

Alpine Kids raise enough for insurance

Alpine Kids needed to raise enough money to pay for their liability and student accident insurance.

"We hoped to raise some extra money to help with Leader's Expenses and Family Outings. Donna Dykes of Sierra Pines in Woodfords offered to do a corned beef and cabbage dinner, and to get raffle prizes," said director Edie Veatch.

Five dollars of every dinner sold at the St. Patrick's Day fund-raiser was for Alpine Kids. There were 52 dinners sold. Veatch thanks everyone who came out to dine with kids. Kids earned \$260.

Dykes set her sights on 100 raffle prizes. She amassed 102. She wanted to sell \$1,000 worth of tickets, and members sold \$1,216 worth. "We could not have sold so many tickets if it had not been for the gen-

erous business owners that donated the raffle prizes," said Veatch. They were in Alpine County. Sorensen's Resort; Woodfords Station; Sierra Pines Country Store; Woodfords Inn; Skip's Small Engine; Sierra Pines Park; Dana Devlin Custom Jewelry; Edie Veatch; Caples Lake Resort; Mt. Sierra Christian School; Alpine Restaurant; Dale Bennett Indian Beading; Markleeville General Store; Woodfords Auto; Squire Coca Cola Distributing. In Minden/Gardnerville, DeCarlo's Custom Built Homes; Pizza Barn; Pipeline; Nail Port; Wild Hair Barber; Hamdogs; Auntie M's Espresso; The Nail Shoppe; Superior Car Wash; Sharkey's Nugget; Woodette's Diner; Carson Valley Swim Center; Main Street Barber Shop; Wally's Wieners; All About Dance; A & H Liquor and Deli; West Coast Institute of Karate; Arby's; Ange-

lo's Bootery; Meadowdale Theatre; Burger King; Coast to Coast; Grand Central; Calico Books; the Firewood Farm; Dick's Fuller O'Brien Paints; Focus Beauty Salon; TCBY Yogurt Shop; Lake Tahoe Primestar Cable; Carson City, Carson City Nugget American Beauty College; Grocery Outlet; A & W Root Beer; Hogi Yogi; Video Maniacs; Albertson's; El Charro Avitia; Carson Lanes; The Sporting Rage; Skate Trek in Reno; Sierra Book Shop, and Walden's Book Store. Please help us say "thank You" to all these merchants, by stopping by their places of business and checking out their wares.

"We would also like to thank these businesses for selling raffle tickets: Markleeville Store; Woodfords Station; Sierra Pines Country Store; Cutthroat Saloon, and Sorensen's Resort," Veatch said.

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WELCOME TO ALPINE COUNTY

Home of "Wild Trout, Catch-and-Release"

by Doug Busey "Mac-The-Naw" • Tahoe Tribune
and Don Quilici • Nevada Appeal



ello, fellow anglers! Welcome to Alpine County, the home of catch and release. My name is Doug Busey. I write a fishing report for the Tahoe Tribune and the Record Courier in Gardnerville, Nevada. My good friend Don Quilici of the Nevada Appeal and I would like to introduce you to Alpine County.

I will start off by telling you of my 30 years of experience of fishing the local lakes. I will tell you of lakes that are accessible by auto. My friend, Don, will tell you of lakes for the enthusiasts that do not mind a walk. There are so many places in Alpine County to please not only the angler but the day packer, the hiker or the bicyclist. With our combined experience I hope your visit to Alpine County will be as rewarding to you as it has been to us for many years.

My first thought is to remember the flood we had this New Years. Many of our rivers have changed to the point of crying for the locals. For instance, a place on the East fork of the Carson River. Located about 1.5 miles out of Markdeville on highway 89. My favorite place to fish was and has now completely been altered. A place where I used to curse the trees and willow brush trying to get to my spot now has been pushed down river. As I went to view

the area after the flood waters receded. All the trees and brush were gone and the river has split into two rivers. The road had been removed from the massive force. Even though the sight of this hurt me as I saw how God had changed the path of the river from the anglers point of view. I saw at least 20 or more potentials where there was only 3. Although the river has changed its course, both the East fork and West fork have so much to offer.

First we'll start off at the West fork. Located in Hope Valley one of the most picturesque places through out all seasons. In fact, in the Fall, Hope Valley area is photographed as much as Lake Tahoe with its multitude of multi-colored Aspens. As for fishing, you couldn't ask for a better place. This river offers a variety of trout, i.e. Rainbow, Brown, Cutthroat. My best advice to the spin casters is to start at the intersection of Highways 88 and 89. Walking upstream look for deep pools and under cuts. Use caution. Approach each new prospect slowly. Do not cast a shadow (you may even see fellow anglers on their knees or their bellies). These fish can be easily spooked. Adjust your presentation. Whether it be a lure or bait. To big of a splash

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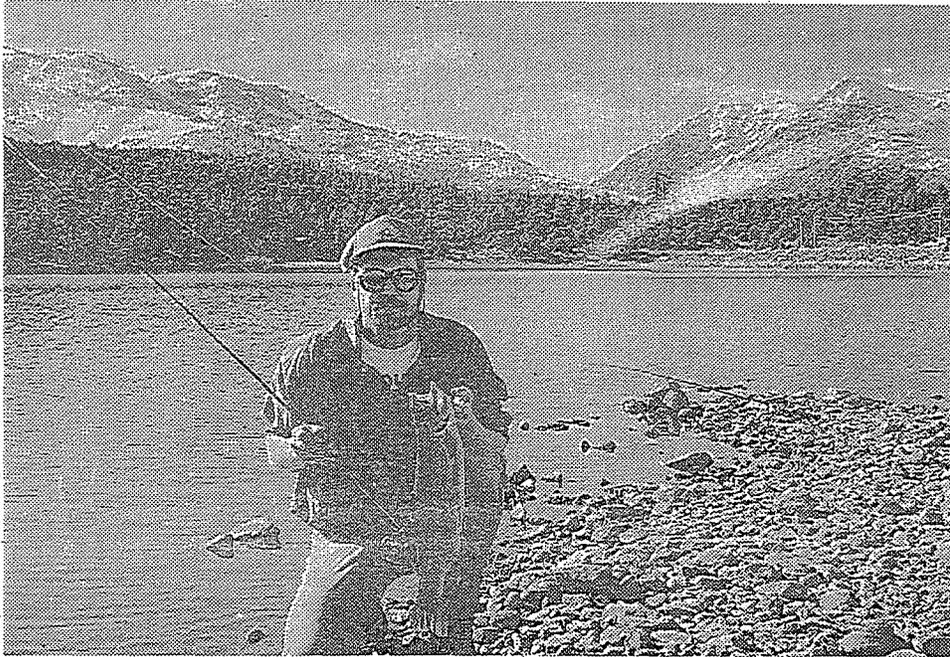
will alert them to your presence. If in slow, calmer water use smaller weights. As for lures change up to an 1/8 or 1/16 oz. spinner. My favorite are the rooster tails black/silver blade, fire tiger/black blade panther martins black with gold blade and red dots on the blade. Gold kastmasters are very productive. Also, remember to try different presentations of your

lure. Slow, fast, and never cast into a pool or eddie. (An eddie being a part of a stream where a large rock or group of rocks form a slow moving pool on the down-side.) Always study the area you are fishing. Cast past the slow waters and bring your lure through it. This will make your lure look and act as natural prey. Also with using bait use the same method. Mini nite crawlers, salmon eggs (make sure the eggs you use are soft and moist) power bait also is very productive—chartreuse



Road damage from flood near East Fork Resort

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*Indian Creek Reservoir early April '97
Crystal Bugger Fly - 4.7 Rainbow*

green, pink and rainbow are my favorites. Also as a note, the Carson river is frequently stocked by the Department of Fish and Game to assure plenty for all.

Now let's venture to the East fork Carson river just out of Markleeville-on Highway 89. This area was the hardest hit by the floods as you will see as you pass Markleeville. Many of the roads have been washed out, but some have been semi repaired. Please abide by all detour signs. Lets get down to fishing. First a special note. A special section of the East fork from Hangman's bridge to the state line has special restrictions (Hangman's bridge is located about 1 mile west of Markleeville. It's not labeled but it is the first large bridge you'll come to.). From here down stream is known to the locals as "the trophy waters." Regulations are artificial lures or flies only (no bait). Barbless hooks, there is a 2 fish limit and you may only keep fish 14" or larger. My favorite lure to fish these waters is a red and white dare devil spoon 1/8 or 1/4 oz. and believe it or not bring a cheap spoon same pattern. Reasoning behind this is in fast moving waters the dare devil is a heavier spoon. The weight will keep it down where the cheaper spoon is light weight. This you can use in shallow and slow moving waters. This will enable you to control your retrieve without dragging the weeds or getting hung up on a rocky bottom. Black red spotted panther martins with a gold blade 1/4 oz. is also very productive.

Now for those of you who want to venture up stream of Hangman's bridge where there are no restrictions (except to use a rod and reel and hook) salmon eggs or mini nite crawlers are most popular and very productive power bait also is popular. (Green, pink, rainbow or green sparkle, have also been productive.) Remember to adjust your weight with the spot you are fishing. Light weights in fast moving waters will give the fish a wrong presentation. You want to

always present your lure, bait or fly as natural as possible. If you see fish holding in a hole, you can spook them two ways. By the way you approach the stream and by the way you introduce what your are fishing with to them. Always take your time. Enjoy what you are doing. Make it the art that it is.

Now let's venture to Indian Creek Reservoir. This lake holds many trophy trout, i.e., rainbow, cutthroat and bowcut trout. Good for shore anglers and boaters alike. Also, a favorite for float tubers. From the shore most productive is power-bait or a sliding sinker (green, pink, rainbow or yellow). Also nite crawlers are good for trollers. Rapalas are good, silver/black, fire tiger, or gold/black. Gold kastmasters or Panther Martins are also productive. A special note on this lake. Keep an eye on your depth finder. The contour of this lake changes often. For instance, if you are leaving the main boat ramp you are in 10-20 feet of water. As you head towards the dam area you will see the bottoms come up and down. Then when you get to the dam you will see your depth finder drop to 50 or 60 feet. Remember to always keep an eye on the depth level it will astound you. If you don't, you may loose some tackle.

Burnside lake is a good lake for the angler that wants to get away from it all. A 4 wheel drive is recommended. Nite crawlers are most productive for the fly angler. You might say heaven. The camping is very primitive. Don't bring your boat unless you can blow it up. Blue Lakes-a great place to get out in nature. There is camping at lower Blue lakes and fishing is usually good. From shore or from a boat. Shore anglers using kraft mini marsh-mellows nite crawlers or power bait.

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(If you aren't successful at least you have something to eat.) Small spinners, w. rooster tails, mepps minnow or panther martins are productive. Boaters have had best action with Rapalas gold/black, orange silver/black or using blades medium cowbells or fordenders followed by a nite crawler, a kastmaster or needlefish. Remember, different times of the year you have to change your presentation. Early spring the top 10 feet of water is best as the warmer months come about. The fish will go deeper and will move into smaller schools. These times look for where streams or even run off waters come into the lake. This provides nutrients and oxygen into the lake. Blue lakes is an excellent opportunity for all people. For the angler, hiker, bikers either motor or ped, for the equestrians at heart, or for the person that just enjoys the most beautiful scenery on earth and want to get away and relax.

Caples Lake my personal favorite. This lake offers rainbow, brown and trophy lake trout. Both shore anglers and boaters have great prospects of catching the big one. Special note. This lake is frequently planted with good size rainbow trout by the C.D.F.G.. Shore anglers have best luck using inflated nite crawlers, green or pink power bait. Also in the early morning or at dark use a small Rapalas



Frog Lake -photo by Don Quilici

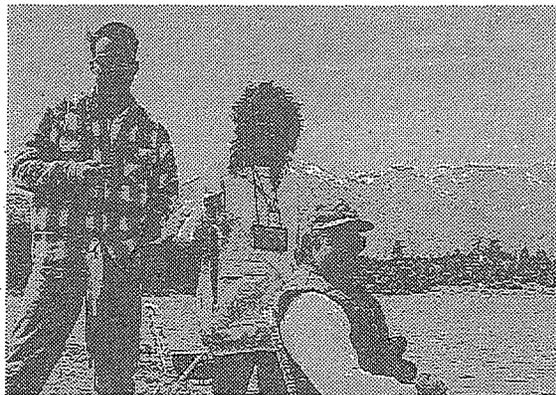
black/silver or gold/black. Or, throw a rooster tail 1/8 or 1/4 oz. Black/white or fire tiger patterns are most productive. Now for you boat anglers trail a set of medium cowbells gold/silver followed 18 inches behind by a nite crawler and if you do not own a worm threader, get one. A very important piece of tackle you should not be without. By using the threader this will enable you not to miss those short strikes. Rapalas are also productive. Rainbow black/silver or fluorescent orange are my favorites. The Woods Creek area has been extremely productive. One thing to remember is to keep an eye on your depth and also this is a very rocky area. Always keep an eye ahead. There are large boulders only inches below the surface. I like to fish in 30-35 feet of water. Now as I said keep an eye on that depth. To have the most success the bottom changes often.

If you keep on your mark you will find the fish and have a great day. Now for those of you who are seeking the large lake trout (which can range up to 20 pounds) I like using a j-plug right across from the boat ramp. Using lead core or a down rigger gets to the bottom. Again, keep an eye on your depth finder.

And for those of you that might have forgotten something there is a tackle shop for all your needs.

Well, fellow anglers, time to find some of the hidden lakes accessible by foot.

Crater Lake: Very enjoyable for family picnicking and fishing for small Eastern brook trout (up to about 10 inches). To get there, about midway between the Blue Lakes turnoff and Red Lake on S.R. 88; look for an unsigned road on the west side of the highway. The first few yards of the road will be paved and the pavement ends at a cattleguard. From the cattleguard, take the dirt



Indian Creek Reservoir
(L-R) Greg Lightfoot (green powerbait),
Renee Heinichen (nite crawler),
Steve Lightfoot

road uphill for about two miles to a junction, where the left-hand road leads to Crater Lake and the right-hand road leads to an old mine. Unless you have four-wheel drive, you would be well advised to park at this junction and walk the short distance to the lake. Crater Lake is in a very scenic setting, has a width of about 200-300 yards, and provides consistently good fishing from ice-off in early June to ice-over in early November. Your best bet is to fish from shore from the large rock on the north side of the lake, and to use red salmon eggs on size no. 12 hooks, either with small bobbers or right on the bottom. Be sure to take a jacket, because the temperature, even on a hot summer day, can cool off rapidly, when the wind comes up in the afternoon.

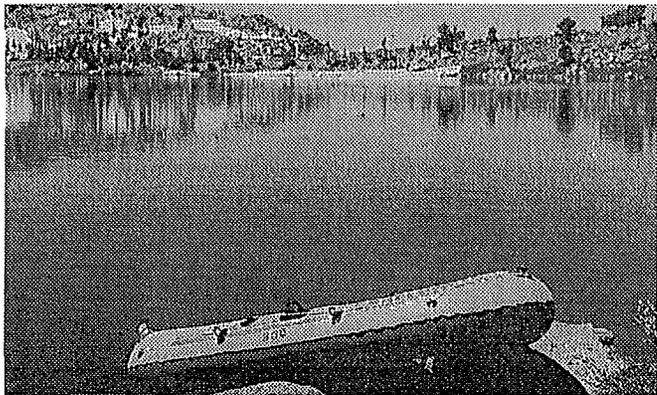
Fourth of July Lake: Fair to good late season fishing for small Eastern brook trout (up to about 12 inches) for serious hikers in good condition, if you don't mind hiking at high altitude for about five-six miles (one way). To reach Fourth of July Lake, follow the directions for reaching Winnemucca Lake. Then, at the far end of Winnemucca Lake, cross its outlet stream and follow the plainly marked

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hiking trail up the steep ridge to Round Top Lake. As you huff and puff up this steep trail, you'll have awesome views of Lake Tahoe to the northwest and Winnemucca Lake far below you. Take a welcomed breather at Round Top Lake, and then continue on the hiking trail around the shoulder of the mountain toward Fourth of July Lake. Once you reach the high point of the ridge, take a good look down toward the lake, because "What goes down, must come up!" You will have about a one mile switchback hike down to the lake, which means that you will also have about a one mile switch-



Winnemucca Lake - photo by Don Quilici

back hike BACK UP to the top of the ridge to return home. As you hike down to the lake, you'll get a memorable, first-hand view of the impressive damage done by winter avalanches on your left side.

Frog Lake: Good fishing for surprisingly large-sized rainbow trout, despite the size of the lake. It is located about halfway between Kit Carson Pass and Winnemucca Lake. See Winnemucca Lake for directions. This is a small lake fed by winter snows and springs on the bottom. It has no inlet or outlet, but it does contain a good population of rainbow trout up to 16 inches. Because this lake is easy to reach, it is very popular with large numbers of people picnicking, wading, swimming, fishing, throwing sticks for their dogs to retrieve, etc., so you won't have to worry about being alone. Your

best bet is to fish off the large rocks on the west side, use red salmon eggs right on the bottom, and retrieve your hook in a slow, jerky motion. If you fish from a float tube or an inflatable raft, troll in the deep water in the middle of the lake with small silver-colored flasher blades with worms. This lake is a great "fall-back" water to fish, if it turns out that near-by Winnemucca Lake is too windy to fish.

Lily Pad Lake: A "sleeper" for a memorable combina-

tion of a very short, easy hike, good fishing for Eastern brook trout (up to 12-14 inches) and very photographic scenery. It is a tiny lake of only about 100 yards width, and is well named for the number of lily pads that cover its surface during the warm weather months of the year. Lily Pad Lake is located a short distance from the main dirt road between Tamarack Lake and Upper and Lower Sunset Lakes. To reach it, turn off S. R. 88 onto the Blue Lakes Road, which is midway between Sorensen's Resort and Red Lake. Then, follow the Blue Lakes Road for about 11 miles until you reach the signed junction of the roads to Tamarack Lake and Blue Lakes. Take the Tamarack Lake Road, drive about one-half mile past Tamarack Lake and look for a U.S. Forest Service sign on the left side that indicates that a small dirt road is closed to vehicle travel. Then, just follow the windy, but level, road to the lake. Your best bet is to fish off-shore on the left side of the lake (in front of the large pine trees), and use a small red/white daredevil or TOR-P-DO lure, which can be very effective. Be sure to take lots of mosquito repellent, because those tiny, obnoxious pests will be eagerly waiting for you.

