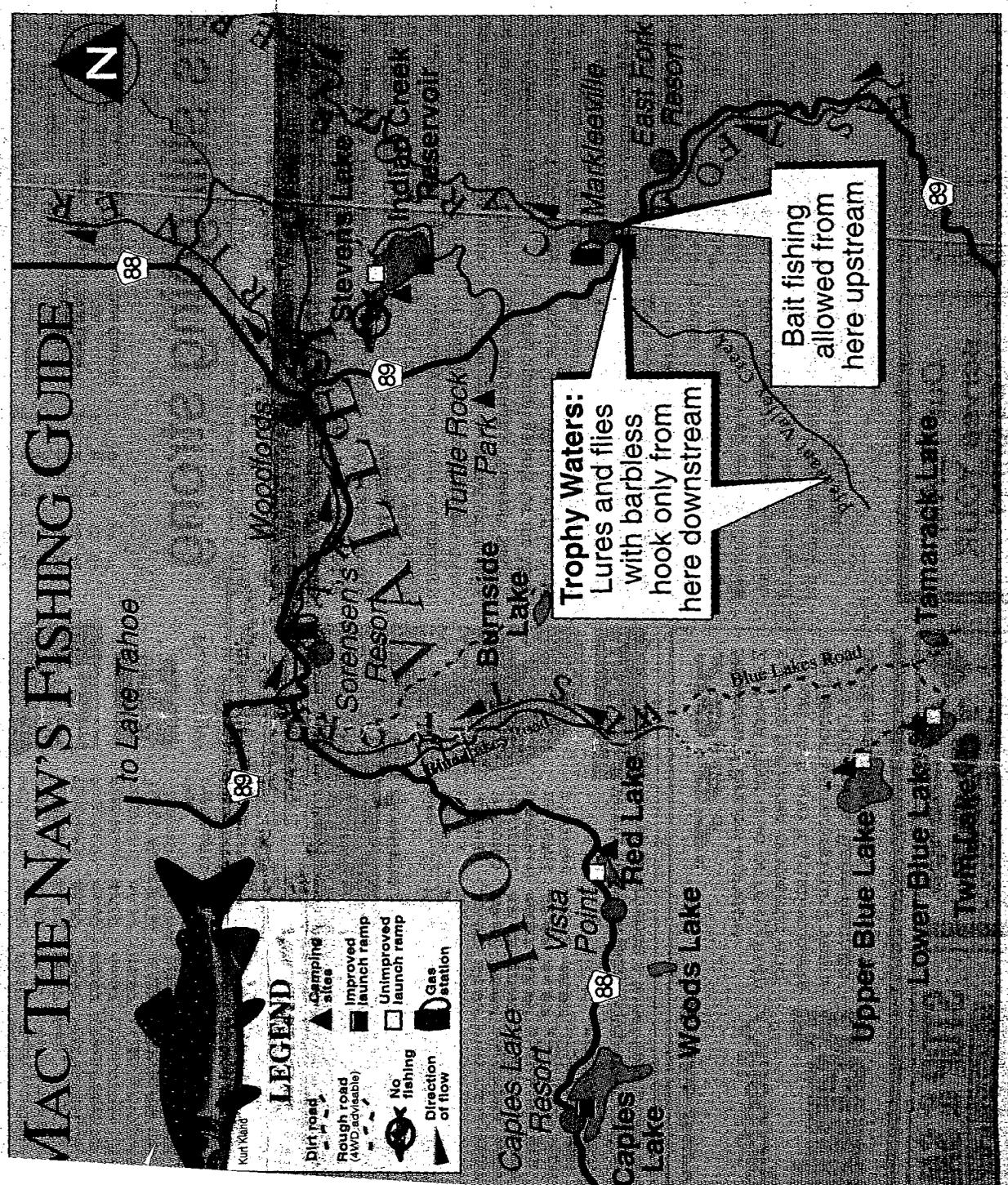
Well, I hope this information and your very own fishing the Sierra with Mac-the-Naw map will help be your guide to a wonderful weekend. And if you happen to be around the East Fork Resort Saturday about noon or 1 p.m., stop in for the Mac-the-Naw fish fry and fishermen's lies. Just bring your fish and your best stories and let Mac show you his favorite recipe for fresh trout and potatoes. Hopefully, the fish will be cooperative.

Now, before I go, a fellow angler sent

## Mac-The-Naw

by DOUG BUSEY, R-C News Service

but if warm weather returns, the snow runoff could blow out the river, making it unfishable and unsafe. Please use caution



# Gardnerville man gets

by SHEILA GARDNER  
Staff Writer

A Gardnerville man was sentenced Tuesday to 12 years in Nevada State Prison for his two latest convictions of driving under the influence, committed within weeks of each other.

District Judge Dave Gamble said he had no choice but to sentence John Frederick Willcox, 35, to the maximum penalty — two consecutive six-year terms in Nevada State Prison.

"If the Legislature and the people of Nevada believe that the six-year maximum is appropriate, I can't imagine a case where it is more appropriate than this one," Gamble said. "This is a horrid waste, but it's a waste that's been caused by you."

Willcox was arrested Feb. 6 in Gardnerville with a blood alcohol content of .25, which is 150 percent over the legal limit in Nevada. While he was awaiting sentencing for that offense, he was picked up March 25 in Gardnerville, again with a .25 blood alcohol content.

"I'm very sorry," Willcox said. "I do apologize to the community. It's fortunate that I have not hurt anybody."

He told Gamble he committed the March 25 offense because "I just got back on the bottle. When I'm drinking, I can't think right and make decisions."

Nevada law mandates up to six years in prison for a third conviction of driving under the influence within seven years. Court records indicate that Willcox was convicted in Alpine County in September 1988, El Dorado County in December 1989 and Alpine County in February 1990.

Public defender Tod Young referred to his client as "thoroughly likeable, devoted to his family ... with an incredible drinking problem."

"He is somebody who doesn't commit crimes not connected to alcoholism."

In arguing for a lesser sentence, Young said, "Twelve years is excessive for someone who is not deliberately mean, abusive or refusing to take responsibility for his behavior."

Deputy district attorney Kris Brown said, "It's only by the grace of God that nobody's been hurt. He's an accident waiting to happen. The only way to protect society is to give him the maximum term."

## 12 years in prison

## for drunk driving

an national education program for vietnam

## PUBLIC EDUCATION ALTERNATIVES

4/30/95  
Record Courier

### Mt. Sierra School aims at traditional setting

R-C Staff Writer Darcy Chappel reports on two private schools opening their doors in Douglas County this year.

Carson Valley parents will have more choices regarding their children's education next fall.

An alternative school that takes a more conservative approach to learning will open its doors in the Foothills area in September.

"The school will offer parents the opportunity to become more involved in their children's education," said Kathy Winebarger, who is acting as a consultant for Mt. Sierra School. "The theme is individualized attention — we will take the students as far as they can

go." Winebarger is the principal of Antelope Valley School in Coleville.

Mt. Sierra School will serve students in kindergarten through 9th grade and offer a varied curriculum in a traditional school setting, she said. Students will work at their own pace, graduating to the next grade level after reaching their benchmarks.

The founders of Mt. Sierra School decided to give the institution a try after several parents showed interest in two education bills before the Nevada Legislature — supporting school vouchers and charter schools.

"We decided the timing is right because there are no private schools in the Valley," she said. "We knew there was a need and

desire here for an alternative school."

The curriculum will be more skill-based, and focus more on reading, writing and arithmetic than in the public schools, she said. Children will be responsible for their learning and will be taught in a more conservative style.

For example, students will be taught the historical meaning of all of the holidays, and will be taught to put history in perspective, she said. Children will also be required to understand information, not just memorize it.

"The school will have a science, math and computer lab," she said. "It won't be just paper and pencil pushing."

See Mt. Sierra, page 3

Record Courier 4/30/95

Curti said Farm Bureau recog-

## Mt. Sierra: School offers traditional curriculum

Continued from page 1

A dress code banning T-shirts that encourage drinking, drugs or tobacco and prohibits unusual haircuts will be implemented, she said.

Christian values will be interwoven in the curriculum, but the school is not just for Christian children.

"The school will not be restric-

Curti told the Endangered Species

tive in any way," she said. "Everyone is welcome whether they are liberal or conservative."

Winebarger said the number of teachers at the school depends on the size of the student body, but all teachers will be fully credentialed and experienced.

The tuition is reduced with each child who is enrolled, and there are no fees except a one-time \$25

registration fee, she said. Tuition is \$200 a month for the first child, \$150 for the second, \$150 for the third, \$100 for the fourth, and free for any additional children.

Enrollment is limited to 250 students.

"We want to keep the school small," Winebarger said. "The idea is to give the students as much attention as they need."

Already, several applications have been filled out and over 70 phone calls have been made about the school, she said.

"It has been really encouraging," she said. "There is definitely a need here for this."

The school will hold small group meetings in May for interested parents. To participate, phone 265-5822.

R.C. 4/30/95

## **Free skiing at Kirkwood set Monday**

R-C News Service

It's Ski-May-nia Monday at Kirkwood when the resort offers free lift tickets to all visitors in celebration of a successful season.

"This is our way of thanking the community for coming out this season," said Kirkwood spokesperson Michelle Gigante. "If we get people coming to Kirkwood for the first time, hopefully, we'll see them again in the future."

Free lift tickets can be picked up at the main lodge. Lessons and rental equipment will be available at regular prices.

Kirkwood has already lowered its adult ticket prices to \$25 for a full day through the rest of the season.

The resort is tentatively scheduled to close May 29.

# 1895: Nothing new in murder

100 YEARS AGO  
Genoa Courier  
Friday, May 17, 1895

\* **OPINIONS VARY.** There is nothing new to report in the Sarmann murder case. The tramp, Jim Williams, is still in jail, and there is much diversity of opinion as to whether he is the right man.

Some think there were two men concerned in the murders and that Williams is one of them. Other express the opinion that the deed was done by some person who is familiar with the premises.

Williams will not have his preliminary examination

## Remember when?

before the latter part of next week, as District Attorney Virgin has to go to Markleeville Monday as attorney of the contested election cases.

**FUNERAL.** The funeral of Mrs. Sarmann last Friday was largely attended. There were sixty vehicles in the procession. Mr. Sarmann was unable to attend the funeral, being completely prostrated by his wife's terrible death.

\* **OUTBUILDING.** Fred Dressler is having a large barn built on his home ranch and intends soon to have a fine dwelling erected on his river ranch.

\* **MORE SNOW.** The snow in Hope Valley is a foot deep, and in Charity Valley there is said to be from six to ten feet. There is more snow in the mountains this year than for a number of years.

**BERRIES AND BLOSSOMS.** The first strawberries of the season were gathered by Mrs. Walley at the Springs last Sunday. The blossoms have never been so numerous or fragrant in Genoa as this spring. There is a rich promise for abundance of fruit.

**RICKEY ORDERS BIKES.** C.F. Rickey of Gardnerville ordered four bicycles, but received but one. Owing to the great demand for wheels the firm was unable to furnish more at present.

It is vastly amusing to see beginners making attempts to ride. Everyone on seeing the machine must try their hand on the spot. Bicycle riding is destined to become popular around Gardnerville and there are no finer roads in the State for such amusement.

\* **ACCIDENT.** Last Sunday while Kit Woodford was driving down the canyon this side of Markleeville one of the traces came down, and the team took fright and ran away.

Mr. Woodford was thrown out and received several wounds on the head and a bad bruise on the back, but the injuries are not thought to be dangerous. The wagon was badly demolished.

**B****SUPERIOR CALIFORNIA**► **OBITUARIES****STEVE WIEGAND****Rescuers' reward in lives saved this busy Sierra season**

By **Jon Engellenner**  
Bee Staff Writer

For Randall Osterhuber, head of a hardy Lake Tahoe group that spent a busy winter searching for lost skiers and snowboarders, the answer to the question was easy.

He said he and his volunteer colleagues find their perilous and exhausting avocation ideally suited to an inner need for physical challenge and excitement. Then

there is the bottom line — the chance to save a life.

"Most of the searches are at night, it's real exciting," said Osterhuber, president of the nonprofit, all-volunteer Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Inc. at the north shore of the lake. "The track is quite graphic. You can see where people go and why they go there; you can see when they are getting fatigued."