Winnemucca Lake: Excellent for mid to late-summer Kamloop trout (up to about 16-17 inches) and Eastern brook trout (up to 13-14 inches). To get there, take California S.R. 88 to the top of Kit Carson Pass, and then at the pass, park in the large paved parking area, which has a small U.S. Forest Service information booth on the north end. Follow the well-marked hiking trail for a distance of about two miles to the lake, and about half way to Winnemucca Lake,

you will pass Frog Lake and Winnemucca Lake. This large sized, very deep, high mountain lake is at an elevation of about 9,000 feet and lies at the base of Round Top Mountain, the highest point in the Mokelumne Wilderness Area. Your best bet is to fish from a float tube or from a small inflatable raft, and you will need to troll the back side of the lake, between the islands and the shoreline. Troll along the deep drop-off line at a slow speed, using small silver flasher blades and worms. Shore fishing success at Winnemucca Lake is normally very poor, and due to its location, the lake is prone to being very windy, beginning about late morning. If you plan to spend the night there, remember that no open fires are permitted at this lake and you will need an overnight camping permit from the U.S. Forest Service.

Well, I hope this information has helped you make your visit to Alpine County a memorable one. And as a special note: Always try to practice catch and release of all Native Wild Trout. This will enable the success of populations in all our waters. See page 7 of the California Fishing Regulations. Before going out read this special section on proper catch and release.

*Enjoy yourself, be safe and
Welcome to Fishing Alpine
County.*

BLUE LAKES ANGLING GUIDE

Fishing the
California Alps

Information Courtesy of ACCC

The Blue Lakes area is accessible via Blue Lakes Road, off Highway 88 in Hope Valley. The road is six miles of paved road turning to six miles of good dirt road which is suitable for passenger cars into the Blue Lakes Campground area, 4x4 or high clearance vehicles are suggested for exploring the spur roads. These spur roads direct you to 14+ lakes within a very short driving distance.

The Pacific Crest Trail can be accessed at a trailhead near Tamarack Lake. Parking and a trailhead campsite are well marked on the Tamarack Lake Road. A very rough (4x4 or hiking only) Emigrant Road connects the Blue Lakes with Hermit Valley on Highway 4.

FIVE DEVELOPED CAMPGROUNDS

Hope Valley Campground (which can accommodate trailers and RVs) is about one mile in on the Blue Lakes Road; Lower Blue Lake Camp (PG&E); Middle Creek Camp; Upper Blue Lake Camp; and Upper Blue Lake Camp (PG&E) are all developed campgrounds.

Numerous undeveloped campgrounds are located around the lake shores and throughout the meadows and pine groves.

OPENING DATES FOR A PHOTOGRAPHER'S PARADISE

The Blue Lakes Road is usually closed due to snow until late May. Hope Valley Camp is usually opened for use earlier as it is only a mile off Highway 88. The campsites are close to the West Fork of the Carson River whose headwaters begin in the watersheds out of Lost Lakes. Stream angling is interesting during the early part of the season. Water levels lower as the fall months advance.

Charity Valley Creek, Meadow Creek, Blue Creek, Deer Creek and Forestdale Creek offer challenging Spring Creek fishing. The high mountain meadows are a photographer's dream in a blaze of wildflower colors in late June. Hiking and picnicking are very popular throughout the area. Charity Valley Road still bears the scars of wagon wheels on the Emigrant Road. Present day Blue Lakes Road partially follows the Emigrant Road through the high mountain meadows over to Bear Valley. The remains of several log cabins still dot the landscape. Horseback riding is also popular in this pristine area. Lower Blue Lake's east shore has some mammoth granite lava flows and boulders at water level. Swimming, picnicking and sunbathing are popular from these locations.

Services are not available at Blue Lakes. Hope Valley Resort offers gas and propane, camping and fishing supplies, ice, beer and sodas, groceries and a cozy cafe. The resort is about three miles east on Highway 88 going towards Woodfords.

Caples Lake Resort also offers fine dining, gas, boat rentals, cabins and rooms in the lodge. The resort is about three miles west on Highway 88 going towards Jackson.

Woodfords Station offers gas, ice, groceries, food, beer and sodas, fishing licenses and supplies. Woodfords is about ten miles east on Highway 88. Woodfords Auto, an approved AAA tow service, is a full service auto repair, including RV tow and service (916) 694-2916.

Boats Etc.

Shore angling is good around all lakes. Small boat anglers usually single out the larger lakes: Upper and Lower Blue and Twin - boat access is impossible or difficult in all the other lakes.

Canoes are best on Upper and Lower Blue, Twin, Tamarack, Lost Lakes, Wet Meadows, Lower Sunset.

Float Tubes are a safe bet for the lakes listed above plus: Summit, Meadow (which requires a moderate distance walk down to the lake from a parking area) and Hell Hole.

POPULAR FLY PATTERNS

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| Blue Lakes | Black Wolly Worms 10 1/2 |
| Twin Lake | Black Leech 10/12 |
| Wet Meadows | Brown Matuka 10 Muddler Minnow 10 Silver Hilton 10 Antron Caterpillar 10 |
| Meadow Lake | Zug Bug 14 |
| Tamarack Lake | Bivisible 14 |
| Lower Sunset & Remaining Lakes | Sheep Creek 16 Mosquito 16 Adams 14 Hare's Ear 14 Tan Skud 16 White Miller 16 |

NATURAL BAIT

Large garden worms and power bait/orange and green.

BLUE LAKES MAP LOCATION AND ACCESS

1. Upper & Lower Blue Lakes Easy
2. Tamarack High axle best
3. Upper & Lower Sunset High axle best
4. Summit Lake 4x4
5. Wet Meadows 4x4
6. Raymond Lake Hike only
7. Hell Hole Lake Hike only
8. Meadow Lake Moderate
9. Lost Lakes Rough road
10. Dreadwood Lake Hike only
11. Grouse Lake Hike only
12. Granite Lake Hike only
13. Evergreen Lake Hike only
14. Rice Lake Hike only
15. Twin Lake Moderate
16. Red Lake Highway 88
17. Caples Lake Highway 88

HEENAN LAKE: LAHONTAN CUTTHROAT IN CALIFORNIA

Courtesy of ACCC

Heenan Lake has the only Lahontan Cutthroat trout in the state of California. The Cutthroats average 26-32 inches. A 44 inch female was the 1992 season record. A limited fishing season is offered from the Friday before Labor Day to the end of October, weekends only, Friday to Sunday, sun-up to sundown.

The permit fee per day has not been determined, check with the California Department of Fish & Game.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Special Regulations are for barbless, single hook, no live bait, "catch and release" angling. Float tubes, canoes and small engine boats are permitted. Shore angling is productive.

A parking area is provided near the permit building. Boat launching is accessed by a dirt road, but parking is not allowed on the lake shore. No services are available. Sani-huts are placed at several locations around the lake, but no potable water is available.

BE PREPARED

Be well prepared. Wear warm layered clothing that can be shed as the day warms. Early morning temperatures can be very chilly. There are no developed campsites on Monitor Pass, but there are many undeveloped sites.

No camping is allowed around Heenan Lake shores.

Bears, coyote, deer, hawks, eagles, herons, small birds, ducks, etc. are numerous.

The closest services are in Markleeville - a ten mile drive over Monitor Pass (Highway 89) from the lake. East Fork Resort, three

miles out of Markleeville towards Heenan Lake, offers a small grocery store, gas and fishing cabins. The East Fork of the Carson River is within a very short walking distance from the resort.

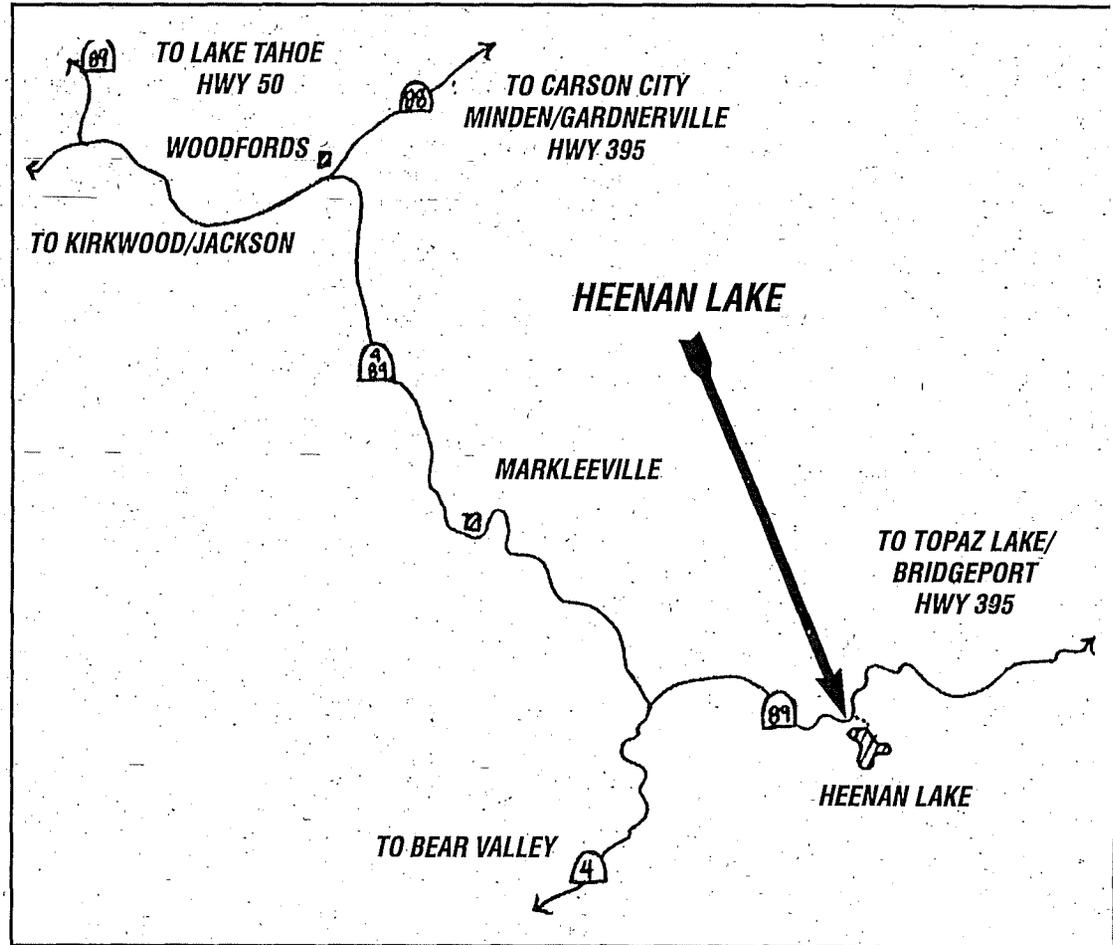
Markleeville has two motels, a grocery store, several good places to eat, a Post Office, museum, library, Grover and Hot Springs State Park. The town is only two blocks long so finding these merchants and services is easy.

FLY PATTERNS

Antron Caterpillar: 6/10
Black, Green
Matukas: 6/10
Brown, Black Wolly
Worms: 6/10
Pheasant Tail: 12
Prince Nymph: 12
Tan Skud: 12/14

CATCH AND RELEASE TIPS

Shorten up your retrieve time to keep stress at a minimum. Keep Lahontans in the water to release - gravity can damage internal organs. Cameras should be ready to shoot before taking trout from the water - try to keep in the water! Use stronger tippetts and leaders to decrease time in retrieve. Keep



hands wet if handling is necessary. Revive exhausted Lahontans until they struggle before releasing. Do not put fingers in gills -

hold by lower bony jaw with index finger and thumb.

FISHING NEWS

Information Courtesy of ACCC

CUTTHROAT BREEDSTOCK IN HEENAN LAKE

Heenan Lake is the only Lahontan Cutthroat brood stock lake in California. The 1996 hatchery program provided 650,000 eggs for DFG and Federal hatchery systems. DFG stocked Alpine waters with 500 brood stock after the June hatchery egg taking program. They have allowed 400 brood stock for the 1996 season. 8,000 adipose fin-clipped hatchery-reared fingerlings were restocked into Heenan Lake and other waters. This endangered species has been under the watchful eye of DFG, Cal-Trout, US Fish & Wildlife, Alpine County Fish & Game, the Alpine County Board of Supervisors and the Chamber of Commerce. With the ever-increasing demand for water, Heenan Lake has been the focus of water rights issues.

The continued housing development in the Carson Valley (Nevada) may play a major role in the health of this valuable resource. The lake has been open to a short angling season since 1983. The season starts the Friday before Labor Day and continues through to the last weekend in October.

You can purchase the on-site permit per day or for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Fishing is prohibited during any other time of the year.

EAST FORK, CARSON RIVER

Hangman's Bridge, downstream to the Nevada border is a "wild trout" area. A proposal to amend the regulations would change the entry site for the "wild trout" section to

move it downstream to Slam Rock or the confluence of Markleeville Creek. The proposed change in regs would allow bait anglers to fish near the bridge and encourage families, seniors, handicapped, etc., to use the new easy access trail. Enforcement would also be improved. The regulation change is still in the consideration stages.

Please note that there are three angler survey boxes in the "wild trout" section of the Carson River. The time taken by anglers to fill out these surveys is very valuable to the management of this area. Take the time and fill out the surveys!

Weight forward sinking lines with dark fly patterns have been consistent. Muddler minnows used as sculpin in the Spring/Summer or as grasshoppers in the fall are dynamite. Browns, Bows, Cutthroats and Whitefish can be found here.

WEST FORK, CARSON RIVER

From the headwaters near Lost Lakes to the Nevada border, this incredible little river takes many interesting forms. You will find Cutthroats, Browns, Brookies, and Bows scattered throughout its many miles.

Through the Hope Valley area, the water slows down a bit and offers some great cut-bank meander pockets. In recent years, beaver activity has created some interesting pools. Woodfords Canyon is a challenge for plunge pools and fast rapids.

Mosquito, White Miler, Adams, Ants and Hoppers are choice dry patterns. Hare's Ears, Nymphs and Dead Head wet patterns should work well during the Spring flows.

FLY FISHING GUIDES —WHO NEEDS 'EM

by Jim Crouse

Flyfishing guides why hire one? What will they provide? What qualification should they have? How do I go about choosing the right one? How much does it cost? What will be expected of me? We will address these topics as we examine professional flyfishing guides and their services.

Chuck and Harvey had been planning for this fishing trip since last fall. This is the third day of their four day vacation. Today Chuck hiked upstream and Harvey went downstream. As they both come into view Chuck cries out "hey Harvey have any luck?" "Not much" replied Harvey. He didn't have to say anymore as the forlorn expression on his face said it all. "What about you Chuck?" "I don't know I see some fish but I can't get 'em to strike." "I don't get it either" Harvey exclaimed, "the guy at the fly shop said these were the flies!"

Dr. Shoeman has been flyfishing most of his life. The Doctor is retired and getting up in years. Flyfish is something he can still do and enjoy. His wife does not fish and she worries about him fishing alone.

The above situations may sound familiar, but there are many reasons to seek the services of a guide/instructor.

For the world class angler a guide can save time. Your local guide can explain productive techniques, recommend flies as well as location of fish. It is smart to hire a guide on the first day of your stay, especially on waters that are unfamiliar.

Flyfishing trips are a great family activity. When you give the gift of a flyfishing lesson you are truly giving the gift of a lifetime.

In recent years corporate trips have become increasingly popular. The concept seems to provide bonding of employees and helps to cre-

ate team spirit within the company.

While experienced anglers may know what to expect, we get many beginners who have never even held a fly rod. Instruction is paramount on these outings.

Beginning lessons should include most of the following topics. The basics of casting and specialty casts, line handling, essential tackle and its care, reading water, locating fish, fishing techniques (dry fly, nymph or streamer,) presentation of flies, fly selection, terrestrial and aquatic entomology. Other topics covered are simple knots, retrieving snagged flies, safe wading techniques, catch and release procedures and hopefully hooking, playing and safe release of fish.

Price schedules vary from location to location as well as from guide to guide. While some may be by the hour most trips usually run half or full day. Half day trip prices range \$105-\$125, for one angler, \$135-175, for two anglers, with additional persons \$20-\$50 additional. With most guides nonparticipants are welcome to come along at no charge. Check with your guide to see if a full day trip is appropriate, as most of the time fish do not bite all day. An honest guide can save you time as well as money. Prices for full day trips start around \$175 and go as high as \$350 on some Montana rivers. These prices may or may not include food and, or beverages. Some outfitters charge extra for tackle so check with the guide so there are no last minute surprises.

Another service guides may offer is fly tying lessons. These may come in the form of classes or private lessons. The thrill of catching a fish on a fly tied by yourself is an experience one soon will not forget.

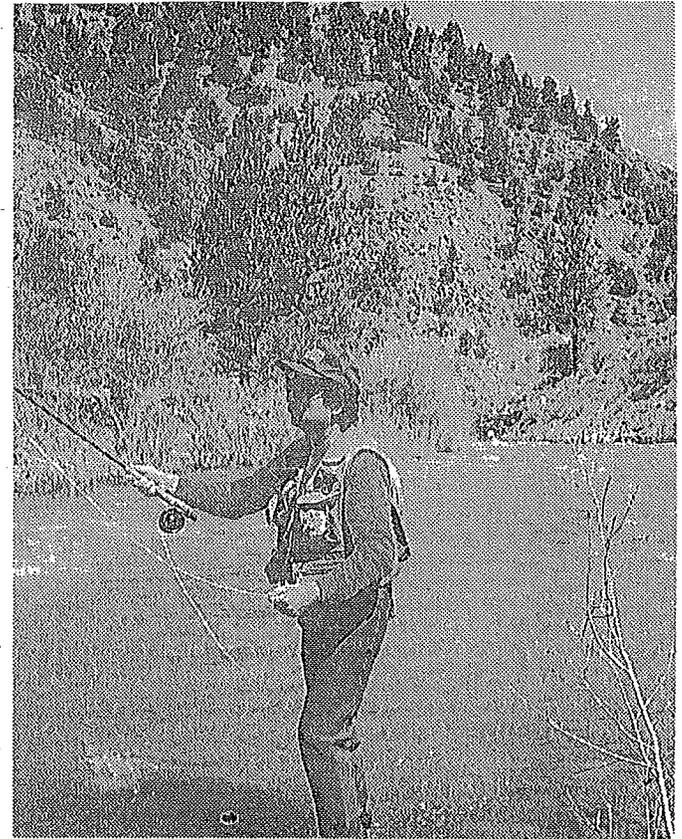
What are the qualifications required to be a

guide? You may be surprised to learn that there is no diploma, courses, tests or apprenticeship. The only requirement is that the applicant show proof of a surety bond in the amount of \$1,000 to protect deposit money sent to the guide. You then pay \$68.50 and you are a licensed guide!

A guide license does not authorize operation on Federal or private land. The Forest Service or BLM regulate the issuance of permits on land under their jurisdiction (approx 95% of land in Alpine County is federally owned). These entities require a minimum of \$300,000 liability insurance. CPR and first aid are usually required to obtain coverage. All locations of operation must be listed, mapped and approved by the Forest Service. Operation outside of approved area can void the insurance, make sure the guide has permission for the area. A call to the regional Forest Service office can provide you with names of permitted guides, the waters on which they operate and number of years in operation. A local chamber of commerce may also provide background information.

Complete guides are stewards of the fishery. These people are involved in protection and enhancement of the resource through volunteer participation in fish planting, survey programs and habitat restoration.

Good dialogue with your guide is important so as to design a trip to meet the individual desires of the client. Just as the guide must be honest about the fishing the client must be honest as far as his or her physical condition-



Jim Crouse — East Fork Carson River

ing. Through this interchange the guide will be able to select the most appropriate locations.

At this time, type of footwear and clothing should be discussed. Sunglasses or some kind of eye protection is mandatory. Sunblock, insect repellent, food, beverages and tackle may not be provided. Make sure arrangements are made before your trip date. Also some guides have been known to fish on the clients time—make sure your guide does not.

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QUICKIES FROM MARKLEEVILLE

The two locations below are a very short drive from Markleeville but offer exciting fishing.

INDIAN CREEK RESERVOIR

The reservoir is a freshwater lake filled from spring run-off and the West Fork of the Carson River.

Access is via four miles of paved road off Highway 89 between Markleeville and Woodfords.

Indian Creek is a great tube, canoe or small electric motor lake, while shore angling near the two dams is productive.

On the shore of the lake is a beautiful BLM campground with showers – sorry, no reservations accepted.

The lake produces very large Rainbows, Kamloops, Lahontan Cutthroats and Brookies.

FLY PATTERNS

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| Black woolly worms: | 6/10 |
| Black leeches: | 10 |
| Green Matukas: | 10 |
| Silver hiltons: | 10 |
| Muddler minnows: | 10 |
| Antron Caterpillar: | 10 |

OTHER BAIT

Green or Gold panther
martins: 1/4 - 1/8 oz.
Pink or Orange power bait
Large Garden Worms

PLEASANT VALLEY CREEK

The creek is 1.5 miles out of Markleeville off Hot Springs Road. Take a left onto Pleasant Valley Road, travel through the residential area to the top of the hill where a dirt road begins and takes you downhill to Pleasant Valley.

There are no developed campsites on what is mostly private land. However, the landowner allows access – but take care of the area and pack out your trash!

RESTRICTED AREA

Fly fish only with barbless, single hook. There is a two fish limit with a "catch and release" request. No live bait.

The creek produces Rainbows, Browns and Cutthroats.

FLY PATTERNS

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| Black ant: | 12 |
| Para/Hare's Ear: | 16 |
| Elk hair caddis: | 14 |
| DK Hendrickson: | 16 |
| Brown Thorax: | 16 |
| White Miller: | 14/16 |

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Before the activity participants will be asked to read and sign the standard industry release of liability form. A medical history form will also be provided to you. Be accurate as this confidential information is for the safety of the client. At this time you will also get a "safety talk" as to possible hazards such as slippery rocks or "beaver fever."

A fishing license is required for those who want to actually fish. For simple casting and basic instruction a license is not necessary.

No matter what kind of fishing you prefer time with a guide may well be beneficial. Green Bay Packer Coach Vince Lombardi once said "luck is when preparation meets opportunity." A day with an instructor and guide should

enhance your talents while increasing your chance of catching fish. So don't miss your opportunity, get a professional guide and get prepared for good LUCK!

BIOGRAPHY:

Jim Crouse is a CA. licensed guide operating under permits from Toiyabe National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management. He is owner, head guide and instructor for ALPINE FLY FISHING. He is a contributing author for *A Flyfishers Guide to Northern California* and has been published in "California Fly Fisher." Jim is also a professional guide for Fisher Fly Rods. 28 years of angling experience speaks for itself.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

by Julie Regan

The special relationship between Alpine County and the South Tahoe Public Utility District dates back nearly 30 years. The environment is the true beneficiary of this partnership—Lake Tahoe is protected and the fields of Alpine County are green during the arid, summer months.

The District pumps reclaimed water through a 27-mile pipeline to Alpine County where ranchers use this water for irrigation of alfalfa crops and pasture land. The reclaimed water is stored in Harvey Place Reservoir during the winter. During the summer and fall, it flows from the reservoir through irrigation ditches onto several local ranches.

The District strives to be a good neighbor to Alpine County—we share common goals such as preserving Alpine County's environment and enhancing the County's recreational areas.

FISH PLANTS

Did you know the South Tahoe Public Utility District supplies the funds for about 15,000 pounds of fish for Alpine County waterways every year? The District is committed to supporting the tourism base in Alpine County. Since fishing season has arrived, here's a look at the District's fish stocking program.

The District contributes a lump sum to the County annually and the County administers the fish stocking program. According to

Sherman Glettig, Alpine County Fish and Game Commission, most area waterways are stocked with fish to kick off opening day on April 26. Fish and Game and Forest Service officials plant fish in the East and West Forks of the Carson River, Markleeville Creek, Indian Creek, Caples Lake, Lake Alpine, and other tributaries.

Glettig said they transport the rainbow trout in oxygenated tanks and deposit the fish in marked areas in local waterways. "We carry them in 40 pound nets from the truck to the creeks," Glettig said. "You have to move fast to get them in the water—they can die in about a minute.

While Indian Creek is stocked throughout the year, most other bodies of water are planted beginning in April. Thousands of pounds of rainbow trout are sprinkled throughout the County every month through the end of the fishing season in September.

Trout from as small as 10 inches to as large as five pounds can be found in Alpine County fishing holes. Most fish average about one pound, Glettig said.

As for a favorite fishing spot, Glettig said they're all good. "The kids seem to like Markleeville Creek across from the courthouse."

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"A MESSAGE FROM THE SOUTH TAHOE PUD"

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RECENT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXPERT LINE ARE A PLUS FOR FISHERY

Last fall, South Tahoe Public Utility District inspectors found two exposed sections of the export line in the West Fork of the Carson River. Crews quickly went to work on this emergency repair and relocated about 100 feet of the line out of the river.

"All repair work has been finished, including paving near the bridges where the new sections of line are located," said Hal Bird, the District's Land Application Manager in Alpine County.

The District held neighborhood meetings before the \$1 million repair project began last year to inform the Alpine County community. Public input was a valuable part of the pipeline repair, Bird said.

"The District appreciates the patience and support of the Alpine County community during the extensive repairs to our pipeline," he said.

Indian Creek is No Longer Used for Effluent

In 1989, the Utility District brought the Harvey Place Dam & Reservoir on-line. The new dam stores all reclaimed water from the District. The Indian Creek Reservoir has contained only fresh water from the West Fork of the Carson River since that time. The District's fish stocking program is a result of the commitment to the County for Indian Creek Reservoir.

Call the District for More Information

If you have any questions about the District's facilities or operations in Alpine County, please call the District at 544-6474. We'll be happy to address any comments or concerns.



WELCOME FISHERPERSONS!

by **Carol J. Brakensiek**

Alpine County Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Information Center
Executive Director

The Alpine County Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome you to one of the west's finest destinations. Alpine County has over 60 high mountain lakes just chocked full of different varieties of trout waiting to test your fishing prowess. Not only is the fishing some of the best you'll find anywhere, but we also have fresh, crisp, clean air; clear blue skies and clean, clear water for you to enjoy in our rivers, streams and lakes as you partake of the many available activities.

We have in our midst a truly wonderful experience that we offer to you for your adventure and enjoyment. Please do so to the fullest possible extent, but please, please be eco-friendly in your usage. 93% of the lands in Alpine County are public and the remaining 7% is privately owned. Some of these private lands are accessible to you by the graciousness of the landowners. One of these areas is Pleasant Valley. This valley is used extensively for hiking, fly fishing and camping, but is periodically left littered and it is left to the landowner to clean up after incon-

siderate visitors.

Whether your journey is on public or private lands, make a mental note to leave the paths and streams you trek in a little better shape than you found them. Pack in and pack out. Pick up litter when and wherever you find it. There are public dumpsters for your use at the Chamber of Commerce office and across from the Markleeville General Store in downtown Markleeville. Lastly, walk softly. If we are all respectful of the lands we traverse, these lands will be here in all their splendor, and still accessible to us, next year and for many years to come.

The Chamber of Commerce Visitors Centers, located in downtown Markleeville and in the Bear Valley Center in Bear Valley, are open daily for your information needs. Stop by and pay us a visit.

Happy Fishing!

ALPINE COUNTY LOCATIONS FOR BROOK TROUT

| STREAM | LOCATION | ACCESS |
|----------------------|--|--------|
| Willow Creek | Hope Valley to Horse Meadow | A |
| Horsethief Canyon | Upstream from W Carson River | C |
| Red Lake Creek | Red Lake to W Carson River | A,C |
| Forestdale Creek | Old Blue Lake Rd to Faith Valley | C |
| West Fork, Carson R. | Upper Faith Valley | A |
| Charity Valley Creek | Blue Lake Road to Hot Springs Creek | A,C |
| Devils Corral Creek | Above Summit City Creek | B |
| Summit City Creek | Mokelumne Wilderness | B |
| Woods Creek | Woods Lake to Caples Lake | A |
| N Fork, Mokelumne R. | Highland Lake to Hermits Valley | A |
| Highland Creek | Carson Iceberg Wilderness | B |
| Weiser Creek | Upstream from Highland Creek | B |
| Clark Fork | Upstream from Iceberg Meadow | B |
| Arnot Creek | Upstream from Clark Fork | B |
| Poison Creek | Poison Lake to Silver Creek | B |
| Noble Canyon | Noble Lake to Silver Creek | B |
| Kirkwood Creek | Kirkwood Meadows | A |
| LAKE | LOCATION | ACCESS |
| Asa | Near Wolf Cr Pass east of Highland L. | B |
| Beebe (Upper) | SE of Silver Lake | B |
| Blue (Lower) | Blue Lake Rd south of Highway 88 | A |
| Boulder | Above Clark Fork | B |
| Bull Run | South of Pacific Valley | B |
| Caples | Highway 88 near Carson Pass | A |
| Crater | West of Hope Valley | D |
| Emigrant | South of Caples Lake | B |
| Heisser | South of Pacific Valley | B |
| Highland (Lower) | Upstream of Hermit Valley | A |
| Highland (Upper) | Upstream of Hermit Valley | A |
| Kinney (Lower) | Near Ebbetts Pass | B,D |
| Kinney Meadows Res | Near Ebbetts Pass | A |
| Lily Pad | East of Lower Blue Lake | D |
| Noble | Along Pacific Crest Trail, south of Ebbetts Pass | B |
| Poison | Carson Iceberg Wilderness | B |
| Red | Near Carson Pass | A |
| Scout Carson | South of Kirkwood | B |
| Summit | East of Union Reservoir | A |
| Summit | East of Lower Blue Lake | D |
| Summit Meadow | South of Kirkwood | B |
| Sunset (Lower) | East of Lower Blue Lake | D |
| Sword | Near Spicers Reservoir | B |
| Twin | Near Lower Blue Lake | A |
| Utica | South of Lake Alpine | A |
| Woods | Near Carson Pass | A |

A = By passenger car B = By trail C = By passenger car and trail D = By Jeep road

FROM THE ALPINE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

by Martha Austin
Assistant to the Board

Welcome to beautiful Alpine County! As you may have heard, this past winter was a test of our resident's fortitude as we were inundated with snow and rain, resulting in the huge flood of January 1997. Some members of our community suffered damages and loss, but in the true spirit of the county, many volunteers and county employees came out and helped prevent a bad situation from becoming a true disaster.

We are now far along in the recovery process, and although some return visitors may notice changes in stream beds, meadows and hillsides, the flood waters have left the county more beautiful than ever as our forests and rivers renew the landscape. It may take a while longer for manmade roadways and structures to be fully repaired, and we ask you to be understanding of any inconveniences you may encounter as you travel through the community. For the most part, however, you will find spectacular scenery, great fishing and extraordinary hiking and camping opportunities in Alpine County. Please take advantage of them, while respecting the need to leave our forests in the same condition in which you find them. For all who hike, camp, picnic, etc., please pack out whatever you pack in, so that others are able to enjoy a landscape free from human debris.

Additionally, we invite you to visit our shops, restaurants, historic and cultural sites, and to enjoy the many ongoing activities of the Alpine County summer season. Take a deep breath, look around and slow down enough to enjoy the sights and sounds of Alpine County's forests, meadows, trees, and mountains. Have a great day!

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ALPINE COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

by Sherman Glettig
Chairman

On behalf of the fishermen and residents, welcome to Alpine County – home of some of the best fishing in the west. We hope your fishing is enjoyable and successful.

Each year the Alpine County Fish and Game Commission stocks readily-accessible lakes and rivers with large, top quality rainbow trout. The fish are purchased with funds provided by the South Tahoe Public Utility District and the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce. Stocking continues throughout the fishing season. Because it is not unusual to catch a 3 lb. or larger fish, people are encouraged (but not required) to not take more fish than are needed for that night's meal.

Alpine County offers a wide choice of specialized fishing, i.e., fly fishing only at Pleasant Valley Creek, native trout fishing on the east fork of the Carson River below Hangman's Bridge (a walk in "unstocked" area), or some peaceful bait dunking at one

of our many lakes.

I would like to call your attention to the California fishing regulations effective Jan. 1, 1997 through Feb. 28, 1998. Pleasant Valley Creek, Page 34 subsection (142), – fly fishing only – limit 2 fish. East Fork Carson River above Carson Falls, Page 17 subsection (38), is closed to fishing. Carson River below Hangman's Bridge – minimum size 14 inches, only artificial lures or flies with barbless hooks may be used – limit 2 fish.

Be sure to check the regulations before fishing Heenan Lake. This lake has a special season and a zero fish limit – also some very special fish.

For information on what bait or lure is working best and where to find the fish, check with one of our local stores. They're usually up-to-date on the hot fishing spots and the best equipment. Good Luck!

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TROUT MANAGEMENT IN ALPINE COUNTY



by William Somer • Associate Fishery Biologist Wild Trout Management

The New Year's flood this past winter may greatly impact trout populations in your favorite stream. Anglers may not recognize these streams because of the high flood flows which scoured and changed the stream bottom and course. This will be especially true in narrow canyon streams below 7,000 foot elevation where rains stripped off the snow peak and produced tremendous flood flows. Trout populations in such streams will probably be substantially reduced. Streams with wider flood plains, or which open out into meadows may have provided safe haven for trout to escape the fast water which would carry them downstream. The streamflows this spring will be down this year in comparison to last year, as much of the snow pack has already melted. This should produce good conditions for fishing on many streams for the trout opener.

The Department manages the East Carson River from Hangman's Bridge down to the Nevada State line for wild trout and catch and release angling. This section of the East Carson has a bag limit of two fish greater than 14 inches in length, and the angler may use only artificial lures or flies with barbless hooks. The East Carson River upstream of

Wolf Creek is also managed for wild trout, and general trout regulations apply in this river reach.

Another popular angling destination in Alpine County is Heenan Lake. Heenan Lake is located in the 1652 acre State Wildlife Area on Highway 89 and contains Federally threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout. This lake supports a popular catch and release fishery for trophy size fish, many of which exceed 20 inches in length. The lake is also important as a broodstock source in that eggs taken from Heenan cutthroat trout are hatched, reared to fingerling or larger size, then planted out in other waters. Heenan Lake is open to fishing Friday through Sunday from the Friday before Labor Day through the last Sunday in October. The fishing hours are from sunrise to sunset. Heenan Lake is a zero bag limit, and the angler must use artificial lures with barbless hooks.

The Department stocks back-country lakes in Alpine County with fingerling rainbow, brook, cutthroat and golden trout. These alpine lakes are planted by Department air-

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plane. There are 26 lakes in Alpine County stocked with fingerling brook trout, seven lakes with cutthroat trout, and three lakes with golden trout. Many of these lakes are located in either the Mokelumne or Carson-Iceburg wilderness. The wilderness angler should expect to hike up to several miles to reach some of these waters, and be prepared for mountain travel.

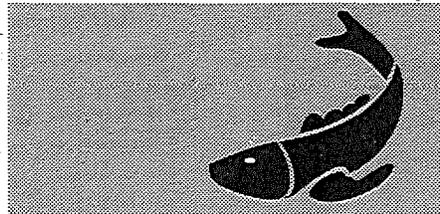
Spicer Meadows Reservoir, located in western Alpine County near Bear Valley, is stocked with fingerling Eagle Lake trout, a strain of rainbow trout. This reservoir can be fished by boat or shore, and can provide excellent trout fishing in the spring and fall trolling for rainbows. The upper end of the lake is closed to motorized boating to provide a buffer area for the boundary of the Carson-Iceburg Wilderness.

The Department stocks many lakes and streams in Alpine County with catchable trout. Some of the more popular stream reaches stocked with rainbow trout include the West Carson River in Hope Valley, the East Carson River along Highways 89 and 4; Silver Creek along Highway 4; and the North Fork Mokelumne River along Highway 4. The East Carson River, Markleeville Creek, and Pleasant Valley Creek are planted with both rainbow and cutthroat trout.