Counterbalancing the risks faced by the

volunteers are a high level of physical conditioning (Osterhuber skis 120 days per year) and an awareness of the terrain that are lacking in the lost.

"The whole reason we do it is that one time you can make a difference and save a life," said Craig M. Black, an El Dorado County search-and-rescue volunteer at South Lake Tahoe. Black is a paramedic for an ambulance service and spends much of his time in the lifesaving business.

Every year is different, and 1994-95 was one of the busiest. At North Tahoe, the team made 20 searches, up from an average of eight to 10.

Up and down the Sierra, the volunteer ski rescue outfits got little respite from a seemingly endless series of snowstorms. Most of the searches had happy endings.

Alan Austin, a Bay Area corporate law-

Please see RESCUE, back page, B6

# Rescue: County of residence can be billed for search

Continued from page B1

yer, is a case in point and a classic example of a lost skier assisting in his own rescue. Austin did two things right after skiing off the back side of Squaw Valley in a blinding Sierra snowstorm in early December. He kept his head and he saved his energy.

Austin, 45, of Atherton, will be a guest at a May 15 reception honoring the efforts of Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue. The public event will be at 7 p.m. at the North Tahoe Community Conference Center, 8318 North Lake Blvd., Kings Beach.

"I will be there to say thank you," said Austin, who survived two days of blizzards in a hand-made snow shelter before being spotted and rescued by a helicopter crew. "I'm hoping it will be an encouragement for them because many times it doesn't come out well."

fact of rescue work is that a lost person's county of residence can be billed for the search, Turner noted.

"The survivors learn a lesson, but the cost is on the taxpayers who pay the bills for people who get lost," he said.

Typically, however, search-and-rescue groups raise their own money for equipment and supplies. They work for free under the auspices of the local sheriff's department.

"You kind of get tempted to say the heck with it, then you think there's somebody out there," said Doug Read, a member of the North Tahoe rescue group since it began in 1976.

Added Tim Ranalla, a volunteer

at South Lake Tahoe: "It always plays on the mind. You always want a live find. We always hope we can get to them before the weather gets them."

The gratification filters through an entire team, which includes volunteers who work in communications, transportation and supplies.

"When you hear on the radio, 'We have a confirmed find,' you start getting choked up," said Janis Doyal, a command post volunteer for Alpine County search and rescue.

"You are so limited by nature that when you find somebody it's the most overwhelming feeling," added her husband, Lynn Doyal, a member of the ski search team.

“

When you hear on the radio, 'We have a confirmed find,' you start getting choked

up.

”

Janis Doyal  
command post volunteer

While final records for the winter season are yet to be compiled, it appears that despite the unusually heavy storms and snows of 1994-95, the number of fatalities isn't abnormally high, according to the state Office of Emergency Services. Eight people have been found dead in the snow after searches this winter and spring. At least two others are missing and unaccounted for.

Most of those who strayed from North Tahoe ski slopes this winter and became the subject of searches were adult males skiing or snowboarding alone, said Sgt. Jim Martinson, Placer sheriff's search coordinator at Tahoe City.

"They were either skiing in a blizzard or in areas where they shouldn't have been," he said.

The Tahoe team found John Wilson, an 18-year-old snowboarder, in a March snowstorm on Castle Peak north of Donner Summit. Wilson was comatose and barely alive. His body temperature had dropped to 79 degrees. Rescuers removed his frozen clothing, placed him in a sleeping bag and sledded him out to an ambulance. He recovered.

Others weren't as lucky. Barbara Reynolds, 54, set out on foot from her snow-stranded car on a back road in Mono County. The car had food and blankets, and gasoline in its tank. Reynolds thought she could walk a few miles to the main highway and get assistance.

Her body was found the next day. She died of exposure in a climate where nighttime temperatures can drop well below zero.

"She erred in judgment and she paid the ultimate price," commented Boe Turner, a sheriff's deputy and search-and-rescue coordinator for Mono County. One

**'It just sort of grew'**

## 13-year-old boy publishes book on chess

by DARCY CHAPPEL  
Staff Writer

Asa Embree has joined the exclusive ranks of published teen-aged authors.

The 13-year-old Alpine County resident recently printed "Your First Move: An Introduction to Chess," a book that takes readers step-by-step through the mind-challenging game.

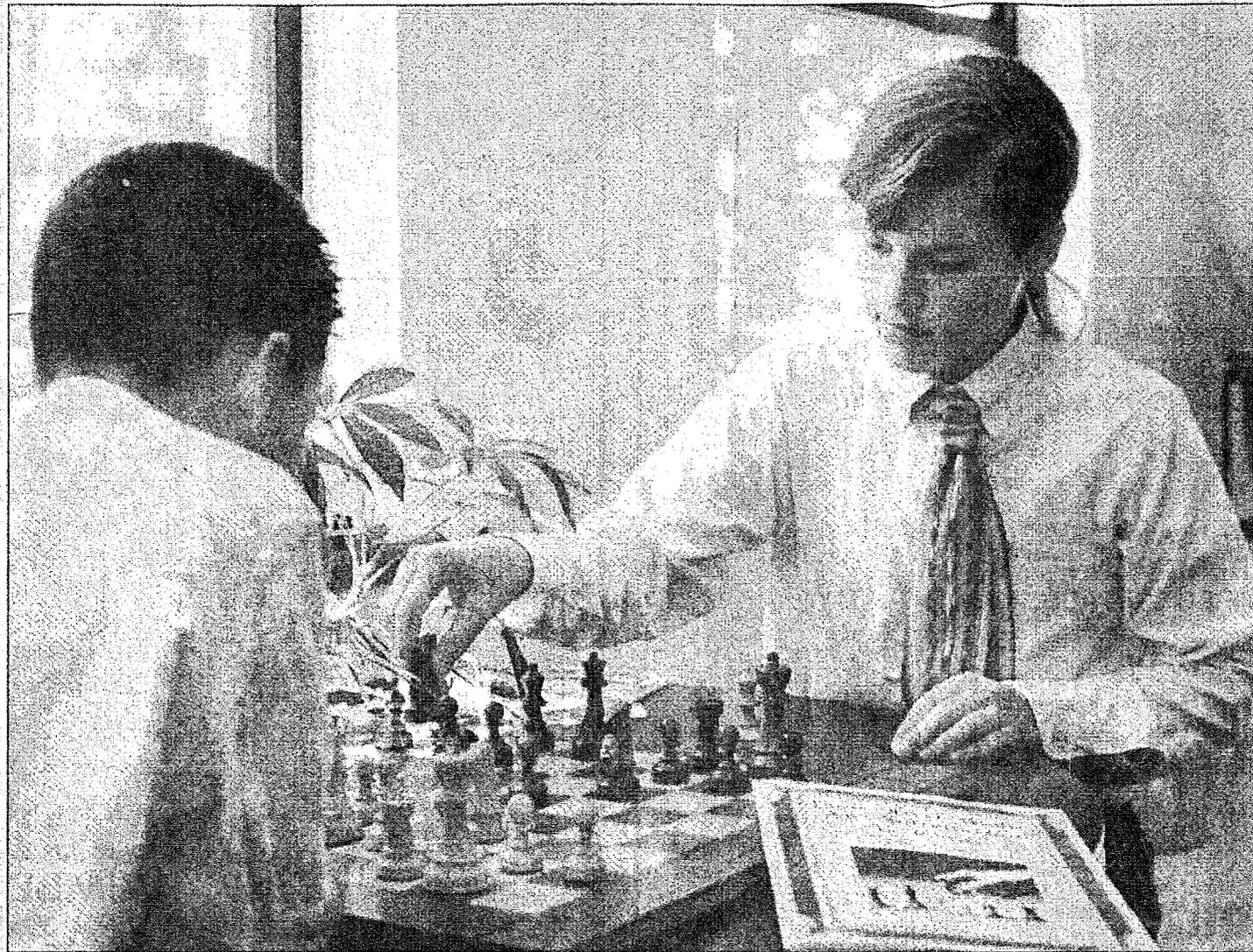
"I started writing it when I was 12 years old for my friend, Ben," he said. "I worked on it off and on, and it just sort of grew until I had a book."

Asa, who is schooled at home, researched the history of chess and ordered a computer font program which allowed him to illustrate the chess board and pieces.

But most of the book's material came from practical experience, he said.

"My dad taught me how to play when I was 9," he said. "But I started serious playing when I was 11."

Asa has entered several chess competitions and belongs to the Fred Miller Chess Group, a national organization of 40 to 50 chess players.



Asa Embree, right, plays chess with brother Eamonn. R-C photo by Belinda Rohleder

Like a lot of players, he started out losing most of his chess games, but grew better with time. He said anyone can learn to play chess — the trick is becoming good at it.

"You may be thinking that chess is a very complicated game," he wrote. "Although anyone can learn the basics in a relatively short amount of time, it takes practice to build real finesse.

"Chess is much more than just check-mating your opponent. It takes wits, skill and logic. You must think and plan ahead. It demands attention and involvement. Chess isn't the kind of game that you can just play off-hand. You have to concentrate."

Asa said that is what drew him to the game — planning the strategies and not having to rely on luck. Besides, he said, chess is a lot of fun.

"Whether you win or lose, your games will become more challenging and complex the more you play," he said. "The important part is learning more and having fun."

Asa is an avid player of correspondence chess, where he plays people all over the world using chess notation. He said he has made several friends this way.

He encourages others to give the game a try, and included a section in his book on the skills of correspondence chess. He also warned new players not to be overly competitive.

"Remember, although chess is referred to by many as a war game, you must be polite to your opponent," he said. "Win

See Chess on page 8

Record Carrier May 18, 1995

# Chess: Alpine 13-year-old publishes book on game

Continued from page 1

modestly and lose graciously. That is one of the most important rules of chess."

Asa's mother, Lisa Embree, said she is proud of her son for completing the book. "It required a lot of dedication for him to do the book," she said. "He was consistent and carried it out. He stuck by it and always came back to it. I think a lot had to do with him loving the game so much."

Asa agreed. He said he hopes others will enjoy chess as much as he does. As far as a writing career, he isn't sure if he will pursue one.

"It is really hard to say what I want to do," he said. "I have so many interests right now."

Besides chess, Asa's hobbies include photography, cross-country skiing and weight lifting. He also plays guitar, piano and harmonica, and loves to read and hike in the woods.

He was hired to write a column for the Fred Miller Chess Group, but said it will be a while before he tackles another book.

"I do know one thing," he said. "I know that I will play chess for the rest of my life."

"Your First Move" is available at Lock, Stock and Barrel Books in Genoa or from Asa Embree at P.O. Box 1225, Minden 89423. Books are \$4 each, or \$5 postpaid through Asa.