Caples Lake, near Kirkwood on Highway 88, provides angling by boat or shore for rainbow, brook, brown, cutthroat, and occasionally lake trout. Red Lake, located on the 845 acre Red Lake State Wildlife Area near

Carson Pass on Highway 88, is a popular fishery for brook trout and cutthroat trout. The Department recently acquired all of the water storage rights in Red Lake to be used for fish and wildlife habitat enhancement. Another popular destination for the angler are the Upper and Lower Blue Lakes. These lakes are stocked with catchable rainbow trout, brook trout and cutthroat trout. There are a number of other lakes in the vicinity of the Blue Lakes which can be reached by car or foot that provide good fishing. Woods Lake near Carson Pass is stocked with catchable rainbow trout, and is in a pleasant setting with picnic facilities and handicapped access provided by the Eldorado National Forest. Lake Alpine near Bear Valley also provides angling opportunities for catchable rainbow trout.

For further information regarding trout plants and management, contact Fisheries Management by telephone (916) 358-2939. For information regarding angling regulations, contact Wildlife Protection by telephone (916) 358-2909. To obtain information on updated weekly trout plants, call the fish plant recording line (916) 351-0832.



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FISHING STORIES

by Geoff Beer

I have been fortunate enough to have fly fished from Belize to New Zealand and have been an avid fly fisherman for over 20 years now. The beauty of the trees and clear water never disappoint me and nature always seems to have a surprise or lesson for us. Here are a couple of local brushes with nature.

We were float tube fishing at Quail Lake, a gem of a lake overlooking Lake Tahoe on the west shore. Donna Maddox, the manager of Quail Lake had told us to keep a look out for bears while we were at the lake. As if on cue a mother bear and her cub came walking out of the woods and positioned themselves on a rock ledge above us. We moved back to give her room. She and the cub were staring very intently at us—we paddled further back out into the lake. They just kept staring at us. Suddenly, she stood up and dove into the lake. We thought we were lunch! We yelled and kicked madly.

The bear soon surfaced with a large rainbow trout; she swam to shore, climbed out of the lake, sat back on the ledge with her cub and they shared the fish. We fished on in amazement.

Later in the summer a friend died suddenly and my dog Magic and I made a trip to his favorite local river; the East Fork of the Carson River.

We got there late in the day, but decided to fish the evening caddis hatch. When it was nearly dark I hooked a nice fish on a long downstream drift. Magic was off somewhere looking for rabbits.

I got the fish very close to shore at my feet just as Magic returned. She saw the fish and slipped down the bank into the deep pool. While she swam the tippet and leader wrapped around her tail; while she and the fish drifted downstream. Zzzz went the reel as they went.

“Come here Magic!” I yelled. She started to swim towards me and I was able to retrieve some line. To both of our surprise the fish was still hooked on 2 feet of leader. The fish was still fighting and was splashing around Magic’s tail and rear legs as she swam toward me. After 10 minutes of careful coaching I finally landed a 65 pound Standard Poodle and a 23” Brown Trout on 5x tippet. Both were released unharmed.

I slept well that night knowing my departed friend would have really enjoyed my evening on the river.

I hope this year will be as fun and interesting as the last 20 years.

(Ed. Note: Geoff owns Trout Creek Flies located in the Roundhill Mall at Zephyr Cove, Nevada 89448 (702) 588-3310)

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW OF ALPINE COUNTY

by Nancy Thornburg

With fewer than 1200 people (1990 census), Alpine County is by far the least populated county in the state and one of the least populated counties in the nation. When the county was created in 1864, its population was at its peak of over 11,000. The county is now almost entirely rural, with a few small, unincorporated villages. Markleeville is the county seat, a picturesque community located on State Route 89 at the turnoff to Grover Hot Springs State Park. With its colorful history and its standing as the county seat, Markleeville possesses influence and authority far exceeding its size.

The earliest inhabitants of the area were the Washo people who lived in the Central Sierra, centered around Lake Tahoe. They established permanent, year-round settlements near the current locations of Markleeville and Woodfords and in other relatively low Sierra valleys. Europeans began arriving in this part of Washo territory in the early nineteenth century. In the late 1840's, Carson Pass became one of the major routes for wagon trains heading west, and later Woodfords and Hope Valley briefly served as stops for the Pony Express.

Discovery of Nevada's Comstock Lode drew California miners over the Sierra to the rich silver ledges in the Carson Valley and to other promising sites in the surrounding area. Alpine County was created in 1864 of land taken from parts of Amador, El Dorado, Tuolumne, Calaveras and Mono counties. As

the largest communities in the newly formed Alpine County, Markleeville and Silver Mountain City competed vigorously to be the county seat. The winner, and recipient of the resulting growth in population and importance, was Silver Mountain City, previously known as Kongsberg or Konigsberg. The town was founded in 1858 by Scandinavian miners who found a vein of silver ore nearby. Silver Mountain City prospered for the next few years on an economy based on silver mining. Costs of silver production were high, and mining and process were both more difficult for silver than for gold. In fact, it was said that it required a gold mine to operate a silver mine.

A major blow to the mining economy came with the demonetization of silver in 1873, removing the silver dollar from the official coinage and making gold the nation's monetary standard. The Coinage Act became known as the Crime of '73 to silver proponents. Demonetization of silver finished off Silver Mountain City, already largely depopulated. With the abrupt decline in mining over the next decade, both Markleeville and the county as a whole experienced a rapid

and severe drop in population, to perhaps 10% of their earlier numbers.

Markleeville stood ready to succeed Silver Mountain as the seat of Alpine County. In 1875, the California Legislature approved an election, and despite its own loss of population, Markleeville finally won the county seat from its rival, by then a virtual ghost town.

The new county seat was a settlement founded by Jacob J. Marklee in 1861.

While the Comstock flourished, the lumber business provided an economic base for Alpine County, cutting Sierra forests for the massive quantities of timber needed by the Nevada Comstock mines. In 1868, the Alpine Chronicle claimed that "the wood interest--directly and indirectly--has paid over one-third of the taxes collected in this county since its organization, and has kept it from bankruptcy." After mining virtually ceased in the late nineteenth century, agriculture became the county's economic mainstay. High mountain meadows, such as those at Bear Valley and Kirkwood, provided summer grazing for ranchers based in the valleys below.

The county's population dropped to just

over 200 people in the 1920s. It grew slightly in the Great Depression of the 1930s, as people moved to the mountains for subsistence hunting and fishing and a try at gold mining. With the development of recreation and tourism, now the region's prime industry, in the middle and later twentieth century the population has increased, but the county still easily maintains its position as the least populous in the state.

Named Alpine for its high mountain setting, the county includes over 700 square miles of mountains, canyons, valleys, and meadows spanning the Sierra Nevada mountains and bordering Nevada on the east. State Highways 4 and 88 cross the county in a generally east-west direction, and State Highway 89 runs north and south. Possessing few services within the county borders and geographically isolated from the rest of California, county eastern Alpine residents turn to Nevada for supplies, medical services, entertainment, and education.

Visitors come to Alpine County for the colorful history as well as for scenery and recreation. Many local residents, whether descendants of pioneer families or newcomers, are aware of the county's history and recognize the economic importance of the region's historical resources.

"Costs of silver production were high...In fact, it was said that it required a gold mine to operate a silver mine."

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New book on Washoe language now available

What do the sounds Tahoe, Tallac and Washoe have in common? They're all adapted from the Washoe language, one of the oldest surviving languages of the region.

A new work published by the Nevada State Museum serves as a much needed introduction to this distinctive language of a people whose ancestral homeland is now occupied by others, yet whose descendants continue to exert a vigorous cultural presence.

"Beginning Washoe," by William H. Jacobsen Jr., professor emeritus in the English department at the University of Nevada, Reno, is intended for both those who wish to undertake the serious study of Washo (the foreword explains why either spelling — Washoe or Washo — is acceptable) as well as for those interested simply in obtaining a general idea of its characteristics. The book includes a guide to Washo transcription, a phoneme chart, lessons, practice exercises, vocabulary, and references on Washoe language and culture.

"The author is himself an accomplished speaker of Washoe, who has the distinction of being the only non-native American within recent memory who can converse with ease in this difficult and demanding tongue," said Dr. Warren L. d'Avezedo, a noted anthropologist and professor emeritus at the University of Nevada, Reno.

"To watch him engaged in animated discussions with a group of Washoe elders

is to realize how much of cultural reality is being exchanged that few others are party to.

One looks on with humble realization that a language is indeed the most direct and intimate expression of humanity."

According to the author, Washo people have always been acutely aware of the distinctiveness of their language, as their native area is bounded by speakers of three other Indian languages quite different from one another and entirely unrelated to Washo: Maidu to the northwest, Miwok to the southwest, and Northern Paiute to the east. Dr. Jacobsen has devoted four decades of research and scholarship to the analysis of the Washo: Maidu to the northwest, Miwok to the southwest, and Northern Paiute to the east. Dr. Jacobsen has devoted four decades of research and scholarship to the analysis of the Washo language and is recognized as its foremost linguistic expert.

He has published extensively on various aspects of the language and its classification among native American linguistic groups. "Beginning Washo" grew out of the author's language classes sponsored by active tribal educational programs and also offered at the University of Nevada.

The book is available for \$5 at the Nevada State Museum gift shop. Members receive a 15 percent discount on all merchandise.

For orders of 10 or more (20 percent discount) call Roz Works at 687-4810, ext. 228.

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Climbers hope to reach Cave Rock compromise

by **Jenifer Ragland**

R-C News Service

Rock climbers say they are hoping to reach a compromise with the Washoe Tribe in order to continue using a favorite recreation area in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Cave Rock was closed temporarily to climbers by U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit officials last month in order to preserve the historical and spiritual site that is an integral part of Washoe heritage.

"We are hoping to have an open dialogue, rather than sit on our laurels and wait for the Forest Service to come and start dictating use policies," said Jon Fox, publisher of Climbnut, an online climbing magazine.

Climbers will remain banned from using the rock until a long-

term management plan for the area is in place, which is expected to come at the end of this year.

Mitch Underhill, 17, and Ryan Shreve, 17, both South Shore residents, said they used to climb Cave Rock at least twice a week before the closure order was issued. They said they, too, do not want to see

Cave Rock — what they call a "world-class climbing area" — completely closed off.

Fox said he is working with the Access Fund, a national climbing organization, to gather all of the information they can in order to establish the standpoint of the rock climbing community on the issue.

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NEW WING: A new wing was added to the Washoe Housing Authority Office in Dresslerville, and a grand opening ceremony was held last Friday. Jean McNicoll of Carson City asked the blessing. Staff members

include, from left, front, Barbara Bennett, Evalina Picotte and Virginia Kizer; back, Lynda Shoshone, Kay Simpson and Ed McBride. R-C photo by Bonnie Larkin

Record Courier 4/19/97

Terrance Wallberg

Terrance Richard "Terry" Wallberg, 19, died April 13 in Gardnerville. He was born to Terrance K. Wallberg and Cynthia J. Walrath Aiazzi in Cincinnati, Ohio Aug. 27, 1977.

Visitation will be held today from 4-8 p.m. at the FitzHenry's Carson Valley Funeral Home in Minden. Funeral services will be held April 17 at 10 a.m. at the Assembly of God Church in Gardnerville.

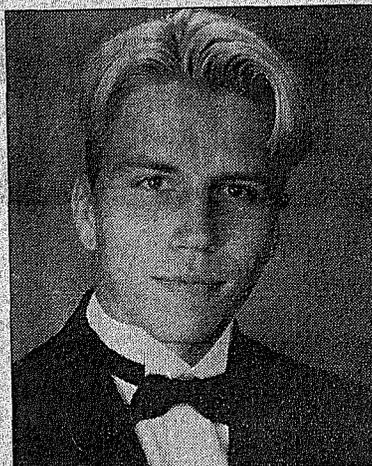
Officiating will be Pastor Leo Krueger of the Valley Christian Fellowship. Burial will be held following services at Eastside Memorial Park in Minden.

Mr. Wallberg spent his elementary school years in Alpine County and then he moved to Douglas County.

He was a student at Western Nevada Community College. He was majoring in economics and business and hoped to transfer to the University of Nevada, Reno in the fall. He loved and excelled in all sports, especially football and snow skiing. In addition, he was involved in a Valley volleyball team.

Survivors include his mother, Cynthia Aiazzi of Gardnerville and father, Terrance Wallberg of South Lake, Texas; stepfather, Gary Aiazzi; stepmother, Ann Wallberg; stepbrothers, Rick Aiazzi and Matthew Wyatt; step-sister, Gina Wyatt; and grandparents, Garret Walrath, Arnie Wallberg and Joan Anderson.

Funeral director in charge is FitzHenry's Carson Valley Funeral Home in Minden. The family asks that flowers be sent to FitzHenry's Carson Valley Funeral Home, 1555 Highway 395, Minden.



Terence Wallberg

Gardnerville man dies in vehicle rollover

A Gardnerville man was killed Sunday morning when his vehicle rolled over several times on East Valley Road by the south end of Gardnerville.

Terrance Richard Wallberg, 19,

was pronounced dead at the scene when he was discovered by deputies shortly before 7 a.m. Sunday morning. The sheriff's office said the time of the accident is estimated at 1 a.m.

Deputies said Wallberg was

apparently traveling northbound on East Valley when he lost control of the 1994 pickup truck he was driving. No other vehicles were involved and Wallberg was alone. The accident is still under investigation.

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Kirkwood to offer best in ski auction

The Kirkwood Ski Resort in conjunction with the Kirkwood Ski Foundation will host the "Best of Kirkwood" dinner and auction beginning at 6 p.m. tonight at the Red Cliffs Lodge in Kirkwood.

The event, which benefits the athletes of the Kirkwood Ski Team, will feature nine different restaurants and several breweries and wineries. Ski and sporting goods equipment, dinners, clothing, firewood and lessons, along with golf, ski and fishing vacations, will be auctioned off.

Cost is \$25 for adults and \$10 for ages 18 and under. For more information, call 209-258-5733.

Alpine senior legal advocacy services offered

Under the direction of the Area Agency on Aging, the Catholic Charities Senior Services Legal Advocacy Program provides information, support, guidance and referrals to seniors 60 years of age or older who reside in any of the four Mother Lode counties of Alpine, Calaveras, Mariposa or Tuolumne, and who have legal questions, need advice or resource information.

Seniors are served through Volunteers who work under the authority of advisory attorneys. All cases are handled in a confidential manner and there is no charge for services provided by the program. For those situations which may not be within the scope of free service, referrals, are made to sources who have agreed to give free consideration to program client referrals.

For more information, or to meet with one of the volunteers at the nearest senior services center, call the Legal Advocacy Office in Sonora. The office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., or leave a message on the answering machine and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

The number to call is (209) 532-8689. 4/23/97 Record Courier

Bombers tops at Kirkwood

The Dale Rise Trucking Bombers won the last race of the four-race Kirkwood "Tobacco Free" Junior Team Series last week and in the process defended their team title from a year ago.

More than 80 athletes ages 7-15 competed in the series, conducted by the Kirkwood Ski Education Foundation.

The final race was named "Coyle's Cruiser" after race director John Coyle. The M. Day Construction Loggers, who were missing two of their top boys for the final race, had a one-point lead heading into the last race but lost by less than 10 seconds in a series which had more than 700 seconds of total time per team.

The Play It Again Sports Vipers, whose girls team was consistently the fastest in the series, finished third and the Jensen Construction Jammers moved up to finish in a fourth-place tie with the Nevada Sport Company Rippers.



On the edge: Chasen Cohee of the Play It Again Sports Vipers lays it on edge over a roll in the Kirkwood Ski Education Foundations "Tobacco Free" Junior Team Series, which concluded Sunday. Photo courtesy of Darryl Whitaker

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Ancient Future

Rock-jazz fusion on tap for Turtle Rock

Fusion. What does that make you think of?

Try fusion music, like rock-jazz.

Any closer? How about the Narada music label?

The Alpine County Arts Commission will offer to a concert by the rock-jazz fusion group "Ancient Future."

The group, led by Matthew Montford, made its recording debut in 1978 with "Visions of a Peaceful Planet."

Their sixth recording "Natural Rhythms" in 1994 commemorated 15 years of music making which combines world cultures with African, Balinese, and Indian rhythms and Middle Eastern and South American percussion added to rich European harmonies and Asian melodies.

Billboard has termed the group "trendsetters" for their contribution to the emerging genre known as "world-fusion music."

Ancient Future has performed throughout the USA from New York City's Carnegie Recital Hall to San Francisco's Great American

Music Hall. Because of their many influences, Ancient Future is equally at home on any bill, whether rock, jazz, folk, classical, or world music.

Philip Elwood of the San Francisco Examiner wrote of them: "Marvelous rhythmic patterns ... truly magnificent tonal balances ... the shifting dynamics, the fabric of the ensemble, the emergence (then gradual disappearance) of melodic lines and the esprit de corps are mesmerizing."

The concert will be held Sunday, May 4, at 7 p.m. at the Turtle Rock Park Community Center, 17300 State Route 89, just two miles north of Markleeville.

Call (916) 694-2787 for information and to reserve tickets. Adults are \$6 and children \$2. Tickets also at the door.

This performance is brought to you by the Alpine County Arts Commission and is supported in part with funds from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency, and the California Arts Council, a state agency.

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Kirkwood shuffles ownership

Charles Cobb has emerged as controlling shareholder of Kirkwood Resort Company after serving three years as part of a three-owner Telluride Group.

Cobb purchased the controlling share of Telluride Group's investment in Kirkwood. He will become chairman and chief executive officer at the Kirkwood ski resort. Cobb currently also serves as chairman of the board of the Pan Am Corporation and Pan American World Airways.

"Chuck Cobb is one of the most successful resort executives in the world and we are pleased that he will be providing leadership to Kirkwood," said Bud Klein, who founded Kirkwood 25 years ago.

—Staff reports

Nevada Appeal 4/27/97

Joy to know

EDITOR:

In a time when we hear of so many negative things about your young people, I would like to let people know about a very special young lady. Her name is Brianna Cross, a junior at Douglas High School, who has a passion for science and mathematics. She maintains a 4.0 GPA as she takes college prep and advance placement classes. She is also involved in sports, tutoring, volunteering and school government. As you can see, she is a very active girl. She has always dreamed of a career in medicine and thanks to a recommendation by Richard Booth, of Douglas High, has the opportunity to attend the 1997 National Youth Leadership Forum of Medicine. This forum will expose Brianna to many medical fields with seminars on 20 different medical career options. This is a real opportunity for her to continue working toward her dreams and goals. Like so many things, the forum is costly — more than \$2,000 — for the 11 days. Brianna is trying hard to raise the funds, even having a recent garage sale. I know she would greatly appreciate any donation, and what a great way for our community to invest in one of our young people.