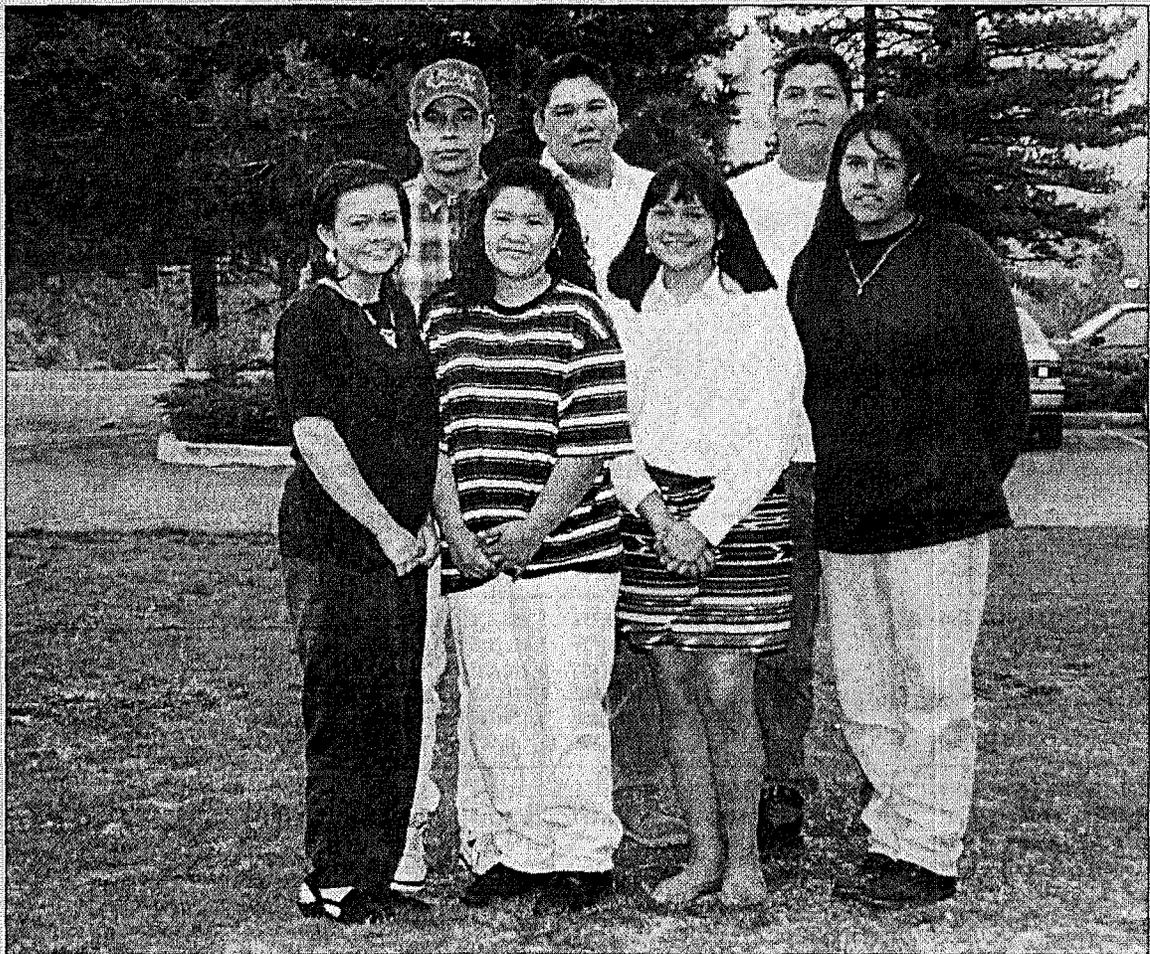
2441 Jacks Valley Road

Open Daily 9A.M. - 5P.M.



**The Western Nevada Music**

presents



### **Addition, correction**

In last Thursday's edition of The Record-Courier, we inadvertently left off one of the names of the Douglas High graduates honored by the Washoe Tribe at a dinner in Alpine County. From left, back, are Richard Burchett,

Cliff Simpson Jr., Rob Jones; front, Sadie Jo Smokey, Amber Bill, Leslie Fredricks and Angela Jones. Also, the photo was taken by Barbara Garcia. We apologize for the errors.

## **Rollin' down the river...**



Michael Warren talks about his recent trip to Peru and down the Amazon River. R-C photo by Belinda Rohleder

D

Courier • Thursday, May 18, 1995



# Alpine man shares highlights of trip to Peru

by DARCY CHAPPEL  
Staff Writer

The lush green rain forest of the Amazon jungle had always held many mysteries for Markleeville resident Michael Warren, so he decided to pack his bags for a two-week excursion on the Amazon River.

He knew he would discover native Peruvian Indians tending to their villages along the river and boa constrictors dangling from the trees. He expected the warm humid air and sudden rain showers — but he didn't expect he would fall in love with the South American republic of Peru.

"I wanted to see what was left of the Amazon and its tribes before they are diminished," the retired firefighter said. "I wanted to compare the cultures of the tribes and us. I learned a lot — It was such a great experience I'm going back there in September to live among one of the tribes for three months."

As one of 20 people on an International Journey's tour, Warren flew to the Peruvian city Iquitos, and then took a riverboat 650 miles down the Amazon River. He slept in the cramped quarters of the boat's bunkhouse,

showered with river water and feasted on piranha, monkey meat and plump, ripe fruits.

While the luxuries of home seemed far away, Warren said he didn't mind experiencing the Peruvian culture first-hand. When he returned to Markleeville May 4, he had a new appreciation for the American culture.

"I was struck by the poverty of the tribes, and even the cities," he said.

"We had to rely on the local villagers as a food source — a lot of times the food would be whatever you could catch. In fact, guinea pig is like filet mignon to the tribes."

At night, as the boat floated down the river, Warren would listen to the squawking of birds and cries of unknown animals. During the day Amazon tribe members would row canoes up to the riverboat and pawn wares like beads or vegetables.

While there are 200,000 native Indians in the Peruvian Amazon with 53 different ethnic groups and 12 languages, the Indians along the banks of the Amazon seemed at ease with the tourists who flock to the river, he said.

Tribe members have been sensitized to the modern world and

enjoy trading with the tourists. Most of the villager's clothes are ones they've been given by tourists, he said. Warren took several items to donate including notebooks, toothbrushes and old T-shirts and other clothing.

"It is kind of funny to think that there are Amazon River Indians out there wearing T-shirts that say *Alpine County Fire Department and South Lake Tahoe on them*," he said. "But they just love American clothes."

Deeper in the jungle, several tribes live without the influence of modern civilization. When Warren returns to Peru, he plans on traveling 50 miles into the heart of the rain forest and meeting those tribe members.

Language should not be a barrier, he said. The official languages of Peru are Spanish and Quechua, but body language played a big role in the transactions between the tourists and the riverbank tribes, he said.

While the tribes live a simple life along the river, eating available animals and plants and getting medical treatment from the village shaman, Warren said every tribe member he encountered seemed happy.

The food supply is dwindling,

# and Amazon

however, and the rainforest is in danger of being destroyed — making his trip to Peru even more important, he said.

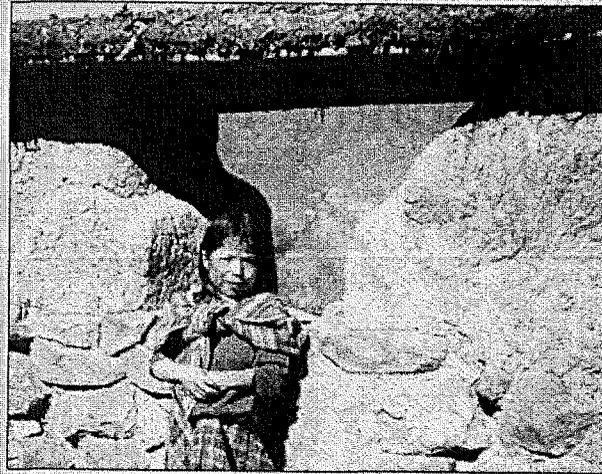
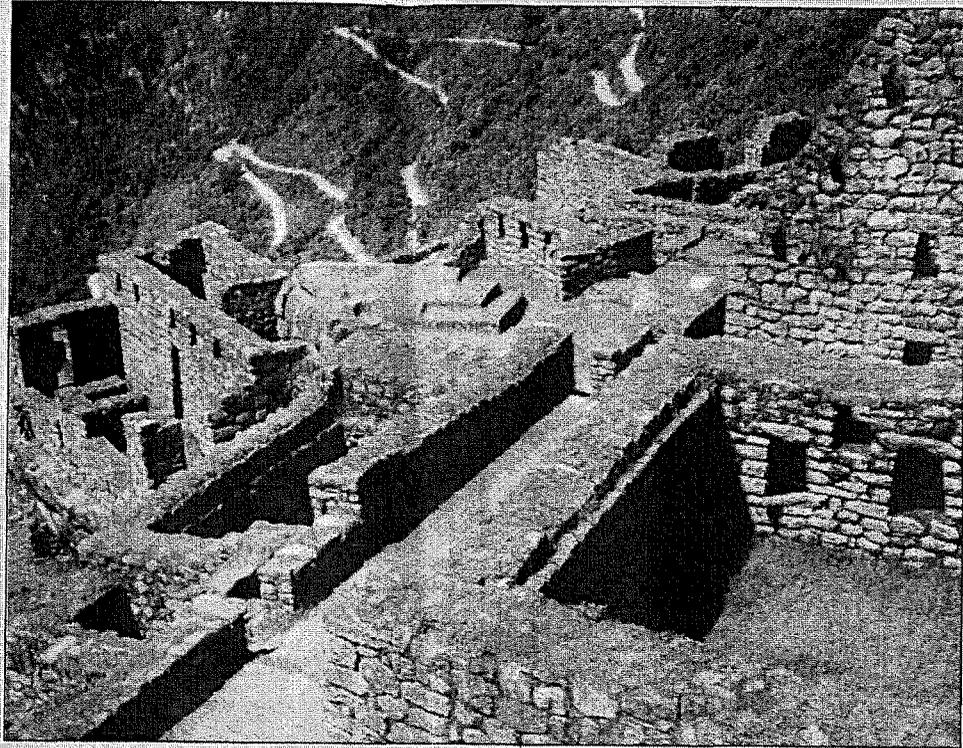
“The animal life and culture along the river is disappearing,” he said.

“I want to learn more about the cultures and languages and what it was like to live in the Amazon hundreds of years ago — before it ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~up to Peru~~, <sup>was</sup> ~~written~~ won't spend as much time checking out the giant lily pads or observing caymans, which resemble alligators.

He won't be swimming in the river or fishing for piranha. Instead, he will devote his time to studying the Amazon's animal and plant life.

He is going to ask the government for permission to bring some of the tribe's medicinal herbs and plants back to the United States for study, he said. He wants to donate the plants to the University of Nevada-Reno or other interested colleges.

“There are over 17,000 species of trees in the Amazon,” he said. “There are thousands of square miles that haven't been explored and so many things yet to discover.”



Michael Warren of Markleeville visited Peru and had such an interesting time that he plans to do it again in September. Warren brought back these photos.

Above is Machu Picchu, the ancient city high in the Andes. At top right is a Peruvian Indian girl at Machu Picchu, and at bottom right is an Amazon Indian woman. Next time he goes to Peru, he intends to meet with river Indians who are not acquainted with outsiders. He also wants to study the flora and fauna of the Amazon, he says.

# Taking a walk into th

## Trail tours: Sierra resort offers look at emigrant history.

By Sonya T. Gordon

Hiking the very route through the Sierras thousands of emigrants used more than 100 years.

Touching the actual wagon wheel ruts made by pioneers crossing to California.

Then taking a break midday by enjoying a fine meal at a rustic resort just south of Minden/Gardnerville.

It's all part of the Sorensen's Resort's popular Historic Emigrant Trail Walking Tours, which makes the adventure of the Western Gold Rush migration come to life, thanks to acclaimed historian and guide Frank Tortorich.

Tours are scheduled by reservation for June 6 and 20, July 18 and 25, Aug. 22, Sept. 5 and 26 and Oct. 3 and 24, although other dates are available for private groups.

John and Patty Brissenden own Sorensen's, located at 14255 Highway 88 in Hope Valley, Calif., 34-mile east of Highway 89 and 20 miles south of Lake Tahoe.

Emigrant trail tours begin at the almost-100-year-old country inn, where there are about 30 cabins and a restaurant located within 100 yards of the Carson River.

"Frank created the tour as kind of a brief sketch of history in this area," John Brissenden said. "They explore some of the native Washoe sites, such as where the Pony Express Route comes through the emigrant road."

Tortorich, a retired school principal, has been leading the tours for three seasons at Sorensen's, although he has walked the trail for years now. The tour begins the night before with a slide show and orientation informing participants that the actual trail covered 2,000 miles from Independence/St. Joseph, Mo., all the way to California.

"I emphasize the Carson Pass trail over other trails included in the Emigrant Trail," Tortorich said. "It had the heaviest use for those seeking gold from 1848 to about 1855 when many other cut-offs came in. Until then, it was the shortest and fastest trail to the gold fields."

"It was better than Donner Pass because of its reputation and because Donner required 27 or more crossings across the Truckee River. The Carson Pass only required three over the Carson River, which was much less treacherous. The Carson Pass is unique, too, because it is the highest path, hitting 9,600 feet at the second summit."

The tour covers 25 highway miles. Participants travel by car to various trail points, getting out to walk to specific sites or hike part of the trail. Lunch, included in the tour, is held midday back at Sorensen's, and the tour continues afterwards. The entire "leisurely walk" tour covers territory from four miles east of Woodfords, Calif., past Caples Lake to four miles west of the Carson Pass.

"There are ruts and grooves left from the wagon trains which are very impressive. We also hike Devil's Slide at Carson Pass, the steepest trail section of about a half-mile of slick granite coming out of Red Lake. It could take all day for the wagons to get through just this part," Tortorich said.



Renee Lynn Special to the Gazette-Journal

**RELIVE THE GOLD RUSH MIGRATION:** This nearly 100-year-old inn south of Lake Tahoe offers a variety of activities, including the popular walking tours.

"We also cover Snowshoe Thompson's cave outside Hope Valley. It's not really a cave but overlaying boulders with a crawl space. Supposedly Thompson, who carried the mail between Genoa and Placerville from 1856 to 1876, cached foods there during severe weather and stayed the night. There's no documentation of this, although the roof of the cave is stained from smoke."

The tour begins at 8:15 a.m. at Sorensen's Cafe and lasts all day. Participants should bring comfortable walking shoes and be prepared for changeable weather with light sweaters or jackets, extra water, hats and sunscreen.

The cost is \$35 for inn guests and \$50 for non-guests. Anyone in "reasonable health" should be able to participate in the tour without problems, Tortorich said.

The original family of Sorensens arrived from Denmark in the late 1800s and settled at the existing resort's site. The location was a sheep herding area and then a cattle ranching camp, finally being used as a fishing and hunting camp around 1915 before it became a resort. Recently doused with another 3 feet

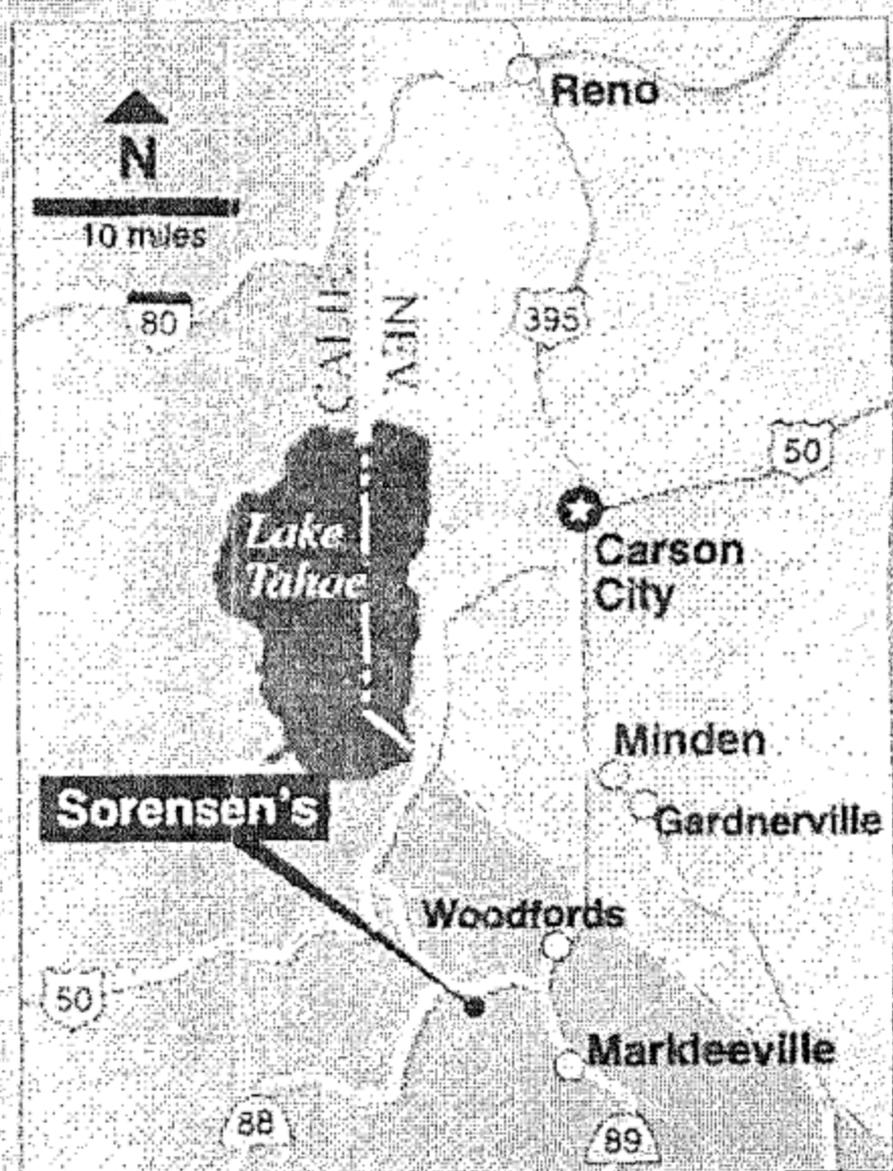
of snow, the resort is visited year round for its programs that range from cross-country ski services to fly fishing clinics. A nearby pond is used for the kids' fishing program.

To attract more visitors to this well-kept secret, the Brissendens have begun some unique marketing programs. There are birding excursions, a planets and stars workshop directed by Lockheed-Martin and NASA experts, a photography program, llama hikes, a rafting program, kayaking, a wildflower program directed by UNR botanists and musical instruction and dinner concerts.

The couple even issue a "certified note" excusing an employee or student from work or school and guarantee they will come back "a better worker or student." The note is certified by the resort's "staff psychologist." For more information about Sorensen's Resort or to make a reservation for the Historic Emigrant Trail Walking Tours, call 1-800-423-9949.

Sonya T. Gordon is a Reno-based freelance writer.

# ne past



Mark Nowlin/Gazette-Journal

## SORENSEN'S RESORT TOURS, EVENTS

- **Birding Excursions:** The guided field outing, led by longtime National Audubon Society member, Chuck Campbell, is from 8-11 a.m. May 27 and June 24. Cost: \$40, general; \$20, children.
- **Walk The Emigrant Trail:** The car and walking tours, covering 30 miles of emigrant route, are from 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m. June 6 and 20; July 18 and 25; Aug. 22; Sept. 5 and 26 and Oct. 3 and 24. Cost: \$50.
- **Rafting the Carson River:** The all-day guided tours feature a 22-mile ride from Hangman's Bridge, south of Markleeville, Calif., for \$110, or a 9-mile ride on the Carson River's upper East Fork for \$98. Rafting available through June.
- **Adult Golf Lessons:** The lessons are at 5 or 6 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays starting July 15. Cost: \$75, adults; \$40, half day for children.
- **Nature Photography:** The workshop, taught by professional photographer Steve Ruley, is set for July 16-18. Cost: \$90.
- **Wildflowers of the Sierra:** The workshops/tours run 9 a.m.-3 p.m. July 10 and Aug. 14 with a slide show the night before. Cost: \$50, includes lunch and refreshments.
- **Paint The High Sierra:** The weekly class, taught by Jill Mueller, watercolor landscape artist, is set for June 11-16 and Oct. 15-20. Cost: \$250.
- **Horse Feathers Fly Fishing:** Fly tying and fishing classes, taught by Judy Warren, are offered through Nov. 15. Cost: \$60, \$70, includes lunch, family rates offered. Introductory free demonstrations are by appointment Saturdays in summer.
- **Location:** east of the Highways 88/89 junction in Hope Valley, Calif.
- **Details, registrations:** (800) 423-9949.

# Alpine race a shootout between cops

*Alpine Daily Tribune*  
BY BRIAN MAFFLY  
Tribune Staff Writer

May 22, 1995

Villa "Lew" Roper is hoping to bring more community involvement and professionalism to the Alpine County Sheriff's Office.

That's why the veteran California Highway Patrol officer is running against incumbent Sheriff Henry "Skip" Veatch in Alpine, El Dorado County's remote and sparsely populated neighbor to the south.

Veatch, 48, responds that under his tenure the office has improved and become closer to the community, particularly with the creation of the Police Activities League and the anti-drug DARE program.

"I believe the Sheriff's Department has grown in effectiveness during the last four years," Veatch said. "We have upgraded our training of deputies and gotten a better handle on the crime in Alpine County."

But the sheriff's challenger wants Alpine law enforcement to be held to a higher standard and more public accountability. The centerpiece of Roper's campaign is a Citizen Review Board to handle complaints against officers.

"If people are unhappy about the department, I want them to come to me and I will work with them," said Roper, a 46-year-old Woodfords resident. "I'm going after the position to train and supervise the men. I just know I can do a better job."

Veatch moved to Markleeville in 1973 to manage the town's Bank of America branch and soon became involved in Alpine law enforcement as a reserve deputy, taking a paid position in 1976. He rose through the sheriff's ranks to become assistant sheriff in 1985 and then to the top spot after winning the 1990 election.

"The job is fun because my emphasis is on helping people," he added. The sheriff prides himself on his volunteer work, ranging from firefighting to teaching hunting safety to working with children.

The candidates agree that a major

challenge in small-town law enforcement is having to confront friends and acquaintances who break the law.

"One of the big problems is when you know everybody, you're working with friends and neighbors. You have to put the personality aside and do what you're sworn to do," Veatch said.

Roper stressed that letting friends off the hook undermines the integrity of the sheriff's office and exposes it to liability should a failure to arrest a suspected drunk lead to traffic accident.

Veatch said his years of management experience running a small agency gives him administrative and budgeting skills that Roper



VEATCH

lacks.

Roper contends his variety of experiences with large law-enforcement agencies will make him an excellent sheriff.

"I've investigated every crime there is to investigate against bank robberies," Roper said. He added that his CHP years included a great deal of time on searches and rescues.

Roper has 26 years in law enforcement. He got into civilian law enforcement with the Palo Alto Police Department. He joined the highway patrol in 1973 and moved to Woodfords nine years ago when he earned a coveted patrol assignment with CHP's Meyers substation.



ROPER

## Ebbetts Pass opening delayed until June 9

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in Stockton announced the spring opening of Ebbetts Pass, Highway 4, will be June 9. The opening date had to be delayed due to recent storms. Bill Selling, District 10 Mountain Region Manager, said crews are continuing to work in snow depths of 14 to 20 feet towards the new target opening date. The depart-

ment is still striving to meet the target opening date of May 26 for Highway 108, Sonora Pass.

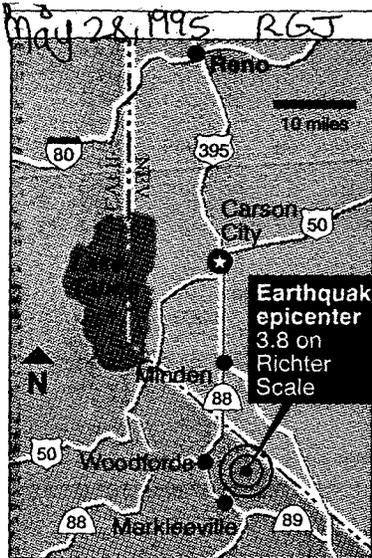
All mountain highways are subject to immediate closure due to snow or extreme ice conditions. These highways can be subject to chain control, icy spots, falling rocks and water running across the pavement due to sudden changes in weather. Motorists should

always carry chains when driving in the mountains.

For up-to-date information, contact the Caltrans, District 10, Mountain Region Office, (209) 736-2589.

Record Courier 5/25/95

**Corrections**



Gabriel Morón/Gazette-Journal

## Minor jolt nudges Tahoe area

MARKLEEVILLE, Calif. — A mild earthquake shook portions of the Lake Tahoe area late Friday night, but no damage was reported.

The temblor, which occurred at 10:49 p.m., measured 3.8 on the Richter scale, according to the University of California-Berkeley Seismographic Station.

Its epicenter was about five miles northeast of Markleeville, a station official said.

"I felt it myself and it was a really small thing," said an Alpine County sheriff's dispatcher who asked not to be identified.

"It was enough to feel and that was about it. . . . It lasted only a short time."

Some residents in nearby South Lake Tahoe also felt the quake. Douglas County, Nev., sheriff's deputies said they received only one call about it.

Stuart Koyanagi at the National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colo., said the quake may have come as an aftershock to last year's 6.3 jolt in the Double Springs area along U.S. 395 south of Gardnerville, Nev.

"Last night's quake was in the same general area as the one last

year," he said. "They're close enough that we might be talking the same fault."

Martin Hellmann of the University of Nevada, Reno Seismological Laboratory confirmed the quake's magnitude was 3.8 and said its epicenter was nine miles southeast of Gardnerville in the Double Springs area.