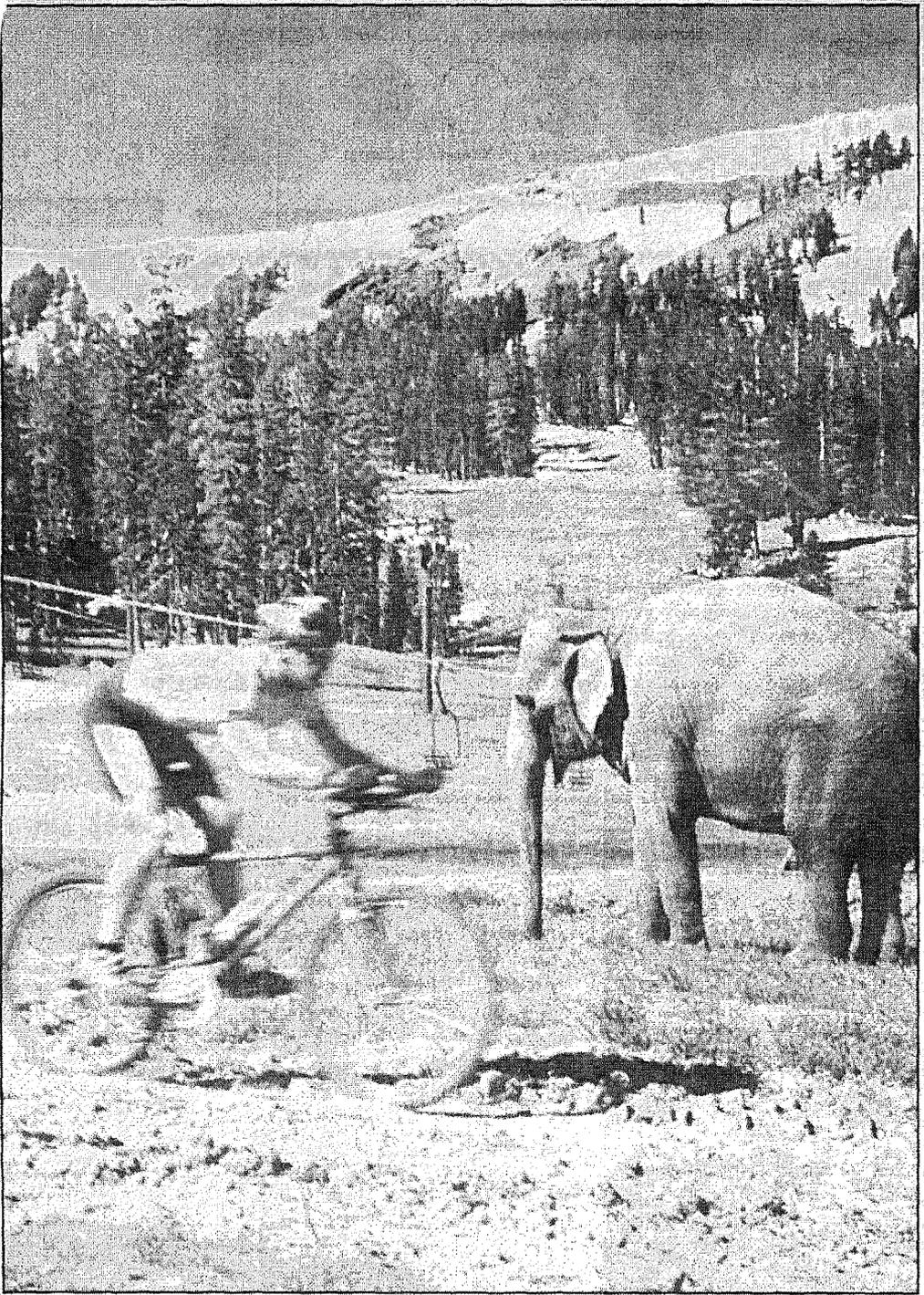
If any of you would like to make a donation, checks can be made payable National Youth Leadership Forum, or Brianna Cross, 16 Pioneer Trail, Markleeville, Calif. 96120. She really is a joy to know and I encourage others to help her on her journey.

Erin Nelson

April 28

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Jim Grant/Tahoe Tribune

An elephant that was used in the movie, "Larger Than Life" mingled with a cyclist during a triathlon at Kirkwood Ski Resort.

Cinematic site

Moviemakers never forget Tahoe's appeal

Emerald Bay will be the location next month for a film starring Nicolas Cage and Meg Ryan. Several movies have been filmed at Lake Tahoe, including "True Lies,"

Amajestic lake, towering pine trees and nature's surrounding serenity in the City of Angels?

Are we talking about the same place?

Warner Bros. will capture the early-morning glory of Lake Tahoe on Thursday, June 5 for its upcoming film, "City of Angels." Starring Nicolas Cage and Meg Ryan, the movie has a spiritual theme and centers on the concept that heaven really is on Earth. Fitting then that the director should choose Tahoe.

Location manager Ken Haber said a key scene in the film will be shot by the lake. Film crews were very impressed with the panoramic views of Emerald Bay and the rugged terrain.

"Right now this is a special project to be on," he said. "We chose this spot because it has an absolutely spectacular view."

Movie production will last from 5 to 10 a.m. and require the temporary closure of State Highway 89 between Eagle Point and Vikingsholm. Without an alternate route, Caltrans expects traffic to be halted and restricted for the five-hour frame. If bad weather persists at the scheduled shoot, June 3, 4, 6 would be the optional dates.

Filming began on April 19 in Los Angeles and is expected to last until June. Cage's home turf, San Francisco, will also be featured in the movie.

"Showgirls," "The Bodyguard" and "The American President."

The love story revolves around Cage, who plays an angel and Ryan's character, a cardiac surgeon. "Angels" is an adaptation of a 1987 foreign film called "Wings of Desire." The German-produced "Desire" is about an angel roaming through the streets of West Berlin wishing he was mortal and could fall in love.

Cage has kept busy since winning an Academy Award for his

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Cinematic

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drunken downward spiral in "Leaving Las Vegas." He stars in two action thrillers this summer, "Con Air" and another high-octane feature with John Travolta, "Face/Off." Ryan is best known for her leading female roles in "Sleepless in Seattle," "When Harry Met Sally," and "Courage Under Fire."

El Dorado Film Commission Executive Director Kathleen Dodge said Tahoe's unique location is what draws major movie studios to the area.

"I believe we've been successful in the amount of filming that has taken place in the county," said Dodge. "We do some marketing but mostly the film companies come to us."

On-location production equals jobs and revenues for the local economy. Lodging, food, and other retail purchases factor in when a movie crew trucks into town. The California Film Commission estimates that the average a film studio spends on location is nearly \$30,000 a day.

El Dorado also has the troops ready when filming begins. Dodge said the county has a base crew of 200 people who assist with security, vending and traffic control. The EDFC also has a speakers' bureau which informs people about the commission's role.

Dodge said it could be a busy summer with a half dozen producers, commercial and independent, inquiring about Tahoe and the rest of the county. Two automobile companies want to shoot television commercials in the Tahoe Basin; a photographer is taking some still shots to send to Disney; and an infomercial for a health product is considering the Sierra.

"Nothing is firm right now but we are actively working with these groups," said Dodge.

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OBITUARY

Earl Fogarty

A funeral service will be held today at 1 p.m. at Walton's Chapel of the Valley in Carson City for Earl E. Fogarty, 81, of Markleeville, Calif. He died May 14 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Reno.

Mr. Fogarty was born on Jan. 6, 1916 in Gross, Kan. to Grover Cleveland and Laura Synthia Kelley Fogarty.

He was retired from the U.S. Navy and was a member of Survivors of the USS Yorktown (CV 5), the Fleet Reserve and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also a member of Alpine Christian Community Church in Markleeville, the Camarillo, Calif. Masonic Lodge #824 F and AM and the American Legion.

Mr. Fogarty was preceded in death by his father and brother Carroll Fogarty.

Survivors include his mother,

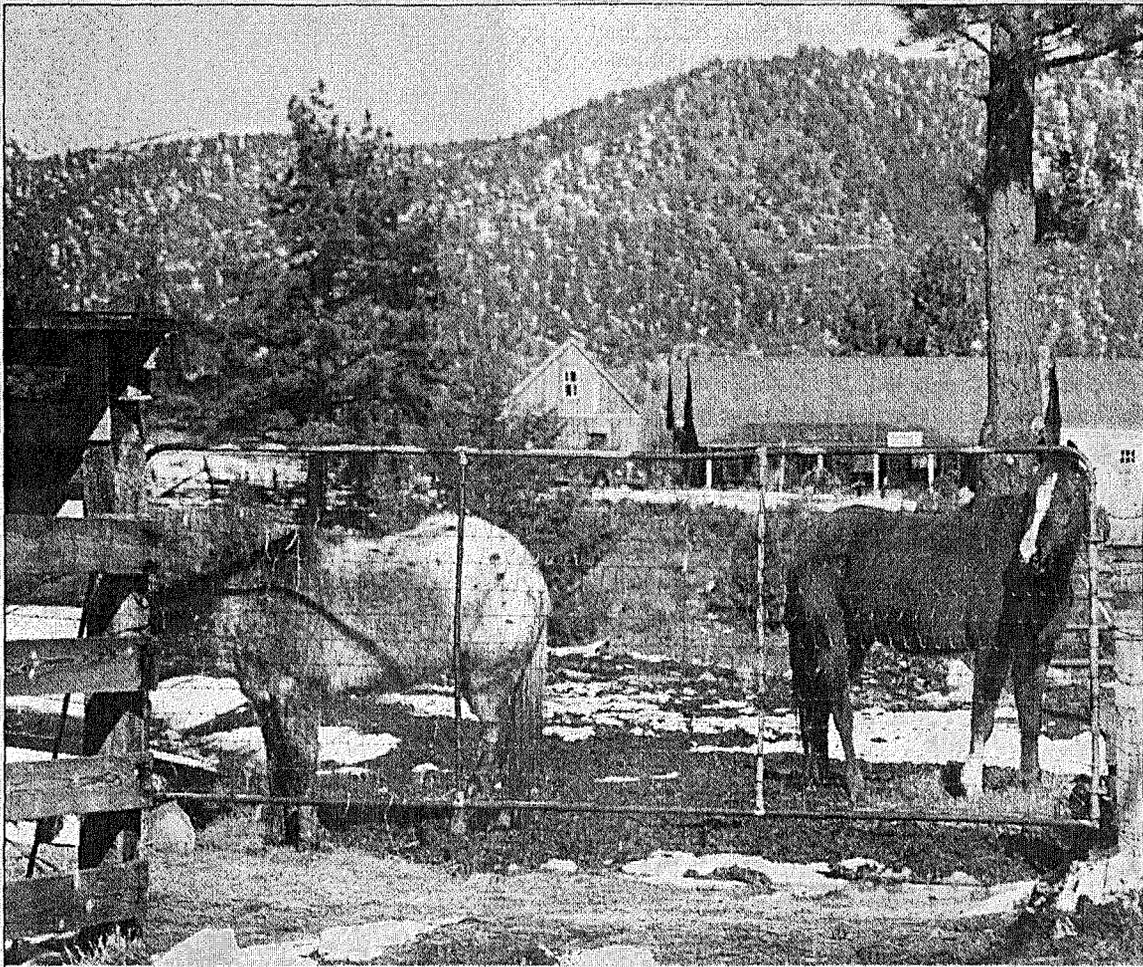
102, of Galesburg, Ill.; wife Ernestine, Markleeville; daughters Carolyn Stonecloud, Los Angeles, and Anita Zanesco, LaQuinta, Calif.; sons Stephen Fogarty, Reno, Sam Boucher, Richmond, Calif. and James Boucher, Markleeville; sister Patricia Lewis, Galesburg, Ill.; 12 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Committal service and burial will be held on Monday, May 19, at 12:30 p.m. at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Gustine, Calif.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Veterans Administration Cancer Research Team, 1000 Locust St., Reno 89502, or Spouse House, 880 Locust St., Reno 89502.

Arrangements are being handled by Walton's Chapel of the Valley, Crematory and Cemetery in Carson City.

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BEAUTIFUL MARKLEEVILLE is now accessible. R-C file photo by Belinda Grant

All roads lead to Alpine County

EDITOR:

We're alive! Alpine County, that is. As with many other towns in California and Nevada, we were affected greatly by the 1997 New Year's flood. Mother Nature took sections out of two of the three main highways (Highway 89, Monitor Pass and Highway 4, Ebbetts Pass) in Alpine County. But the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) and a few construction companies have done a wonderful job, and, just like Humpty Dumpty, they put the highways back together again. Unfortunately, while this was being done many people assumed that because of the road closures they could not come to Alpine County, and it has been a very long winter for the local merchants.

Spring time is here and the roads are open. Fishing season opened on April 26 and the public is now able to access the East Fork of the Carson River. The fishing should be great, and rafting, too! The most common "put in" for rafting the East Fork of the Carson River is Hangman's Bridge. For

those of you who have never experienced a rafting trip, let me tell you, it's sort of like eating a potato chip. You just can't have one! For those of you who are less adventurous, but would still like to experience the beauty of Alpine County, a road trip over Ebbetts Pass, Highway 4 into Bear Valley will offer you a "take your breath away" journey! This is Mother Nature's own Monet at its best. Bring a fishing pole, a picnic lunch (or have lunch in Bear Valley) and don't forget the camera.

Alpine County is only 30 minutes from the Carson Valley and 40 minutes from Lake Tahoe, such a short time to get to paradise.

If you would like more information on Alpine County, contact the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce/Forest Service Information Center at (916) 694-2475.

Barbara Thomson

Alpine Interagency
Visitors Information Center

May 12

Vice Principal,
O.C. Meneley Elementary
May 16

Books wear out

EDITOR:

The students and staff of Diamond Valley School wish to thank all the parents and community members who have saved and sent us General Mills Big "G" box tops this year. We also wish to thank those who saved and sent us Raley's gold receipts this year and in previous years.

In the last few years, library book funds have been decreased, and books do wear out with constant loving use by the students. Because of all the help we have been given, our students have benefited with many wonderful library books. We will receive more new books again this year because of the generosity and thoughtfulness of caring community members.

If you would like to see some of the books we have as a result of receipt and box top collecting, please visit our library. It is easy to tell which books are the result of collecting gold receipts. We have put Book Plates in the front of the books thanking Raley's.

Diamond Valley School

Markleeville

May 16

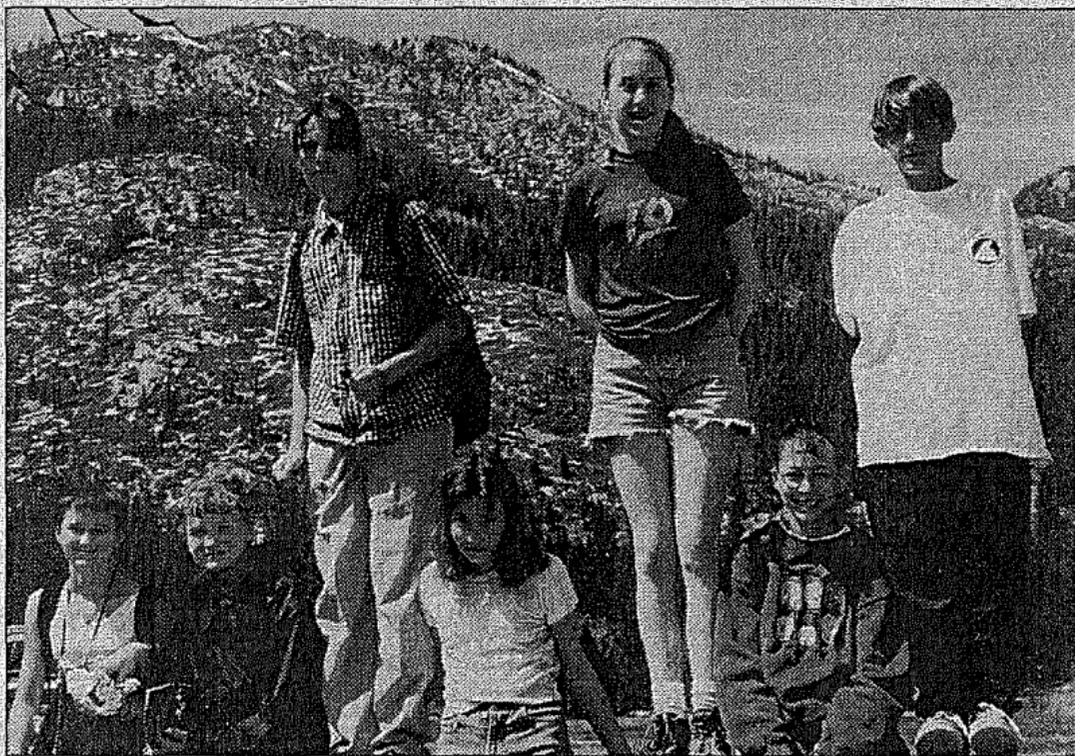
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DVS students in photo contest

Diamond Valley Elementary School students, members of SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco), hiked to the falls above Grover Hot Springs recently for a photo shoot.

The students are participating in a photo contest. The photo selected to be used will be printed on postcards to be sold in Alpine County to raise funds for SWAT.



From left are Beth Brissenden, Nocona Nyswonger, Mara Milch, Cori Nieman, Bridget Gibbons, Dena Castelani and Marcus McElroy. SWAT photo

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STORYTIME: Diane Rogers, right, tells stories to children at a recent story hour at Calico Books. Her young listeners include, from left to right, Karissa Williams, Zackery Kluever,

Logan Peterson, Spencer Rogers, Tyler Stump-Jeffers. In front is Renna Spansail. R-C photo by Michael Okimoto



From left, back, are Gregg Maase, Henry McCubbin, Mitch Fletcher, Spencer Getty, Brant Berry and Joe Holowell; front, Angie Vernarecci,

Alena Vadenais and Karla Breeden; not pictured, Brooks Hill, Ian McIntosh and Kyle Sharp. Mary Kay Kaluza photo

DHS students earn '97 art awards

Douglas High School's annual spring art show, held at the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, ended its weeklong run May 16.