A string of aftershocks has occurred since the big Sept. 12 quake, the region's strongest temblor in 28 years. That quake knocked items off store shelves, but caused no severe damage.

Associated Press

Record Carrier  
6/1/95

Way, Carson City 89701.

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

**Ethel Zellmer**

Ethel M. Zellmer, formerly of Gardnerville and resident of San Antonio, Texas for the last six months, died at Santa Rosa Northwest Hospital in San Antonio.

She was 80.

She was born June 14, 1914 to William and Lucinda Jones Trammel in Geneva, Ore.

Mrs. Zellmer graduated from high school in Orland, Calif. in 1932 where she married Oran Zellmer in 1935.

She moved from Payette, Idaho to Gardnerville in 1985 and resided here until 1994.

She was a homemaker and member of The Carson Valley Church of the Nazarene in Gardnerville.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1975.

Survivors include son David Zellmer of Markleeville, Calif.; daughter Karen Burroughs of San Antonio, Texas; sisters Rachael Ellegood of Corning, Calif., Pearl Gantz of Redding, Calif., Vee Romer of Boise, Idaho, Helen Wurschmidt of Red Bluff, Calif.; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

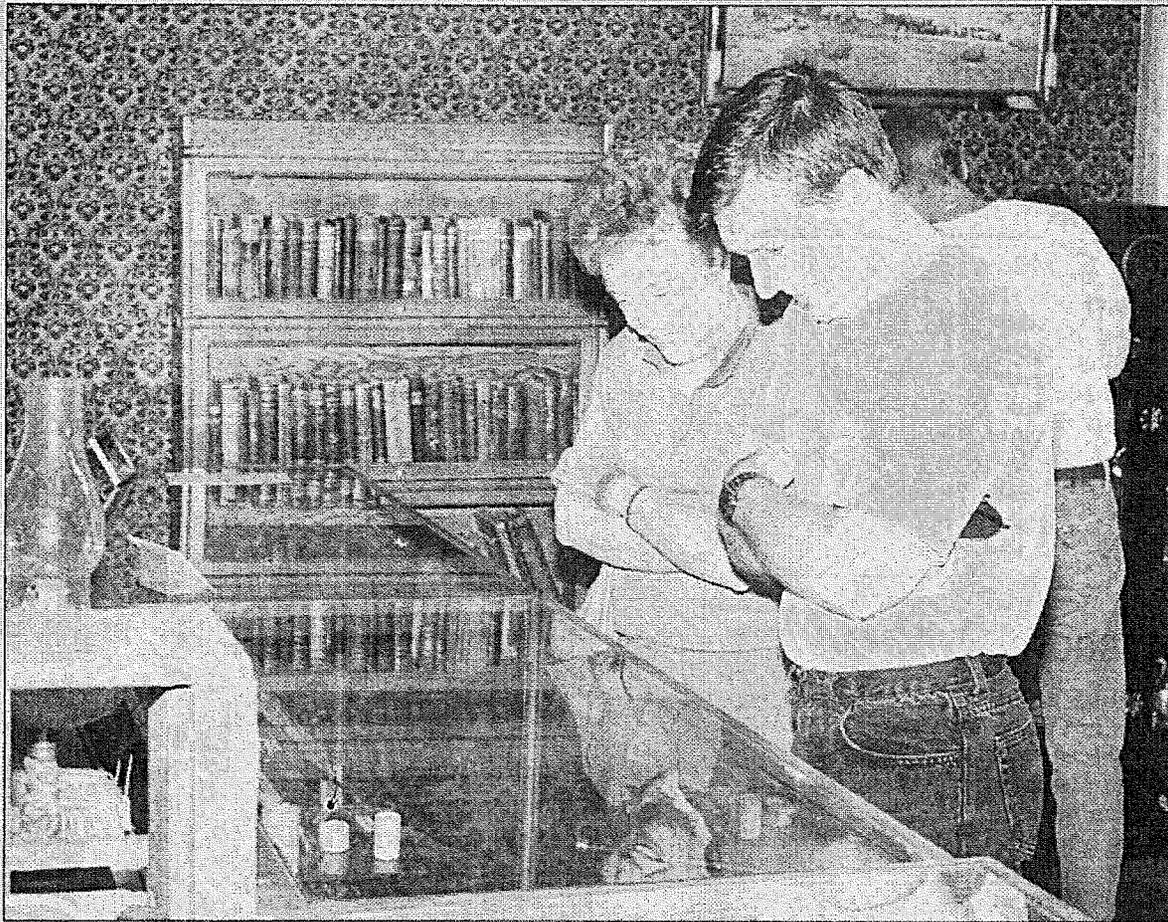
Visitation is today from 5 to 8 p.m. at Walton's Chapel of the Valley in Carson City.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow at 1 p.m. at The Carson Valley Church of the Nazarene in Gardnerville with Chaplain Major Paul Burroughs USAFR officiating.

A committal and burial service will follow the funeral at Fredericksburg Cemetery in Fredericksburg, Calif.

Memorial contributions should be sent to The Carson Valley Church of the Nazarene, 1788 Pinenut Road, Gardnerville 89410.

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



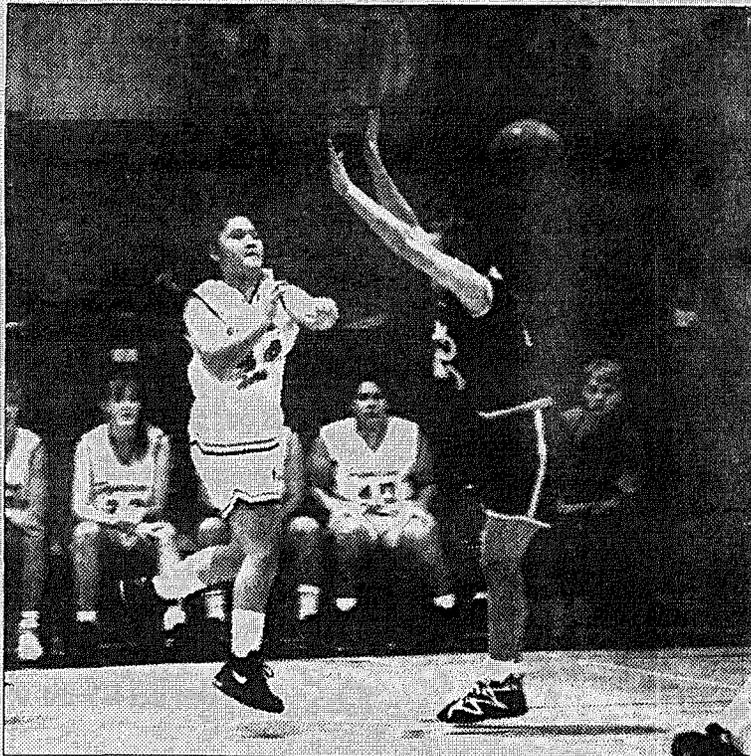
Record Courier  
June 1, 1995

### **Museum opening**

Suzanne Pacolt of Minden and Rick Camoirano of Los Angeles look over some of the exhibits at the Alpine County Museum in Alpine County, Calif., during the opening for the season of the Alpine County Historical Complex. Entertainment by the Barbershop Quintet of Bear Valley, food and refreshments from the Woodfords Volunteer Fire Department and Indian tacos were all part of the weekend. The complex is made up of the museum, the Old Webster School and the Historic Log Jail, and all are related to the history of Alpine County. The complex is open noon to 5 p.m. daily during the season and there is no admission fee (donations are welcome, however). Information, (916) 694-2317. R-C photo by Doug Whorton

Record Book  
June 3, 1995

# rough 1995



Senior Amber Bill out-wits the opposing team as she successfully by-passes a block. Photo by Sean Harding.



Pam Gooch

Tamara Daily Tribune

Sept 25-29 1995

## There's more to Markleeville than Pleasant Valley

Maybe it's because my family is predominantly male that I have watched the movie "Terminator" approximately 500 times. I have it mostly memorized. There is a scene in the movie where Reese is trying to make Sarah Connor understand the gravity of her situation due to the commitment Arnold Schwarzenegger (The Terminator) has to her demise. He says, "... the terminator's out there. It can't be bargained with ... it can't be reasoned with ... it doesn't feel pity, remorse or fear ... and it absolutely will not stop!"

Well, he may as well have been describing my husband when I am trying to get him to pull over so that I can look at something interesting when we head out to go fishing. He is single-minded, resolute, obsessed with getting to the fish. After 15 years, he jokes that he is willing to drive me anywhere I want to go ... and as long as he doesn't have to stop the car, I can get out whenever I want. But, the blowout of the streams at Pleasant Valley and Grover Hot Springs took a little of the pressure off the other day, and we actually managed to take a side trip to the museum complex on Hot Springs Road in Markleeville.

Where we really ended up traveling was back through time as we looked into the old one-room Webster School House, stood in the Old Log Jail and gawked at all the items in the Alpine Museum. Who knew that Markleeville had a heyday during the silver mining days and used to be a thriving town of 2,600 folks? Somebody there must still have a lot of heart, because that museum is a labor of love. Even my husband liked it.

The other surprise was this wonderful little Italian restaurant and art gallery called the Villa Gigli on the next hill up from the museum. Until then, I had thought that the only place to eat around there was the Cutthroat Saloon. I once took a wrong turn into there and felt like I had entered the food chain, decorated as it was with bras and panties all over the ceiling like hunting trophies. So, it was all the more amazing to discover this idyllic place created by Ruggero and Gina Gigli, both of whom are consummate artists, if my nose and eyes are any judge.

So, for now, put the Markleeville Creek in Pleasant Valley on the list of places to go after the runoff peters out, because right now it looks like the Niagara River. Indian Creek Reservoir is pretty good, although it is getting a lot of pressure from so many people fishing it. There are some hefty, beautiful red-sided brook trout in there, as well as rainbows. Fishing off the dam or from belly-boats is good. There are some other good places from the shore, too. Power bait seems to be the most popular bait. Rooster tails, panther martins and Cast Master lures work well in my experience. Keep your eyes on what is in the water or what is hatching to give you an idea of what flies are the most productive. Look for bugs stuck to the rocks or caddis larvae that look like some yucky worm inside a black housing of tiny stones in the shape of a cylinder. If you decide to keep a fish, look at the contents of its stomach to see what it has been eating. (It really bums out

a fly fisherman when what the trout have been eating looks like power bait.) Then about twilight, there might be a midge hatch or something and the fish will start to roll and feed at the surface. A little later in the year, when it warms up, the dry fly action will be great.

If you leave the back way, you may get lucky and be startled by the herd of about 30 deer that live at the reservoir. There seems to be no end to the pleasant surprises in Alpine County. I am getting pretty good at jumping in and out of the car as it rolls past them.

# Markleeville man ordered to pay victim's medical bills

A Markleeville man was sentenced to 30 days in Douglas County Jail for battery with substantial bodily harm.

District Judge Michael Gibbons suspended a 1-year sentence and placed Jerod Frank on three years' probation.

"This was a serious offense," Gibbons said. "I know you think the victim provoked you. He may have had something to do with it, but you went way too far."

Frank, 26, admitting that he struck the victim Dec. 4 after an altercation at Sharkey's followed by another fight at the victim's home.

Frank said he was provoked by racial slurs the victim made against Native Americans. According to the sheriff's department, the victim's wife called authorities to her home after she heard a commotion outside and discovered Frank straddling her husband and beating his face into the sidewalk.

The victim suffered extensive damage to his jaw and has incurred \$5,000 in medical expenses.

As terms of his restitution, Frank is ordered to pay all the medical bills, stay away from the victim, be subject to unannounced search and seizure and abstain from alcohol. He also must undergo anger control management and substance abuse evaluation and treatment.

Gibbons also ordered Frank to perform 100 hours of community service or make a \$300 donation to the Family Support Council and reimburse the public defender \$250.

"Violence is not an answer to any problem," said Gibbons. "I hope this is a wake-up call. You have to quit drinking."

## Accident kills motorcyclist

A Reno man was killed Sunday when his motorcycle went over a cliff on Highway 89 near Monitor Pass in Alpine County.

Walter Brenner, 32, was killed after he tried to pass two other motorcycles on the steep winding road from Markleeville to Highway 395 and swerved to avoid two oncoming motorcyclists.