According to DHS art teacher Carly Chichester, the show once again spotlighted the work of a multi-talented group of high school students.

Eight professional artists from the community as well as the Reno area judged the students'

work. They told Chichester that they had a very difficult time judging the work because of the high quality and creativity of all the artists.

There were well over 100 entries in four categories. Judging and final selection were based on a given set of criteria.

Winners were:

■ **Best of show**, Alena Vadenais, **award of merit**, Gregg Maase.

■ **Painting**, Brant Berry, first; Henry McCubbin, second; Joe Holowell, honorable mention.

■ **Graphics**, Spencer Getty, first; Mitch Fletcher, second; Karla Breeden, honorable mention.

■ **Pottery**, Angie Vernarecci, first and second; Brooks Hill, honorable mention.

■ **Photography**, Ian McIntosh, first and honorable mention; Kyle Sharp, second.

Sarah Morgan selected to go to California art camp

by **Dianne Lipscomb**
Special to the R-C

Statewide they've compiled their portfolios, had their paintings, drawings, films, videos and sculptures analyzed by the best in the business, had their musical and theatrical performances reviewed by demanding professionals, and now one very talented art student in Alpine County has been accepted into the California State Summer School for the Arts (CSSSA).

This gifted high school artist and others from throughout California will be honored in special ceremonies during May and June, in observation of Arts Scholars Recognition Day, which the California State Legislature has designated May 30.

In Alpine County Sarah Morgan, who attends Douglas High School and



Sarah Morgan

is the daughter of Guy and Sheila Morgan, residents of Markleeville, has won a scholarship in the visual arts.

When asked about her interest in art, Sarah replied, "I love art. I've drawn or painted continually all my life, or ever since I can remember. I'm thrilled to be able to attend the California State Summer School for the Arts this summer. I know I'll learn a lot. This experience, I am sure, will be invaluable to me. I'm looking forward to meeting all sorts of wonderful people."

CSSSA offers a head start to talented teen-agers who wish to pursue careers in the arts and entertainment industry. Only 554 of the 1,283 applicants will make it into the school this year.

While student athletes, who achieve the same level of excellence as these art scholars, are routinely honored, the Arts Scholars Recognition Day ceremony is often the first time these young artists experience that same

praise — praise they have definitely earned.

For Sarah Morgan, the Alpine County Arts Commission is hosting a recognition reception, 5:30 p.m. Friday at The Mountain and Garden Bed and Breakfast in Woodfords, where she will be honored for her achievement by family, friends and government officials. This ceremony is funded through a generous grant from the El Paso Energy Corporation and its subsidiary, Mojave Pipeline Company, which has sponsored events across the state since CSSSA's inception in 1987.

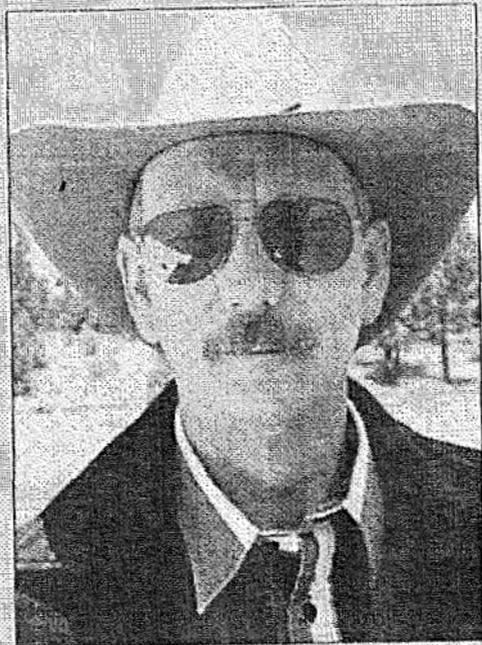
The California State Summer School for the Arts is funded by a unique public-private partnership accord between CSSSA and contributions from the private sector to the California State Summer School for the Arts Foundation.

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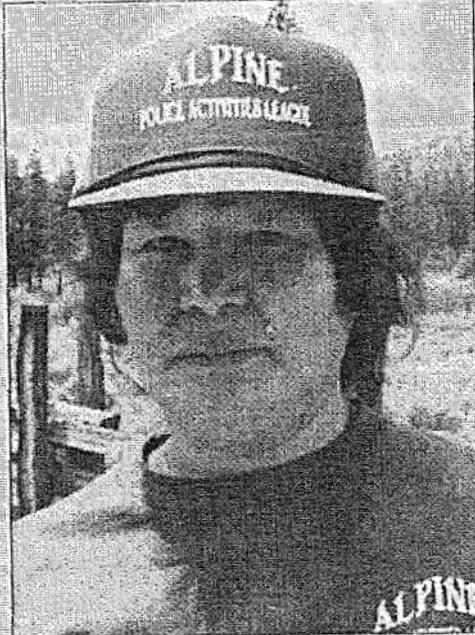
Question: **Of what importance is a museum to a community?**

Asked at Alpine County Museum by Bonnie Larkin



Jim Parsons Woodfords

It reminds us of where we came from and gives us a perspective of where we are.



Dale Bennett Woodfords

It shows the younger people how it was in the older days.



Melissa Lewis Woodfords

It allows children to see the drastic changes to our society of today and back then.



Leonard Turnbeaugh Markleeville

It gives a sense of the past in order to appreciate the present.



Jennifer Winschell Woodfords

A museum represents how strong our community is by showing our past.

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News



JUNIOR LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM. From left are Charlie Pedrett, Jessie Greer, Skylar Zulian and Ben Wood. R-C photo by Michael Okimoto

Valley youth have good showing at Nevada Junior Livestock Show

by Charlie and Russell Pedrett

The Nevada Junior Livestock Show was very exciting for many of Douglas County 4-Hers, as they were entered in more than just their own specie competition.

Twelve members were also entered in the livestock judging contest and four were entered in the quiz bowl. These 4-Hers were very busy and had worked for months to get prepared for these contests. We attended other judging contests put on by the other counties and had classes and practices for the quiz bowl. Well, all our hard work paid off!

The Junior Livestock Judging Team won first place with a score of 1,140 points. The members are Jessica Gree, Skylar Zulian, Ben Wood and Charlie Pedrett. Charlie Pedrett won the first place overall junior judging champion and Jessica Greer won second place with scores of 399 and 394, respectively.

Not to be outdone by the junior team, the Intermediate Livestock Judging Team also won first place in the judging contest. Those members are Jesse Hellwinkel, Tyrel Dressler, Bridget Wood and Russell Pedrett. Jesse Hellwinkel was the second place overall intermediate judging champion with a score of 401.

Douglas County was also represented in the senior division livestock judging with Aimee Hoskin, Crystal Hellwinkel, Shea Vick and Cori Doherty. The senior team

placed third overall with a score of 1,155 and Cori Doherty was the first place individual with a score of 412.

Congratulations to all livestock judging team members!

The Douglas County Livestock Quiz Bowl team was eliminated in the first round by the eventual champion, Elko County, but fared well against a more experienced team. Those team members are Russell Pedrett, Tyrel Dressler, Aimee Hoskin and Bridget Wood.

The Douglas Divine Swine also had a successful showing at the Junior Livestock Show. All of the members showed group one hogs. That means they received blue ribbons and showed animals that were exceptional in muscle and leanness. Charlie Pedrett's pig, Candy, was even lucky enough to be chosen as Grand Champion Market

Swine. Congratulations to Charlie!

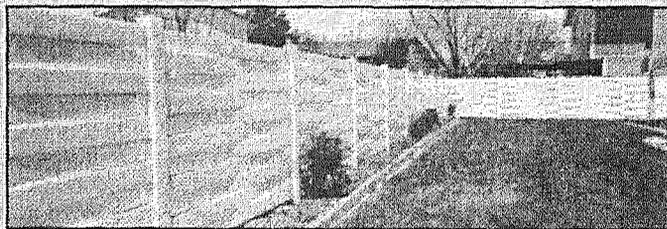
Showmanship was a little tougher, but still Douglas County swine were all in the blue ribbon group. Members were: Megan Mitchell, Ben Wood, Skylar Zulian, Charlie Pedrett and Russell Pedrett. Skylar finished second and Charlie finished third in junior showmanship. Russell finished fourth in intermediate showmanship.

The other highlights were for Russell Pedrett in the breeding division. Russell won Grand and Reserve Champion Boar, Grand Champion Registered Gilt and took third in the commercial breeding gilt class.

The Douglas County "Best Group of 5" placed second to Fallon in the county group class.

Our 4-H members learned a lot, had a great time.

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LIVESTOCK WINNERS. From left, front, Jennifer Hedgecock, Ben Wood, Russell Pedrett, David Hoskin; second row, Sherry Liles, Skyler Zulian, Amy Hoskin, Jessie Greer, Megan Mitchell, Tyrel Dressler; third row, Charlie Pedrett, Theresa Orrock, Bridget Wood, Shea Vick, Jamie Apple; fourth row, Sean Gillespie, Shelley "Boo" Hulse, Leah Hedgecock, Andrea Derobertis.

Sheep results from April show announced

by Aimee Hoskin

The Area Junior Livestock Show was held April 27 at Douglas County Fairgrounds. Here are the sheep show results.

Senior showmanship, first, Jamie Apple; second, Shea Vick; third, Kolt Clore; fourth, Brandon Harris; fifth, Jeremy Drew.

Intermediate showmanship, first, Sean Gillespie; second, Tyrel Dressler; third, Aimee Hoskin; fourth, Bridget Wood; fifth, Theresa Orrock; sixth, John Harris; seventh, Sherry Liles; eighth, Zach Palmer.

Junior showmanship, first, Jessie Greer; second, David

Hoskin; third, Jennifer Hedgecock.

Lightweight market class, first, Jamie Apple; second, Bridget Wood; third, Brandon Harris; fourth, Sherry Liles; fifth, John Harris; sixth, Casey Gilder; seventh, Megan Hedgecock.

Middleweight market class, first, Tyrel Dressler; second, Jennifer Hedgecock; third, Sean Gillespie; fourth, Jennifer Hedgecock; fifth, Bridget Wood; sixth, David Hoskin; seventh, Theresa Orrock; eighth, Sherry Liles.

Heavyweight market class, first, Shea Vick; second, Jamie Apple; third, Jeremy Drew; fourth, Kolt Clore; fifth, Zack Palmer.

Super heavyweight market class, first, Tyrel Dressler; second, Theresa Orrock; third, Jessie Greer; fourth, Aimee Hoskin.

Shea Vick had the champion market lamb. Jamie Apple had the reserve champion market lamb. Winner of the Butch Ricci Memorial Livestock Award was Aimee Hoskin. Record book winner for sheep was Tyrel Dressler. Winner of the junior master showmanship contest was David Hoskin.

Representing Douglas County for the John Ascuaga Award of Excellence at the Nevada Junior Livestock Show will be Tyrel Dressler.

Awards given at Junior Livestock Show

by David Hoskin

We did well showing our sheep this year at the Nevada Junior Livestock Show.

Jamie Apple was fourth place in market and second in senior showmanship. Jessie Greer was

second place in market and first in junior showmanship. Aimee Hoskin was fifth place in market and fifth in intermediate showmanship. David Hoskin was ninth in market and seventh in junior showmanship. Zack Palmer was red ribbon in market and interme-

mediate showmanship. Bridget Wood was third in market and fourth in intermediate showmanship. Shea Vick was first in market and first in showmanship.

We would like to thank all of our sponsors and buyers. Thank you!

Republican Women to welcome Muszynska

The Douglas County Republican Women's Club will honor Dr. Agnes Muszynska of Bently Nevada at the annual Entrepreneur of the Year Awards Dinner on Wednesday, June 4 at the Carson Valley Inn.

Dr. Muszynska is a native of Warsaw, Poland, has a BSME and MSME degree from the Technical University of Warsaw and a PH.D.

and Habilitation in Technical Sciences from the Polish Academy of Sciences.

She was an associate professor at the Polish Academy of Sciences and has authored or co-authored over 200 technical papers on mechanical vibration theory and machine dynamics.

Since September 1981, Dr. Muszynska has been senior

research scientist and research manager at Bently Nevada's Rotor Dynamics Research Corp., conducting vibrational diagnostics.

The June 4 dinner will be in place of the regular monthly luncheon. Social hour will be at 6 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The price is \$15 per person. Make reservations by Monday, June 2, at 267-3784 or 267-5066.

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Little Water

STPUD has been cited 143 times

By Patrick McCartney
Tribune Senior Staff Writer

The South Tahoe Public Utility District was the first utility district in the Tahoe Basin to export wastewater out of the basin, when it completed construction in 1968 of a 27-mile pipeline to Alpine County.

But in the past 10 years, the district has paid a substantial price in civil penalties as the pipeline began to show its age.

Last year, the district began work on a \$34 million replacement line, tackling the most troublesome segment of the export line first. While testing the completed section in the fall, the district's contractors overlooked two problems, which resulted in spills of 35,000 and 230,000 gallons of treated wastewater.

In the first spill on Oct. 22, 230,000 gallons of treated wastewater was discharged, with

only an estimated 25 gallons reaching the Upper Truckee River. The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board will consider a \$10,000 civil penalty for the spill at its meeting in South Lake Tahoe on Friday.

In the second spill on Nov. 7, an estimated 20,000 of the 35,000-gallon leak flowed into the Upper Truckee River. The Lahontan agency has proposed a \$40,000 penalty for that incident.

In the 12 years preceding the two incidents, the district had been assessed a total of \$148,154 by the Lahontan regional agency. According to Lahontan's records, the South Tahoe district had been cited for a total of 143 separate violations, including 17 for outfall violations, 29 for its treatment plant and effluent and 97 for collection-system violations.

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Arrowhead Community Sanitation District was cited for a total of 24 violations and assessed \$50,000 in fines, and the Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency 25 violations and \$12,400 in penalties.

But differences between the districts may not be entirely reflected by the numbers. While the Lake Arrowhead district does export its wastewater, for example, the Tahoe-Truckee agency does not. Nor does the Tahoe-Truckee agency treat the sewage it collects.

But officials with the South Tahoe district say they have been treated more harshly than other clean-water violators. No fines were assessed for any of the nine leaking fuel tanks that contaminated water wells in the Lahontan region, for instance, said Rick Hydrick, the district's operations manager.

Bob Baer, the district's general manager, said the figures are misleading, and that the district has made great strides in replacing the ailing export line.

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— Bob Baer
General manager, STPUD

trict, and that our performance, with all these improvements, makes us one of the better districts," Baer said.

field. Record Courier

Virgil Neddenriep June 4, 1997

Graveside services for Virgil Neddenriep, 89, a lifelong resident of Minden, will be held today at 11 a.m. at Fredricksburg Cemetery in Fredricksburg, Calif.

Mr. Neddenriep died May 29 at a nursing home in Salt Lake City, Utah.

He was born in California on March 1, 1908 to Henry and Jean Harvey Neddenriep. He had been a rancher all his life and was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Gardnerville.

Mr. Neddenriep was preceded in death by brother Kermit, killed in action during World War II, and sisters Gloria and Louise Neddenriep.

Survivors include ex-wife Dorothy Sargent of Maine; sons Lester Darby, Sparks, Henry Neddenriep, Fryburg, Maine, Michael Neddenriep, East Brownfield, Maine; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Burial will follow the service, officiated by the Rev. Larry Miller. Walton's Chapel of the Valley Crematory and Cemetery in Carson City is in charge of arrangements.

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MUSEUM OPENS: The Alpine County Museum complex opened Memorial Day in Markleeville. Mike Melton looks at a painting in the museum during the annual event. R-C photo by Bonnie Larkin.

Markleeville author to sign books

Bill Morgan writes novel of past, future

Bill Morgan of Markleeville will be at Calico Books June 14, noon to 2 p.m., to talk about and sign copies of his book, "The Joshua Line."

Morgan has been a writer for many years, but one who did not, because of work and family obligations, finish his first novel until he retired.

Morgan began his career with the U.S. Forest Service following college graduation in the 1960s. He worked in many regions and spent 10 years as forest supervisor at the Lake Tahoe Management Unit. He also served as executive director of the Tahoe Regional

Planning Agency until his retirement in 1989.

"The Joshua Line" was a book in progress since before 1973, when he wrote the first chapter and last chapter. Morgan has had a passion for writing and the out-of-doors since he was a young teen.

The book tells the story of a young man named Joshua who sets out from Carson City on an adventure with a canny mountain man in 1861. The story spans several generations and is told in a series of episodes that concludes on an island between what were once Canada and Michigan in the

year 2027.

In that year and place, another young man named Joshua and his sister, Hope, are carrying on the legacy inherited from the original Joshua.

It's a saga that sees its characters travel by horseback, wagon, trail, automobile, space shuttle and freighter. In the end, following an awesomely cataclysmic event, the qualities of the Joshua line emerge to be of crucial importance to a small group of survivors and perhaps to civilization itself.

The public is welcome to stop by Calico Books to visit with Morgan about his extraordinary career with the Forest Service and TRPA and his passion to write.

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Alpine author to sign books June 14

Bill Morgan will be at Calico Books in the Scolari's shopping center to discuss and sign his

novel, "The Joshua Line," on June 14 from noon-2 p.m. Morgan is an Alpine County resident.

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Big Band sounds come to Alpine

Do you like to swing? How about toe-tappin' to fantastic sounds of Big Band era jazz? Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday — they all live on in the repertoire of Swing Fever. The Alpine County Arts Commission is happy to bring back Swing Fever this year.

Five talented musicians and a female vocalist will take listeners back to the 1930s and '40s jazz world for sheer pleasure. Bryan Gould, a San Francisco native, founded Swing Fever in 1978, and they've been playing strong ever since. Gould on trombone and vocals joins Jim Putman on guitar, Dean Reilly on bass, Jim Rothermel on saxophone and clarinet, Ron Marabuto on drums, and Shanna Carlson on vocals entertain with tunes from "mainstream swing." Carlson sings in the tradition of Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holiday.