According to the California Highway Patrol, Brenner's Harley Davidson motorcycle landed on top of him at the bottom of the 50-foot drop.

The two bicyclists climbed down the embankment to check on him and said he was breathing but unconscious.

Brenner was taken to Barton Memorial Hospital by helicopter and was pronounced dead at 3:05 p.m.

Two men riding with Brenner said he was probably trying to catch up to them.

Record-Examiner 6/29/95

It is the only one owned two... Desires watching... visit... was the

# Villa Gigli will host commemorative volleyball tournament

"Villa Gigli Volleyball," commemorating the 100th year of volleyball's existence, will be hosted by semi-pro Mark Trinidad in Markleeville, on July 15.

Originating in Holyoke, Mass.,

volleyball is enjoyed by players and spectators of all ages, in many types of courts and settings. Mark Trinidad of Lafayette, Calif. will offer instruction. He was the co-founder and a four-year starter for

St. Mary's College Men's Volleyball Team and is now assistant coach for that team.

He suggests players wear work out attire and athletic shoes. Check-in will be at 4:30 p.m., fol-

lowed by instruction at 5 p.m., with the mini-tournament and pizza, send a check for \$10 per player or \$8 per spectator, to Villa Gigli, P.O. Box 307, Markleeville, Calif., or call (916) 694-2253.

R.C. 6-28-95

All Prices include the following

# Gold in Alpine County, California

by Edgar B. Heylmun, Ph.D.

Alpine County, California, is the most sparsely populated county in the state, as well as being one of the smallest in area. It lies on the east slope of the Sierra Nevada, south of Lake Tahoe, with elevations ranging from less than 4,900 feet to over 10,800 feet above sea level. Annual precipitation is mostly

in the form of heavy winter snow, which has resulted in pine forests at higher elevations and sagebrush at lower elevations.

## History and Production

Fur trappers entered the region in 1827 and found a few Washoe Indians

living in the lower elevations. In 1844, Kit Carson led Captain John Fremont and his troops over what is now Carson Pass (see map), and the first permanent settlement was established at Woodfords in 1849.

Gold and silver were discovered in the Silver Mountain District in the late 1850s, and in 1862 the mining of Silver Mountain City was founded. It grew to 3,500 by 1864 and became the seat of newly formed Alpine County. The Monitor mining camp was established near the present site of the Zaca Mine, and grew to 300 by 1872. Silver Mountain City eventually fell into ruins and the county seat was moved to Markleeville in 1875, where it remains to this day.

The demonetization of silver in 1873 put an end to the mining boom in Alpine County, at least for the time being. The population of the county fell from 11,600 in 1864 to less than 300 in 1950. Hippies moved into the area in the early 1970s and now, the population has increased to over 1,200. Total production of gold and silver in the county since 1860 is not known, but is probably around \$5 million. Over \$15 million in sulfur was produced by Anaconda at the Leviathan Mine (see map) between 1953 and 1962.

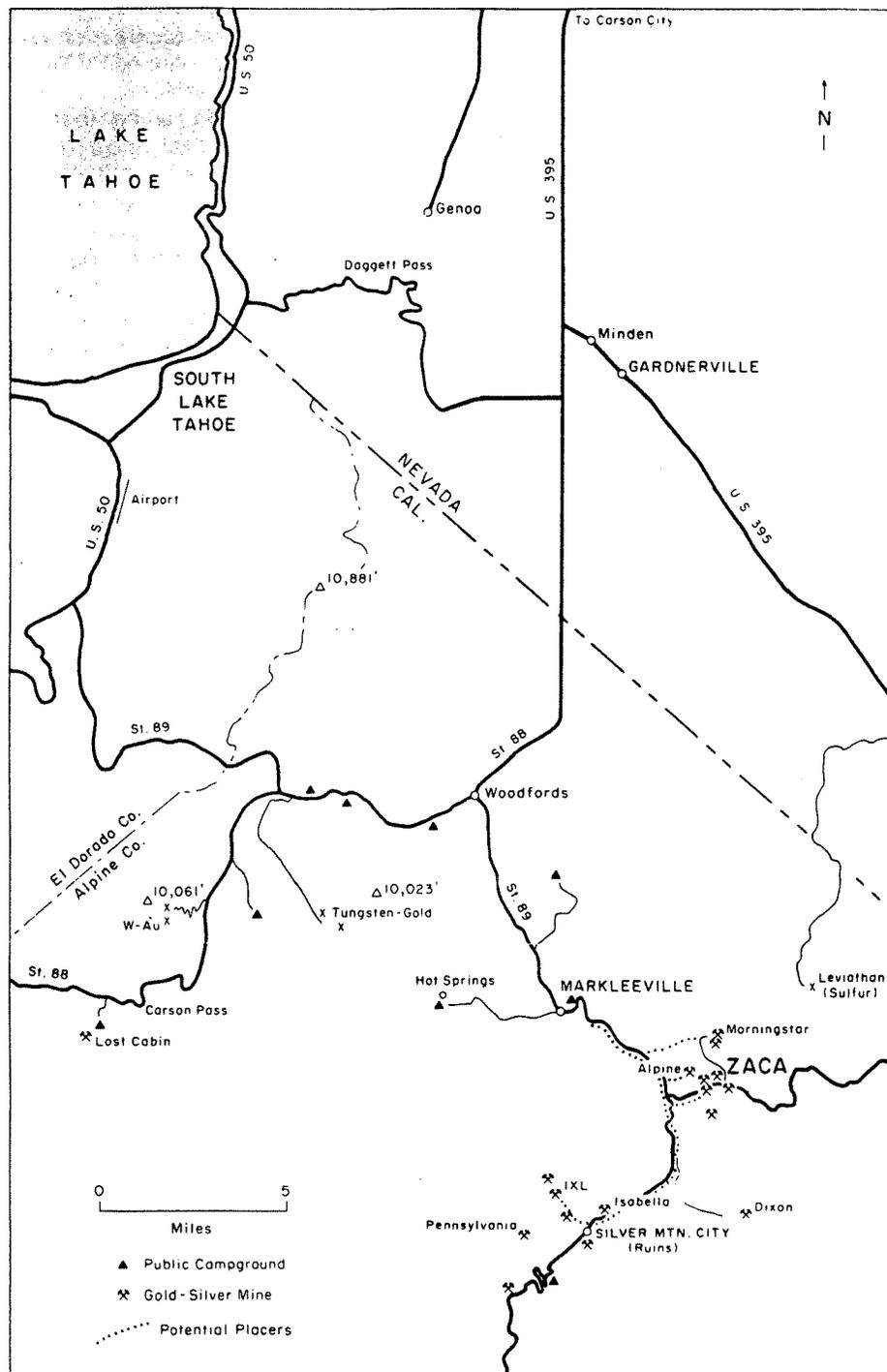
## Geology

Most of the gold-silver ore bodies are in quartz veins and shear zones in silicified andesite breccia of Tertiary age. Silicification is intense and the walls of veins are often poorly defined, and gold and silver values are sometimes disseminated in the country rock. Most of the brightly-colored rocks in the county are due to intense alteration and pervasive silicification. Much of the complex sulfide ore mined in the region has been "rebellious" and is difficult to mill and concentrate.

## Lode Gold-Silver Mines

The most important gold-silver mines in Alpine County are in the Monitor-Mogul District, which includes the areas of Monitor and Mogul Creeks south-east of Markleeville. The most important mines in the district are as follows:

**Zaca (Colorado, Tarshish) Mine.** This is the most famous and productive of the gold-silver mines in Alpine County. It was discovered in 1857 and has been worked, on and off, ever since. A 20-stamp mill was installed in 1871, but demonetization of silver resulted in closure of the mine in 1873. It was sold at



a sheriff's sale in 1876. The mine was re-opened in 1879 and the value of concentrates reached \$900/ton, though the ore itself averaged only \$12/ton. Around 43% of that figure was gold, with the remainder being mostly silver.

The mine was operated continuously from 1931 to 1941, and between 1962 and 1972, extensive drilling and trenching were done. Values ran as high as \$300/ton. Claude Lovestedt was involved in the operation for a number of years, and plans were made to conduct open-pit mining operations. Mining resumed, and between 1975 and 1981, some \$1.8 million in gold and silver were produced. Exploration and development work continues.

Three rock types are present in the vicinity of the mine, including andesite porphyry, banded rhyolite, and tuff breccia. Quartz veins are not well-defined, with pyrite, tetrahedrite, galena, and polybasite being the valuable ore minerals. Values are also disseminated in the silicified rocks. A wide variety of ore, gangue, and alteration minerals has made the area a rockhound's paradise.

**Morning Star Mine.** The Morning Star Mine was discovered in 1863 and during the driving of an adit, a huge mass of enargite, 30 feet long and 15 feet wide, was encountered. The mine was worked from 1863 to 1904, with sporadic work continuing ever since. About \$600,000 worth of ore was produced, containing gold, silver, and copper in unknown proportions. Work was done on several levels down to 480 feet, in silicified zones associated with north-east-striking shear zones in andesite. Whereas the silicified zones are hard and resistant at the surface, they are much easier to mine at depth.

**Alpine Mine.** The Alpine Mine, on Colorado Hill, is actually part of the Zaca mine operation, but is mentioned here because of the presence of free gold. Placer gold can be found on slopes below the mine, and in the East Fork of

much of Colorado Hill.

The Silver Mountain District lies southwest of the Monitor-Mogul District, 10 miles, by road, south of Markleeville. About \$300,000 worth of gold-silver ore was produced, mostly from the Exchequer, I.X.L., and Pennsylvania Mines. Great sums of money were spent on long adits and elaborate mills, which resulted in financial ruin and an early death of the boom town of Silver Mountain City. Most of the deposits were in quartz veins which cut silicified andesite breccia similar to that seen in the Monitor-Mogul District. Activity continues in the area, especially in the vicinity of the I.X.L. Mine, the richest in the district.

The Lost Cabin Mine, discovered in the 1860s west of Woods Lake near Carson Pass, is an isolated mine developed in quartz veins which cut diorite of Cretaceous age. The mine was sporadically active up until 1962. In the period between 1932 and 1939, 132 ounces of gold and 375 ounces of silver were produced, along with copper and lead.

Between 1943 and 1956, several tungsten-gold mines were operated in Alpine County. Most of the mines had been prospected for gold long before tungsten was produced. The mines were developed in quartz veins containing scheelite and pyrite which cut schist and quartzite of Jurassic age.

#### Placer Gold

Alpine County is not noted for placer gold, and no production has been recorded. Ice-Age glaciers scoured out placer gold gravels at higher elevations, but the lower elevations have not been glaciated. Placer gold has been found here and there, in creeks, banks, and benches. No deposits of any consequence have been found to date, but

## LOST AND FOUND

Information from books dating back to 1847 (and older) with formulas

Mogul, Monitor, and Silver Creeks, as well as adjoining hillsides, deserve to be checked for placer gold. The East Fork of the Carson River above Markleeville also deserves to be checked.

#### Summary

Alpine County deserves further examination for bulk gold deposits in the silicified rocks of the region. Much of the county lies within Toiyabe and El Dorado National Forests, with most of the remainder of the land being privately owned. The head office of Toiyabe

National Forest is in Carson City, where maps and other information may be obtained. There are numerous public campgrounds in the region, and food and lodging are available at South Lake Tahoe and at Markleeville. Winter snow limits prospecting activities to the summer and early fall months.

Further information on the region is available in several California Mining Bureau and Division of Mines and Geology publications, including County Report 8, published in 1977.

## USED QUALITY EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

### BALL MILLS

- 8 x 12 Allis Chalmers
- 8 x 4 Hardinge Conical
- 8 x 4 Union Conical
- 5 x 6 Denver
- 3 x 4 Eimco

*Others Available, please call.*

### MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT

- ③ D.S.M. Screens
- ② 14' x 16' Eimco Drum Filters
- ② Denver Equipment #48 Thickeners
- ④ 60HP Lightning Mixers
- ① 150HP Whisper Blower
- ① Model 6002 Vacuum Pump, 350HP
- ① Roots Blower
- ① 18 x 18 Horizontal Vacuum Pump

CALL FOR

July 7-9 weekend ed,  
1995

Tahoe Daily Tribune

# Space available in Death Ride

## 14th annual 130-mile ride is on Saturday

Recognized as one of the top 10 toughest bike rides in the United States, and Northern California's premier bike tour, the 14th annual Death Ride "Tour of the California Alps" is ready to roll on Saturday.