It's an evening not to be missed. Swing Fever has played jazz festivals to rave reviews all across the U.S.

Their jazz sound is middle ground between New Orleans-



Swing Fever in Alpine County July 3

Dixie and bebop, best exemplified by the Basie Band's Kansas City Seven in its hey-day of the late 1930s. Both Swing Fever and Shanna Carlson have CDs to their credit. They will be available at the concert.

Come out, enjoy the best mainstream jazz available and relax in Alpine County at the Turtle Rock Park Community Center, just two

miles north of Markleeville on State Route 89. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 3. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$2 for children under 16.

For more information, call the Alpine County Arts Commission at (916) 694-2787. This program is made possible in part by a grant from the California Arts Council, a state agency.

Record Review 6/7/97

Washoe Tribe seeks return of ancestral land

By Patrick McCartney
R-C News Service

The Washoe Tribe wants ancestral land in the Tahoe Basin returned.

On Wednesday, representatives of the Washoe Tribe said they will ask President Clinton for a piece of the Tahoe Basin so members can renew a centuries-old custom of spending summers on the shores of Lake Tahoe.

"Lake Tahoe is the heartland of the Washoe," said Eleanor Smokey. "It is our Washoe homeland, where we would like to be again. We are the only Washoe, we few who are left. This has always been our land."

Brian Wallace, tribal chairman, said the Washoe people have been stymied since 1862 in seeking the

return of ancestral homelands from the federal government. He described the visit of President Clinton July 26 as a historic opportunity for the Washoe Tribe to press its case.

The quest to regain ancestral land at Lake Tahoe has been an issue to succeeding generations of Washoe, he said. Since 1862, he said, the tribe has appealed to presidents Andrew Johnson, Ulysses S. Grant, Grover Cleveland and Warren Harding, among others.

The problem, Wallace said, is that the Washoe had already been largely removed from its land when the federal government entered into a treaty with the Tribe.

"The displacement of the Tribe happened so quickly that by the

time negotiations started, the government felt that the creation of a reservation was not needed," Wallace said. "They predicted that the Washoe would become extinct, but we fooled them."

While the Washoes have no reservation, private landowners have donated 72,000 acres to the Tribe over the years, but none in the Tahoe Basin, Wallace said.

The tribe currently recognizes 1,608 members of the Tribe with at least one-quarter Washoe lineage. Most live in the Carson Valley and Alpine County.

Elders of the tribe, who delivered an invocation to open the workshop on water quality, said they would like to re-establish the Washoes' custom of building a summer camp at Lake Tahoe.

"I stayed here in the summer

when I was knee-high to a jackrabbit," said Winona James, 93, of Carson City. She said her mother worked as a laundress at the Emerald Bay Resort in those years, and her family operated riding stables for years at the Lake.

James said it was unfair for the American settlers to take all of Lake Tahoe for themselves.

"They took it away, like shoving aside an animal," she said.

Smokey said some members of the Tribe hope the federal government would consider transferring ownership of the Meeks Bay Resort to the Washoe.

The resort's lease expires later this year.

But Smokey added that she would be satisfied if the Tribe was even granted the right to camp for free at the resort.

Llazz Festa set for Markleeville in July

Music, llamas, art, pizzas are planned for event

When the full moon comes up over the mountain near Markleeville on July 20, musicians at the second annual Llazz Festa will play a celebratory riff.

Llamas, with a burro or two, will be transported from the A Bar J Ranch in the Gardnerville foothills by owner Jim Kingzett to the guest animal corral at Villa Gigli on Hot Springs Road in Markleeville, Calif. to swing and sway to jazzy music by the Alexandra Quintet.

Festivities will start earlier this year — at 5 p.m. — to allow ample time for viewing art booths by Artizzans and a display of black T-shirts with the Llazz Festa logo designed by Gina Gigli.

Aromas from Ruggero Gigli's wood-burning oven will be wafting around, tempting taste buds of Llazz Festa guests, as individual Pizza-zz are baked for al fresco enjoyment.

Next to the llama corral, center stage, will be leader and keyboard

player, Alexandra Kingzett, with returning musicians Chuck DiLaura, Rico Mordente, Tony Savage and a "mystery" drummer to collaborate in mellow improvisation.

Off-road parking will be in the pasture, freeing the regular parking lot for art booths and the pizza oven.

It is suggested that guests take blankets or camp chairs for comfortable seating in the meadow.

Tickets are sold in advance. All-inclusive tickets may be purchased by sending \$15 per person to Llazz Festa, P.O. Box 307, Markleeville, Calif. 96012. Include name, address and phone number along with the check and the tickets will then be mailed to the purchaser.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Markleeville Volunteer Fire Department. For further information, call (916) 694-2253. 6/21/97 R.C.

now," said Trustee Paul Saucedo. "We have to wait for some other folks to clear the bucket out

resolved concerning the medical mall site. Among the board's concerns: No record of survey for the lot has been approved and no

of the project.

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Top team



RICK GUNN/Nevada Appeal

Minden Extrication team members Brian Bunn, Tom Embree, Scott Fraser, Jeff McCaskill, holding trophy, and Eric Miller won the West Coast Extrication Championship.

Team extricates way to award

BY JODY RICE
Appeal Staff Writer

The East Fork Fire District Extrication Team's five members really cut things up and out at a competition in Fort Bragg, Calif.

They performed so well and fast at rescuing a dummy out of a mangled car, they won the title of West Coast Extrication Champions on May 31. Now the team members are trying to raise about \$8,000 to go to an international competition in Vancouver, Canada, in Septem-

Willing donors:
Call Scott Fraser at the Ranchos Fire Rescue 265-4442
Purpose: To raise \$8,000 to go to international competition in Vancouver, Canada

ber. The team members are all volunteers from East Fork Fire District with the exception of one member from Woodfords, Calif. — safety Tom Embree. This is the second year the team won the West Coast honors. This year four teams competed. It won them an automatic bid to the interna-

tional championships.

Last year, the international championships were held in Florida. The team did not place in the top three out of 26 teams but team captain Scott Fraser said the true reward is learning the newest and best techniques from teams all over the world.

"It does have some true life use," Fraser said. "The reality is we bring back new ideas and teach it to anyone who will listen."

The name of the game is speed

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Virginia City water line back in service

ago, state water master. "It was back in all service at 8:10 a.m."

The pipeline blew three leaks within the last week, springing geysers on both Lakeview Hill and Duck Hill.

The Five Mile Reservoir, with 5 million gallons, serviced the 535 customers in the

Crago said the pipeline traveling from Marlette Lake, to Washoe Valley and into Virginia City, sprang leaks because the Storey County Water Department installed metering devices.

Crago said he will keep an eye on water levels through the weekend, but there's no

Richard Bacus, Storey County public works director, said Wednesday it could have been a critical day if the system was not brought back up by Thursday.

The reservoir was getting low, he said Wednesday.

No water restrictions were placed on

water supply

Bacus said it was considered an honor when it was brought back.

He is waiting for a grant he says. Three and a

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rate ten opinions. court holding permits this de- to continue, as it should in a ocratic society," wrote Chief ce William H. Rehnquist. hnquist, whose wife died in after a long fight with ovarian- cancer, called it an "earnest pro- fessional debate." e court said the matter was not permanently resolved for nation's aging population, and ulings left room for doctors to nue giving dying patients po- drugs for their pain, even if drugs might hasten death.

One-item veto

to come after Clinton exercis- is new veto powers. Rather ruling on the constitutional- the measure, the court sim- said the six members of gress who sued had lacked standing since they had not hurt by an unused law. Clinton said he looked forward exercis- ing the new power inst v- iful spending. fellow Democrat, Sen. Daniel ick Moynihan, said the law ld and would be declared un- ititutional in time.

pharmacy, laboratory, radiology rehabilitation services, retail ces, eye center, dental clinic, h restaurant, fitness center, a community meeting room.

According to the hospital d's staff, the bid from A&K remain good for 30 days. The scheduled meeting of the d is July 10 and board mem- said they hoped the issues d be resolved.

e have been playing with this y for some time," Livermore "We have caused some credi- difficulties to our Douglas ty partners who have been rly waiting for this project."

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"Philosophically, this seems like the kind of thing that we would look to do," Williamson said. "So I would have no problem allocating the \$100,000 if the numbers and interest is there, but I'm only one vote."

Though these sites are identified as potential open space, the most important thing to remember is the committee has not yet established any criteria to evaluate them, said Juan Guzman, a senior planner with the city's Community Development Department.

Team

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when it comes to freeing someone from a tragic car wreck, Fraser said. If a team can extricate a person who needs surgery within a 60-minute time period, the odds of survival go up tremendously, Fraser said.

The constant training and experience with new tools and vehicle types makes the team more efficient and the victims more relaxed, said Fraser, who is responsible for overseeing the team's performance.

He offered as an example that in the past, a canvas tarp may have been used to cover a person during the cutting procedures. Instead, the team uses a clear plastic shield so they can keep an eye on patients and they won't be as frightened, said team member Eric Miller, who is one of two members responsible for the cutting.

"(The plastic shield) is a simple \$40 item but it makes a difference mainly for the victim, who is the most important part," Miller said.

"What we are really trying to do in the long-term is to hire a consultant to help us set criteria," Williamson said. "It will give us some sense of consistency and philosophical agreement on the kind of things we want."

The committee has chosen three firms as possible candidates for development of the Open Space Master Plan to help establish the criteria for choosing open space lands. Those firms are: Vasey Engineering, of Gardnerville, Jeff Codega, of Reno and Winston Associates, of Boulder, Colo.

Guzman said he expects development of the criteria to take a long time because of the emphasis

Jeff McCaskill, the team's medic, said his small physical build aids in allowing him to fit into tight places and get to victims.

"I'm very flexible," McCaskill said.

McCaskill has to fit his body in small places, even during the competitions when a 200 pound dummy is used as the victim in a car wreck. He said the upside to a job that calls only at times of tragedy is helping people.

"The good outweighs the bad," McCaskill said. "At least you're helping someone."

Brian Bunn is a founding member. He says the time he spends practicing once a week is well spent.

"It important for neighbors to help neighbors," Bunn said. "It's the best things anybody can do."

Extrication is far from a glory job. While anytime the team is successful in getting someone out and to the hospital, there are also the difficult stories.

"I've learned not to dwell on what you could have done," Bunn said. "You do the best you can.

the committee has placed on public input.

"It will be on the longer side to include as much citizen input as possible," he said.

In addition to these considerations, the committee also has a commitment to the community to act rapidly and follow the market.

"We don't want to spend all our money before we get all our guidelines. We do have a lot of open space, but we need a way for the public to get to it and enjoy it," Williamson said. "Developing access may be one of our priorities. But we have to be flexible enough to take advantage of the situation when it becomes available."

Otherwise, if you dwell, it can hurt you inside."

It all takes a lot of practice. Every week the team gets together and goes over procedures or rehearses on cars donated by Mort's Auto Body in Gardnerville. The team uses the site and cuts up as many cars available, Fraser said.

"Without them (Mort's Auto Body) it would be impossible for us to train," Fraser said. "It's such a specialized field, like everything else." Miller was not on the team during the first win but did join by the international competition in Florida last September.

"It's mainly because of what we are learning," Miller said about why competitions are helpful. "We are able to apply the new techniques and it helps."

"We want to learn. We enjoy it. If you're going to get stuck doing something you may as well do something you like."

Miller's history as a mechanic aids his knowledge at an accident site. But he said it is still essential for him to travel around and check out new innovations in car making.

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Nancy Thornburg retires as Alpine County Museum director

by Asa Embree
Special to the R-C

Bringing order out of chaos is Nancy Thornburg's specialty.

When she started working as director of the Alpine County Museum in 1987, there were no facilities for archival storage of artifacts, no catalog system for the collection and no reliable security system. The collection and exhibits had outgrown the space available in the original museum building.

Now, after 10 years of hard work and perseverance, everything in the museum is cataloged and stored in a system that meets national standards. All museum procedures have been put into a manual.

The security system was replaced with "state of the art" equipment. A new wing has been built, greatly enlarging exhibit, storage, and work space.

Nancy's husband Fritz donated \$7,000 in time and equipment to dig a basement. A shed has been constructed to allow storage for larger artifacts, including a fire engine and restored buggy.

When a grant was approved in order to pay for a Museum Assessment Program, the Alpine Museum was treated to an expert critique.

"We received a glowing evaluation," said Nancy.

Chaos has been vanquished; order has been achieved.

After her retirement from the position on June 30, the museum will be faced with more changes. Once free from the duties of muse-

um director, Nancy plans to organize her own family history, write, garden and travel.

"I have allowed the job to become very intrusive into my personal life, and while that's nobody's fault but my own, I need to reestablish a personal life," she said.

Why is history important enough to warrant such expenditure of her time and energy?

"Alpine County is a peculiar community in many ways, and to a large extent I think it always has been," she said. "In most ways, it represents the antithesis of order and organization. It is myopic in its understanding of its past and in its perception of its future, and I believe that if people understood the community's history, including its strengths and its weaknesses, its triumphs and its failures, it wouldn't keep making the same mistakes over and over again and, hopefully, more rational planning for its future would follow. I think we all need to understand our history in order to have some sense of how we fit in, why we are even here at all, and what positive differences our lives can make," Nancy said.

The Spicer exhibit is one of her favorites. It contains some of the oldest human artifacts found in North America. A team of archeologists found a petroglyph, as well as many primitive tools. The artifacts were excavated at Spicer Reservoir. Nancy worked very hard to make the museum their permanent home.

"I think it is a very exciting collection and a fascinating window



Nancy Thornburg retires from the Alpine County Museum. Photo by Asa Embree

into a previously unknown part of Alpine County history," she said.

Her education and interests have uniquely prepared her for the position of museum director. She was born in Martinez, Calif. and attended school in Piedmont. A graduate of University of California at Davis, she holds a bachelor of arts in history, a minor in English, and a general elementary teaching credential. She met her

husband Fritz Thornburg at Davis. They were married in 1958. Fritz is a former Alpine County supervisor. He has been very involved in the workings of the museum.

"I could not have done this job without his help ... all the way through," said Nancy. They have three daughters. Becky is a critical care nurse. Jenny is a geologist, and Nancy works in the Alpine County auditor's office.

Nancy helped form the Alpine County Historical Society in 1963 when all museum-related work was done on a volunteer basis. This included moving the jail building to the museum complex, restoring the Webster School and building the core section of the museum itself.

She has been inspired by several history professors and by her grandmother, who involved her in

genealogical research.

Her actual approach to her work was influenced by her father who believed deeply in organization and logic. Both her parents taught her that if a job is worth doing at all, it is worth doing well. Her accomplishments exemplify this philosophy.

Diane Brigham, Alpine County librarian, says, "Nancy has been an invaluable resource person, and I will miss being able to call on her at the museum, especially for research questions involving Alpine County history. I visit many small museums and Alpine County's is impressive, thanks to the efforts of Nancy Thornburg and the historical society. I know Nancy will continue to make contributions to Alpine County. She really won't be retiring, but moving on to new challenges and opportunities."

Nancy believes that the museum's primary roles are "to collect, preserve and interpret documents and artifacts which represent our community's history and its people and to convey that information through exhibits, educational programs, research and publication and any other means at our disposal."

She has achieved all this and more. The museum is a shining example of dedication, efficiency, and organization. Her years of effort are not only a real benefit to the present population of Alpine County but to the generations that will follow.

Editor's note: Asa Embree is a resident of Markleeville.

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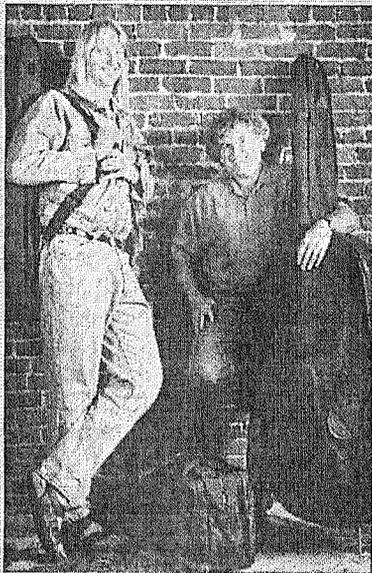
Trout Fishing comes to Alpine County

How to lure an audience? Offer them bait they can't refuse — Trout Fishing in America. No, it's not a how-to video for anglers. Trout Fishing in America is one of the most popular contemporary folklore-musicians duo around.

Ezra Idlet and Keith Grimwood have been entertaining audiences all across America for 20 years with their unique blend of humorous storytelling lyrics and rich music — rock, blues, folk and country.

They've recently released their sixth album, *Reel Life*, featuring Idlet on acoustic and electric guitar and Grimwood on bass guitar and bass. Their twisted, wry perspective on life's domestic woes and love's heartaches brings humor to small travails and delivers slivers of wisdom on dilemmas of the spirit in a package that'll keep you begging for more.