The Death Ride is a bike tour, not a race, and starts and finishes near Markleeville, Calif., in Alpine County. The event challenges bicyclists to climb 15,000 vertical feet up and over five mountain passes along a 130-mile course.

The Death Ride offers a challenge for all levels of bicyclists with various climbing and mileage options. And, although conditioning plays an important role, the event is not just for hard-core athletes. Sponsored by the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce and the Alta Alpina Cycling Club, the annual ride draws participants predominantly from Northern California as well as from all over the United States and is the largest one-day event benefiting 10 different nonprofit organizations in Alpine County.

For the first time in five years, the ride is not full and ride organizers will allow late and same-day open registration until its 2,750 rider limit is met.

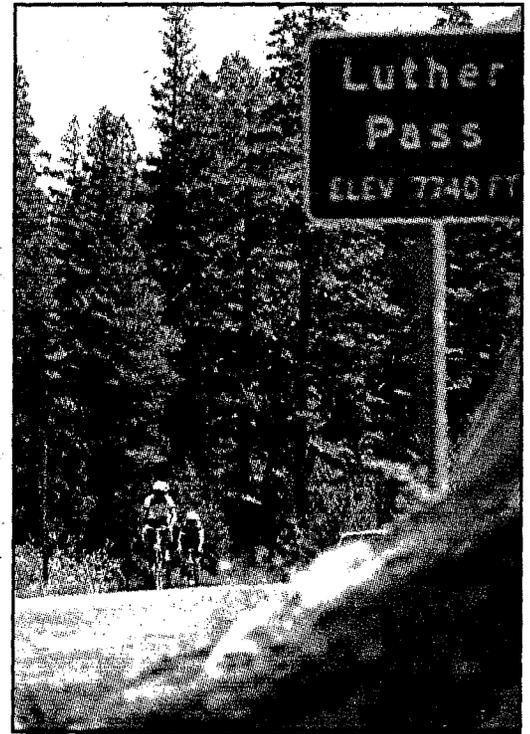
"The Death Ride normally sells out by early June, but we think the long winter and cool and wet spring in Northern California has slowed many bike riders down in their normal training mileage," commented Curtis Fong, 11-year veteran course director. "With summer weather finally here and the course free of snow, including all five mountain passes, we are projecting excellent conditions for the ride and have space to accommodate more riders. Because we are normally sold out and the preregistration deadline has passed, many prospective participants may not know that there is still space for them to ride and we welcome their participation."

Open registration to fill the 2,750 rider limit will take place Friday from noon to 7 p.m., at Turtle Rock Park, the start-finish area, on Highway 89/4, about three miles south of Markleeville. Bicyclists interested in participating should make plans to register during this time. If space is available on

event day, open registration will take place from 4:30 to 9 a.m. The registration fee is \$50 and includes a variety of premium commemorative items and all food and support services on the course.

The Death Ride continues to be one of the best one-day supported bike tours in the county with over 300 volunteers manning 12 water, rest and food stops serving its participants along its route. A great selection of fresh fruits, high carbohydrate foods, as well as Powerbar athletic energy food and Cytomax exercise and recovery drink are provided, along with technical and SAG support.

Unlike other century rides, an added benefit for riders is that highways accessing three of the five passes are closed to through traffic allowing bicyclists and ride organizer vehicles only. Residents, commuters and vacationing motorists should be advised that on Saturday, Highway 89 will be closed from the Highway 395 intersection over Monitor Pass to Highway 4 from 6 a.m. to noon. In addition, Highway 4 will be closed from the Highway 89 intersection over Ebetts Pass to Hermit Valley from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Dan Thrift/Tahoe Tribune

Luther Pass is one of five passes bicyclists must climb during Saturday's 14th annual Death Ride.

## ■ Coming up

### District, state baseball slated

Carson Valley is hosting the Junior and Senior League District I and Nevada state tournaments this coming week at Lampe Park.

The Junior League (13-year-olds) and Senior League (14-15 year olds) district tournaments will be played Wednesday through Sunday at Lampe Park.

Next week, three district champions in both divisions will play on the Gardnerville field for the state tournament play.

### Little League golf tourney on July 29

Carson Valley Little League will host its second annual benefit golf tournament July 29 at the Carson Valley Golf Course.

Limited to 100 players, the tournament will offer a two-person scramble format. The tournament is scheduled for a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

The entry fee is \$65 per person, which includes use of a golf cart and steak barbecue lunch. Tickets for guest lunches may be purchased for \$12 per person.

Entries for the tournament must be received by July 22.

Prizes will be distributed for low score, longest drive and closest-to-the-hole.

### 'Villa Gigli Volleyball' to be held on July 15

R-C News Service

"Villa Gigli Volleyball," commemorating the 100th year of volleyball's existence, will be hosted by Mark Trinidad in Markleeville next Saturday, July 15.

The Villa Gigli Volleyball Clinic and mini-tournament is open to players of all ages and levels of ability.

Trinidad, a semi-pro player from Lafayette, Calif., will offer specialized instruction to all registered participants. Trinidad suggests participants wear workout attire and athletic shoes.

Check-in time is 4:30 p.m., followed by instruction at 5 o'clock. The mini-tournament begins at 6 o'clock and pizza prepared by Ruggero Gigli will be served at 7.

To sign up for the clinic, tournament and pizza, send a check for \$10 per player or \$8 per spectator, to Villa Gigli, P.O. Box 307, Markleeville, Calif.

For more information, call (916) 694-2253.

# Sports

JULY 8, 1995  
WEEKEND

## Death Ride rolling today

The 14th annual Death Ride — Tour of the California Alps will roll along the roads of Alpine County on throughout today.

Sponsored by the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce and Alta Alpina Cycling Club, the tour is a challenge for anyone trying any of the event's three options — one, three or five passes. That's mountain passes — Monitor (two ways), Ebbetts, Carson and Luther.

Residents, commuters and vacationing motorists are advised that highways accessing two of the mountain passes will be closed — Highway 89 over Monitor Pass from 6 a.m. to noon, and Highway 4 over Ebbetts Pass to Hermit Valley from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. The route includes Carson and Luther passes on Highways 88 and 89.

## District, state baseball slated

A variety of activities will be available today when the Carson Valley Girls Softball Association hosts its annual jamboree and awards ceremonies at Gardnerville Park.

The mini division tournament championship game will be played at 9 a.m., followed by jamboree events at 10 a.m.

Among the activities will be throwing contests for accuracy and for distance and base running for the fastest time.

The awards ceremony will be held between noon and 12:30 p.m.

Record Courier  
7/8/95

'It was a real eye-opener'

Record Courier  
7/12/95



WORKSHOP. University of Nevada, Reno Professor Glen Miller talks to students about the environmental impact of Leviathan mine in a recent resource workshops for students. Steve Hale photo

## Students tour mine as part of resource education

by DARCY CHAPPEL  
Staff Writer

When Douglas High School student Krissie Thornhill found out she was going to visit Leviathan Mine in the Alpine County wilderness, she thought she knew what to expect.

She had read stories about the

abandoned sulphur pit mine, which is currently on the Environmental Protection Agency's list of toxic waste sites being cleaned up with federal Superfund money.

But it wasn't until she looked at the orange-tinged water in the streams surrounding the site that the sophomore realized the environmental

impact of the deserted mine.

"I was really surprised," she said while investigating the excavation last month. "I didn't know it was so big and caused this much damage. It is a real eye-opener."

Thornhill was one of 13 students who participated in the Carson Ranger

See Resource on page 6

# Resource: Students attend workshop

Continued from page 1.

District's High Sierra Resource workshop June 23-30. In its third year, the eight-day workshop is designed to give teens a hands-on experience with natural resources.

Besides spending a day at the mine reclamation site, the students participated in field trip excursions to the Carson River for water investigations and to Spooner Summit to watch helicopter logging operations. They also spent the last five days of the workshop camping out nine miles away from civilization.

The students hiked out of the Iceberg Wilderness at the Forest Service's Soda Springs administrative site June 30, where they learned about outdoor survival and preservation, studied water systems, dissected flowers and worked on wilderness poetry.

"We have access to unusual sites," said workshop organizer Steve Hale. "It is important for the kids to be out in as natural a setting as they can get, so they can learn to appreciate it."

"A river runs through it" was the theme of the workshop, because each of the areas visited was connected by the Carson River and its outlying streams.

By comparing water samples taken from each site, the students learned the impact that man can have on nature. Hale said that is why Leviathan mine was an ideal place to visit.

"It is a real good learning area because there are a lot of questions with no answers, like how to have mining and have the area still be environmentally sound," he said. "They also get to see the visual impact and social impact — because taxpayers are paying to clean it up."

Douglas High junior Brett Alder said he has always been interested in environmental issues and was surprised to learn the impact of the Leviathan Mine.

Glen Miller, a professor with the

University of Nevada, Reno's College of Agriculture, Department of Environmental and Resource Sciences, spoke to the students about the impact of the mine's rock and minerals.

While the sulfur mine was shut down in the 50's, the water around the site is still extremely acidic, he said.

Even though the water is diluted, trout cannot be found within 10 miles of the mine.

Small traces of arsenic and iron were removed from the water, and some sulphur and rust make it all the way down to the Carson River, he said.

Alder said the site looked almost eerie with its black leaching ponds with red rings surrounding the banks. The pungent odor of sulphur hung in the air over the water.

"It was really neat to get to see things you usually don't get to see," he said. "I was really surprised to see it was as bad as it was."

Gardnerville resident Carol Heinrich said she enjoys helping coordinate the workshop each year because of the teens' reactions. This is the second year the special education teacher has participated.

"It's great to see the kids make decisions and figure out things for themselves," she said. "The response from the kids is overwhelming."

Hale said he is also proud of the program. Many students have told him the workshop helped them decide what type of career they want to pursue.

"It is important to introduce students to this now before they finish high school," he said. "It is kind of unique to have one-on-one contact and see and hear what we do as natural resource workers."

Most of the students who attend the workshop are interested in the sciences and are college-bound, he said. Students are nominated by teachers in high schools in Reno, Carson City, Douglas County, Yer-

ington and Gerlach.

Funding for the program comes mainly from a grant for natural resources education programs and private sponsors including the Nevada Wildlife Federation, Environmental Leadership, Great Basin Group-Sierra Club, Backcountry Horsemen of Nevada, Nevada Environmental Laboratory and University of Nevada, Reno.

But the formal partners — which include the Nevada Division of Forestry, U.S. Forest Service, Carson-Walker Resource Conservation and Development and the Carson City School District — need more sponsors to keep the program going.

Hale said he doesn't know what will happen with funding next year, but he has already had requests from students for another program.

"When kids actually come out here and put their hands in the water it is by far a greater impact than learning in the classroom," he said.

"We want to provide an experience the kids will never forget — if we have accomplished that in the workshop we have accomplished our main goal."

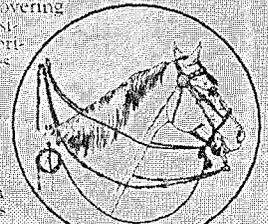
Douglas High student Heather Mathews said she learned a lot from the experience.

"I decided to do it because I like science and am interested in trying to help clean up sites like the Leviathan Mine," she said. "I hope to one day pursue something in this field."

## BRIDLING COURSE

How to make the transition from snaffle bit to bridle.

Mike Bridges, former winner of the Non-Pro Bridle Horse Class at the Reno S.B.F., will instruct you in how to move you and your horse up to riding in the bridle. He will provide an in-depth course covering the transition to bridle types of bits and function, reining and common problems.



## Off-road triathlon to debut Sunday at Kirkwood

### *Mountain bikers have two events to choose from*

By John Allen  
Tribune Staff Writer

Promoters are adding a twist to the usual triathlon.

World's Toughest Endurance Sports of South Lake Tahoe has taken the usual triathlon format — swim, road bike ride and run — and changed it to keep up with the times, substituting the road bike portion with a mountain bike ride.

The Enduro-Cross Off-Road Triathlon, taking place Sunday at Kirkwood, features a 1.5-kilometer open-water swim in Silver Lake, a 40K mountain bike ride and a 10K trail run. The mountain bike course includes 3,000 feet of climbing and challenging single-track downhill runs. Last year's race marked the first time the mountain bike portion was mixed in and since then, the new wrinkle has attracted athletes that otherwise wouldn't compete in a triathlon.

"This is a new venue for some athletes and others enjoy getting off-road where it's less restrictive," said race director Charlie Lincoln, who owns World's Toughest Endurance Sports. "We feel it's the future of the sport."

But even triathletes, who have been competing in the sport for years, look forward to taking part in a race that gives them more options.

"It's a lot different race because it's a little more raw," said Scott Tinley, 38-year-old two-time winner of the Hawaii and Canadian Ironman. "There's no drafting and no police and no barricades. I'm ready to do something a little less structured."

Tinley, who will hold a race clinic on Saturday at 8 p.m. at Kirkwood, will be joined by other professional triathletes, including Japan and Canadian triathlon winner Ray Browning and Coke Grand Prix winner Jimmy Riccitello. The athletes will be competing for a \$5,000 purse, sponsored by HED Design.

"I wasn't able to be there last year," Tin-

ley said. "But I'm happy to have an opening in my schedule for this year."

Compared to years past, Sunday's Enduro-Cross Triathlon is like a stroll in the park. The ever-challenging endurance race used to feature a two-mile swim, a 100-mile bike ride and a 18.6 mile run. Still, the race isn't for everybody as it will still take the top athletes three to four hours to cross the finish line.

"If you're a good athlete, you could do it," Lincoln said. "As long as you're a good runner and mountain bike rider."

For those who aren't sure they're ready for the triathlon, Sunday will also feature and Enduro-Cross Duathlon. The duathlon is a sprint race consisting of a 5K run, followed by a 15K mountain bike ride and another 5K run. The mountain bike section is designed to be demanding but not technical in nature.

---

*“ It's a lot different race because it's a little more raw. There's no drafting and no police and no barricades. I'm ready to do something a little less structured. ”*

— Scott Tinley  
Two-time Hawaii Ironman winner

---

"The duathlon is more of a beginner's course for those who are just getting into the sport," Lincoln said.

But both races are expected to be tough as the long winter has kept the course a little soggy than usual for this time of year.

"The racers will still be in good shape after the race but tired," Lincoln said. "Considering the snow and mud that's still up there, it's going to be a dirty race."

Both races feature individual and relay formats and registration is still open for anyone interested in participating. Registration is from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at Kirkwood. The triathlon begins at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, followed by the duathlon at 11 a.m.

# Off-road triathlon debuts Sunday at Kirkwood

by JOHN ALLEN  
R-C News Service

Record Courier  
July 22, 1995

Promoters are adding a twist to the usual triathlon.

World's Toughest Endurance Sports of South Lake Tahoe has taken the usual triathlon format — swim, road bike ride and run — and changed it to keep up with the times, substituting the road bike portion with a mountain bike ride.

The Enduro-Cross Off-Road Triathlon, taking place Sunday at Kirkwood, features a 1.5-kilometer open-water swim in Silver Lake, a 40-K mountain bike ride and a 10K trail run. The mountain bike course includes 3,000 feet of climbing and chal-

lenging single-track downhill runs. Last year's race marked the first time the mountain bike portion was mixed in and since then, the new wrinkle has attracted athletes that otherwise wouldn't compete in a triathlon.

"This is a new venue for some athletes and others enjoy getting off-road where it's less restrictive," said race director Charlie Lincoln, who owns World's Toughest Endurance Sports. "We feel it's the future of the sport."

But even triathletes, who have been competing in the sport for years, look forward to taking part in a race that gives them more options.

"It's a lot different race because it's a

little more raw," said Scott Tinley, 38-year-old two-time winner of the Hawaii and Canadian Ironman. "There's no drafting and no police and no barricades. I'm ready to do something a little less structured."

Tinley, who will hold a race clinic on Saturday at 8 p.m. at Kirkwood, will be joined by other triathletes, including Japan and Canadian Triathlon winner Jimmy Riccitello. The athletes will be competing for a \$5,000 purse, sponsored by HED Design.

"I wasn't able to be there last year," Tinley said. "But I'm happy to have an opening in my schedule for this year." Compared to years past, Sunday's Enduro-

Cross Triathlon is like a stroll in the park. The ever-challenging endurance race used to feature a two-mile swim, a 100-mile bike ride and a 18.6 mile run. Still, the race isn't for everybody as it will still take the top athletes three to four hours to cross the finish line.

"If you're a good athlete, you could do it," Lincoln said. "As long as you're a good runner and mountain bike rider."

For those who aren't sure they're ready for the triathlon, Sunday will also feature an Enduro-Cross Duathlon. The duathlon is a sprint race consisting of a 5K run, followed by a 15K mountain bike ride and another 5K run. The mountain bike section is designed to be demanding but not

technical in nature.

"The duathlon is more of a beginner's course for those who are just getting into the sport," Lincoln said.

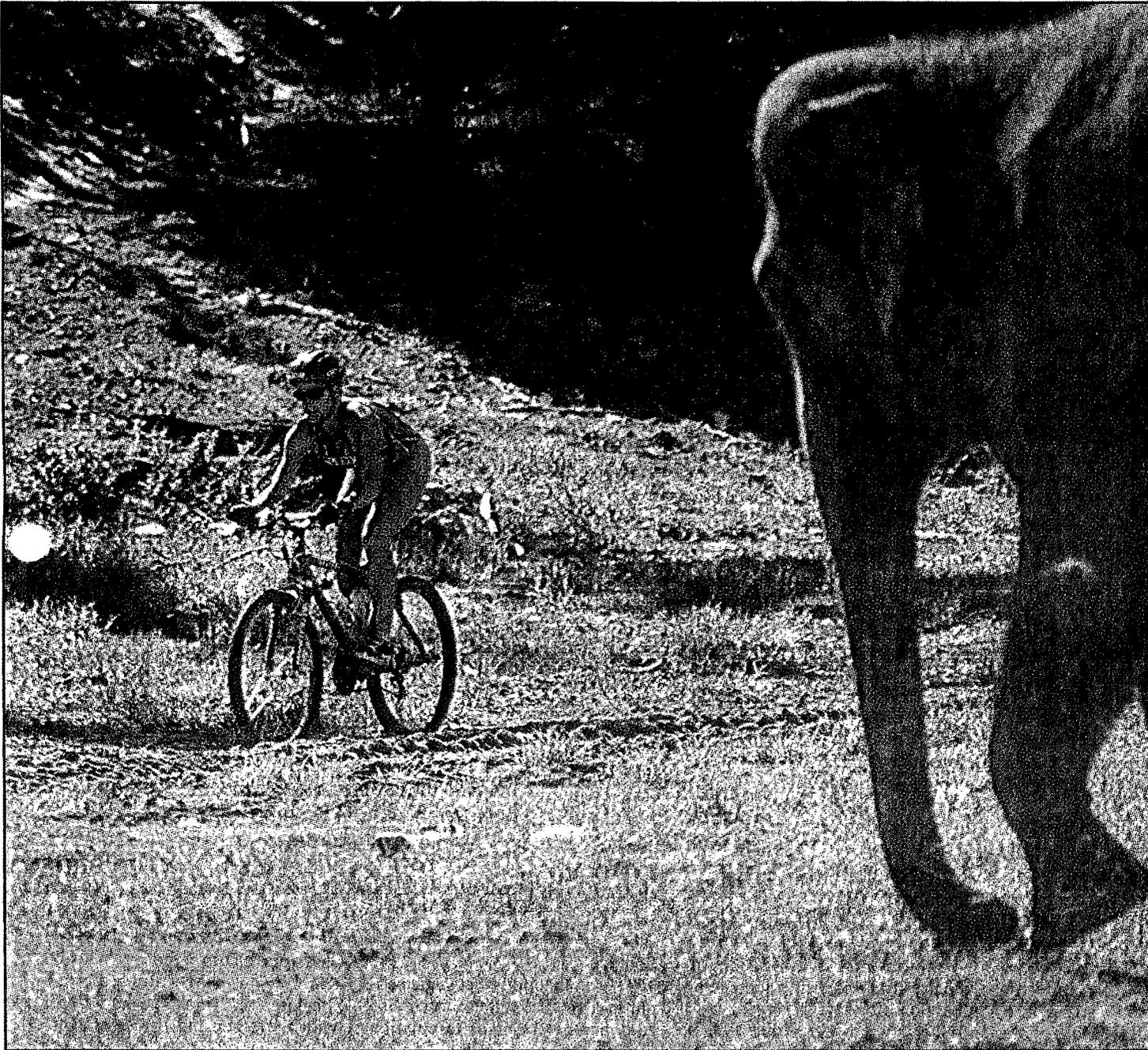
But both races are expected to be tough as the long winter has kept the course a little soggy than usual for this time of year.

"The racers will still be in good shape after the race but tired," Lincoln said. "Considering the snow and mud that's still up there, it's going to be a dirty race."

Both races feature individual and relay formats and registration is still open for anyone interested in participating. Registration is from 1 to 6 p.m. today at Kirkwood. The triathlon begins at 7:30 a.m., followed by the duathlon at 11 a.m.

**Unexpected hazard**

July 24, 1995 Tahoe Daily Tribune



Dan TH

Nancy Vallance encountered snow, mud and elephants Sunday during the Enduro-Cross Off-Road Triathlon. The race was a 1.5 kilometer swim in Silver Lake, a 10K trail run and a 40K mountain bike ride. The course elephants that were at the ski resort for the filming of a new movie. For race details, see Sports, Page 1B.

... ..



...rift/Tahoe Tribune  
**at Kirkwood.**  
**went by two**

Record Courier July 29, 1995

## Forest hikes take you to lovely Sierra spots

Escape the summer's heat for the trails of Toiyabe National Forest with interpreter Shirley Pollock, hiking to Rock Lake on the Ophir Creek trail Aug. 2 through an exploding wildflower extravaganza on Charity Valley trail Aug. 5, or a gentle walk through a Hope Valley meadow in full bloom on Sunday, Aug. 6.

The Ophir Creek Trail travels through the landslide of Slide Mountain 1982, climbing to Rock Lake for lunch amongst the trees. Vistas of the Washoe Valley and Carson can be caught along the trail, which is often shaded by large Jeffery pines. This is a moderate 6-mile round trip hike; take water, lunch or snack, and good

shoes for the hike. Meet at Davis Creek Park trailhead, in the Day Use Area at 9 a.m. Davis Creek Park is located on old Highway 395, at the north end of Washoe Valley, off Highway 395.

Charity Valley is experiencing an exploding wildflower display this season, along a trail that skirts the valley and climbs into the hills above Grover's Hot Springs. Join this moderate 6-mile hike which starts at 7,400 feet and shares views of the Sierras from different angles and perspectives. Meet at the Charity Valley Trailhead on Blue Lakes Road, off of Highway 88 at 9 a.m. Take water, lunch, and boots for the hike. Highway 88 is the Carson Pass highway to the

Sierra.

Sunday, the Hope Valley flowers will be the focus of a leisurely walk through a meadow full of flowers in bloom for the season at the old summer camp on the Dangberg Ranch. The beautiful wildflowers and incredible views from the ranch make this a special backdrop for this 1-1/2-hour walk to find the jewels of summer.

Meet at the Dangberg Ranch buildings on the west side of Highway 89 at 1 p.m. Dangberg Ranch is approximately 2 miles north on Highway 89, after Pickett's Junction. Highway 89 is Luther Pass and can be reached from Highway 88 off Highway 395 from Minden or Highway 50 from Lake Tahoe.

RGJ 8-5-95

## Blast rocks van at home of Carson forest ranger

A bomb damaged a van belonging to a U.S. Forest Service district ranger late Friday — the same ranger whose office was damaged by a pipe bomb March 30.

Carson City sheriff's officials said no injuries or other damage was reported.

The van was parked in front of the home of Carson District Ranger Guy Pence, on Sentinel Circle near Koontz Lane, when the bomb exploded.

Jo Hensley, who lives about a quarter-mile from the explosion, said she heard it about 10 p.m.

"It was really loud," Hensley said. "It sounded like a bomb. I was watching television and it just went boom! But there was no flash. No fire."

After the blast, authorities evacuated the Pence residence and the homes of two neighbors and started a search of the area.