Keith Grimwood was bassist with the Houston Symphony, but when a labor dispute temporarily halted the symphony in 1976, he joined the Texas rock band St. Elmo's Fire. Idlet was a guitar player in the band. In 1977 when



Trout Fishing in America

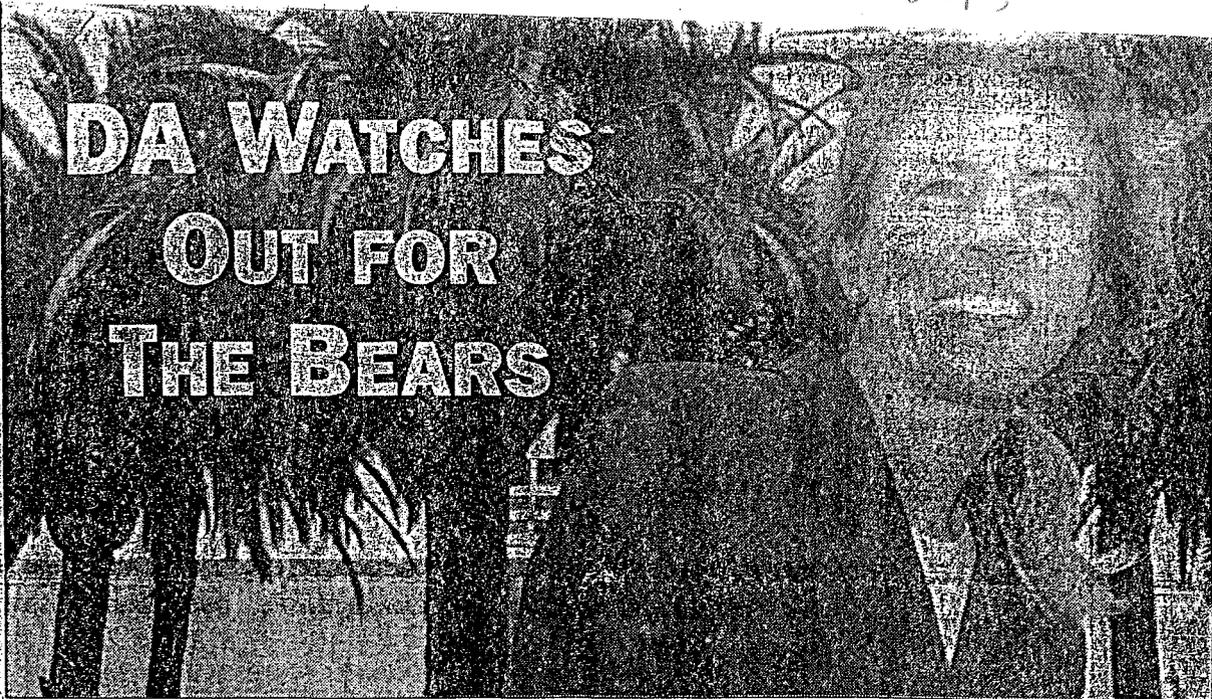
a concert tour fell apart in California, they started playing for pocket money on the streets of Santa Cruz. When St. Elmo's Fire broke up, they decided to go it alone and took the name Trout Fishing in America from the title of a Richard Brautigan work. They've played ever since in venues across the U.S. and festivals from the Winnipeg Folk Festival in Manitoba to the New

Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival. They've appeared with Bob Dylan, Jesse Colin Young and Peter, Paul and Mary, to name but a few.

They've remained true to their unique voice and music and have carved an alternative career path. With six albums out, the 1994 INDIE Award for Children's Album of the Year for *Over the Limit*, the Gold Medal from the 1990 Houston International Film Festival for their children's video *Go Fish*, and numerous other awards, the two still have time with their respective families and call Arkansas home.

Don't miss the chance to see them in Alpine County. The Alpine County Arts Commission presents Trout Fishing in America on Friday, July 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Turtle Rock Park Community Building, just two miles north of Markleeville on SR 89. This concert is funded in part with a grant from the California Arts Council, a state agency.

Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$2 for children under 16. To reserve tickets and for further information, call (916) 694-2787.



DA WATCHES OUT FOR THE BEARS

ROBERT LEVINS/Daily Journal

COLLEEN HEMINGWAY — "I drove around all the beautiful counties in California until I found a place with a chance for jobs."

By Jean Guccione
Daily Journal Senior Writer

Her job is putting criminals behind bars. But District Attorney Colleen E. Hemingway of tiny Alpine County is fast becoming known for her vigilance in protecting members of the local bear population she fears will be hunted down and killed for breaking and entering sheds and cars in search of food.

PROFILE

Her reputation is such that Chief Justice Ronald M. George recently took note of Hemingway's fondness for the furry creatures in a speech he made to a gathering of prosecutors in San Diego.

Alpine County, George recounted, is where an apparently frightened bear broke the glass doors of the courthouse in Markleeville a year or so ago, ran through the deserted building and then left the premises. And Hemingway is well known now as their protector.

Hemingway, who at 31 is one of the youngest district attorneys in the country and one of only five female chief prosecutors in the state, readily admits to her devotion to the cause.

"They are such cute little creatures," she said, dabbing

Animal Abuse May Bring Tears, But an Alpine Prosecutor Stands Tough for Game

her watery eyes with a napkin while talking in a recent interview about one of her biggest accomplishments since she became district attorney in April 1996.

Most famous is the story of how the prosecutor rescued, and later escorted back into the woods, a black bear that had been captured by local authorities after the animal reportedly reached in the window of an unoccupied car and removed some partially eaten food.

Hemingway said she spotted a bear in a modified oil barrel that served as a holding cell behind the courthouse awaiting pickup by state wildlife officials. She said she demanded they follow their own rule and relocate the bear because it didn't pose a harm to the community.

After a fight that led Hemingway up the chain of command at the state Department of Fish and Game, she said she won and the bear was later relocated.

"As a matter of principle, she did the right thing," said Alpine County Sheriff Henry Veatch.

The sheriff said, however, he believed the bear should have been killed because it was "a repeat offender," having caused a nuisance before.

"It upset Colleen a lot," he said.

Now Hemingway hopes the bear will not return to town

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with its head spray-painted bright yellow for easy recognition by wildlife officials. That's because the next time, if there is one, Hemingway fears she will be helpless to spare the bear's life.

Although she doesn't like it, Hemingway said she doesn't interfere with lawful hunts, such as the trapping and killing of bears who pose a danger to people by entering buildings. But as district attorney, she said she is tough on those who violate state game laws.

She has been warned that it could hurt her political career, but she said she hasn't felt a backlash. In fact, she has been defended against criticism by those who say she is only enforcing the law.

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The Death Ride bicycle event, which begins and ends at Turtle Rock Park in Alpine County, is scheduled for Saturday.

The course includes a ride to the top of Monitor Pass and then down Highway 395, up and over

Kingsbury Grade instead of Ebbetts Pass, and then up and over Luther Pass. The event changes its course often. The final stretch leads participants to the Carson Summit and back to the park.

Cost is \$50. Participants may

register for the 150 remaining spots by calling the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce at 916-694-2475.

If spaces remain, participants may sign up Saturday morning from 4:30 to 8:15 a.m. at the park.

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By JEAN GUCCIONE
Special to The Daily Recorder

Her job is putting criminals behind bars. But District Attorney Colleen E. Hemingway of tiny Alpine County is fast becoming known for her vigilance in protecting members of the local bear population she fears will be hunted down and killed for breaking and entering sheds and cars in search of food.

Her reputation is such that Chief Justice Ronald M. George recently took note of Hemingway's fondness for the furry creatures in a speech he made to a gathering of prosecutors in San Diego.

Alpine County, George recounted, is where an apparently frightened bear broke the glass doors of the courthouse

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Werdegar for the majority.

The ruling in *People v. Hammon*, 97 Daily Journal D.A.R. 8671, settles an issue that seems to have troubled the high court since 1993, although the state's intermediate appeal court had no trouble in agreeing that a defendant has a pretrial right to psychiatric information about an accuser.

Deputy Attorney General Rachelle A. Younger said Monday she was pleased with the ruling, although she wished the court had gone a little further and clarified the defendant's discovery rights at trial as well.

Defense lawyer Linnea M. Johnson of the Central California Appellate Program did not return a call for comment.

The defendant in the case, Jerry Duane Hammon, was convicted of six counts of having sex with his foster daughter in 1988 when she was 12. Before trial, Hammon subpoenaed the records of the girl's three psychologists, saying they were necessary to prove the girl's lack of credibility and propensity to fantasize and imagine events that never occurred.

But at the request of the prosecution, Tehama Superior Court Judge Dennis Murray quashed the subpoenas and refused to review the records in camera on the ground that Hammon had failed to show there was anything particular in the records that would help his defense.

The Court of Appeal in Sacramento affirmed Hammon's convictions in 1995, saying he had failed to provide any specifics to support his claimed need for the information.

On Monday, while the high court also af-

Bill Allows Felony Prosecutions For Violations for Job Safety Rules

By TOM NADEAU
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A bill that would make employers who willfully violate workplace safety regulations liable for felony prosecution gained the endorsements Tuesday of the California District Attorneys Association and its largest component, the Los Angeles District

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Victim's Diary Conviction

tions of it to support his portrayal of her as blasé about the violence in her marriage and just as likely to assault him.

"The diary served the purpose the Legislature intended," Fernandez said. "It brought the unavailable witness, the deceased, into the courtroom to speak to the jury.

"It was relevant to show the abuse through her eyes," he said. "Attorneys present her as a two-dimensional character. But she wasn't anywhere near the cruel, abusive person that her husband was. It was not a case of equally culpable parties."

Fernandez said jurors told him the main reason they voted to convict the defendant of first-degree murder, instead of a lesser charge, was because of a 911 telephone call placed around the time of the stabbing. The prosecution claimed Charles Parle hung up the phone after his mortally-wounded wife tried to call for help, while Mandel maintained the call was placed before the stabbing took place.

Charles Parle claimed, when a 911 operator called back on the night of the murder, that nothing was wrong. When asked why he was breathing hard, Parle claimed he had been running around the block.

The law, which allowed the diary's inclusion in Parle's trial, was authored by Assemblyman Bernie Richter, R-Chico, and signed into law as an urgency measure in September. The addition to the evidence code allowed Nicole Brown Simpson's diaries, which had been barred from the criminal trial, to be used in her family's wrongful death lawsuit against O.J. Simpson.

The new law allows testimony from a person who is unavailable as a trial witness if it describes the infliction or threat of physical injury, and is deemed trustworthy. The declaration can be a comment made to a police officer, a recorded message, or a written statement such as a diary.

Assistant District Attorney Karyn Sinunu said she does not expect to use the new hearsay exception often. Statements by police officers may pose difficult problems because the victim's motives are questionable, she said.

Mandel said the law could pose a danger to civil liberties. "You're looking at trials in the future without witnesses," he said, noting that evidence in a domestic violence case could consist of nothing more than a statement to a police officer and a diary.

But Fernandez said including a victim's diary merely "redresses a disadvantage we usually face ... In most cases, the only person left to care about is the one who is alive."

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in Markleeville a year or so ago, ran through the deserted building and then left the premises. And Hemingway is well-known now as their protector.

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"They are such cute little creatures," she said, dabbing her watery eyes with a napkin while talking in a recent interview about one of her biggest accomplishments since she became district attorney in April 1996.

Most famous is the story of how the prosecutor rescued, and later escorted back into the woods, a black bear that had been captured by local authorities after the animal reportedly reached in the window of an unoccupied car and removed some partially eaten food.

Hemingway said she spotted a bear in a modified oil barrel that served as a holding cell behind the courthouse awaiting pickup by state wildlife officials. She said she demanded they follow their own rule and relocate the bear because it didn't pose a harm to the community.

After a fight that led Hemingway up the chain of command at the state Department of Fish and Game, she said she won and the bear was later relocated.

"As a matter of principle, she did the right thing," said Alpine County Sheriff Henry Veatch.

The sheriff said, however, he believed the bear should have been killed because it was "a repeat offender," having caused a nuisance before.

"It upset Colleen a lot," he said.

Now Hemingway hopes the bear will not return to town with its head spray-painted bright yellow for easy recognition by wildlife officials. That's because the next time, if there is one, Hemingway fears she will be helpless to spare the bear's life.

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In a concurring and dissenting opinion, Justice Joyce L. Kennard reiterated her view.

Webb that defendants have a right to pre-trial discovery of privileged information when it is necessary for a fair trial. But she agreed that, even under *Reber*, Hammon had failed to make the necessary showing to get at the girl's psychiatric records.

Hammon was sentenced to 14 years in prison for his crimes.

Thus, Knox said, AB 1015 was not an anti-business measure.

"It's a lifesaver, not a job-killer," Knox said.

The bill, Knox said, is "narrowly drafted" and would apply only to employers who can be individually identified as being responsible for ordering employees to engage in unsafe tasks. It would not extend to bystander injuries or deaths, Knox said.

If passed, the law would "perfect the laws we have in place," Knox said, and would only be used "if an individual can be identified who gave the order."

A key feature of the bill, Knox said, was its extension of legal protections to contractors and subcontractors. A loophole in the current law allows employers to escape punishment entirely by creating "subcontractor status" for employees. Current protections do not extend to that class of workers.

This loophole would be closed by AB 1015, Knox said.

Appearing at the press conference was Maria Diaz, whose husband, Miguel, was killed March 26, 1996, when he fell from a makeshift 45-foot platform at an unnamed company.

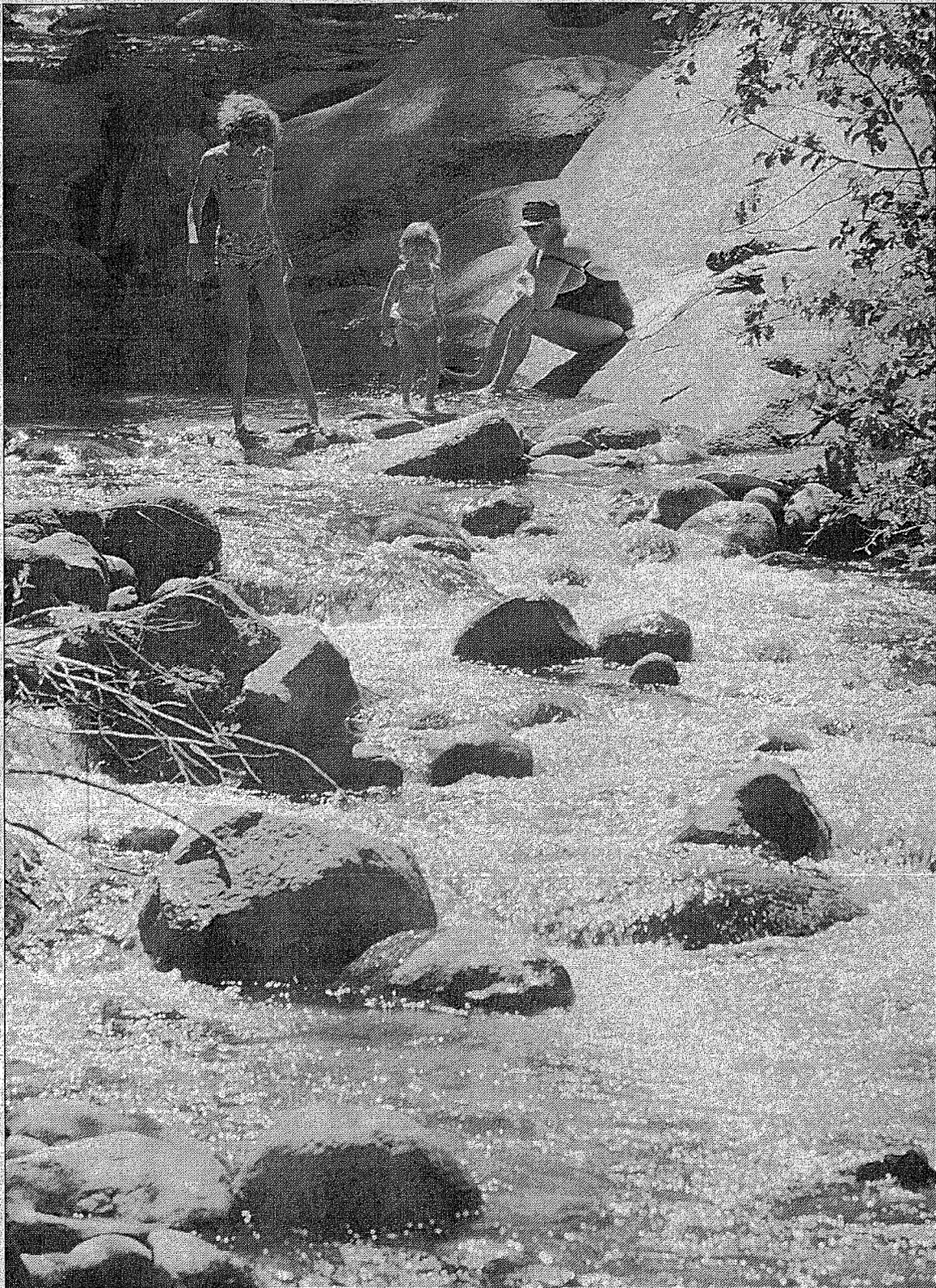
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Knox said his measure will go to the Senate Public Safety Committee next week, and, if passed there, will go to an appropriations committee.

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RELAXING IN ALPINE: Whitney, McKenzie and Kathy Tynes of Minden cool off in a creek near Grover's Hot Springs in Alpine County,

Calif. The state park offers hot springs, campground and picnic area, plus plenty of hiking trails. R-C photo by Michael Okimoto

Annual llama and jazz event set for Alpine

On July 20, musicians at the second annual Llazz Festa will play a celebratory riff.

Llamas, with a burro or two, will be transported from the A Bar J Ranch in the Gardnerville foothills by owner Jim Kingzett to the guest animal corral at Villa Gigli on Hot Springs Road in Markleeville, Calif. to swing and sway to jazzy music by the Alexandra Quintet.

Festivities will start earlier this year — at 5 p.m. — to allow

ample time for viewing art booths by Artizzans and a display of black T shirts with the Llazz Festa logo designed by Gina Gigli.

Aromas from Ruggero Gigli's wood-burning oven will be wafting around, tempting taste buds of Llazz Festa guests, as individual pizzas are baked for al fresco enjoyment.

Next to the llama corral, center stage, will be leader and keyboard

player, Alexandra Kingzett, with returning musicians Chuck DiLaura, Rico Mordente, Tony Savage and a "mystery" drummer to collaborate in mellow improvisation.

Off-road parking will be in the pasture, freeing the regular parking lot for art booths and the pizza oven. It is suggested that guests bring blankets or camp chairs for comfortable seating in the meadow.



CAMP From left, back, are Mara Milch, Bridget Gibbons. Not pictured, Marcus McElroy, Nancy Wood, Cori Nieman, Dena Cattalani and Nocona Nyswinger; front, Mary Richardson and Bridget Kerley photo

Alpine, Douglas youths attend camp

Anti-tobacco: Seventh annual Gold Country Youth Summit helps students learn to combat cigarettes

Students from Alpine and Douglas counties went to camp in Santa Cruz County, Calif. July 7-10 to learn more about how to combat tobacco use among teens.

The seventh annual Youth Summit for the Gold Country Youth Advocates, an anti-smoking coalition, was held in Monte Toyon, featuring seminars, workshops and recreation activities, according to camp counselor Nancy Kerley.

Some 150 kids from the 14 Gold Country counties of Northern California took part. Two Douglas High School students were welcomed, Kerley said, because the Alpine students attend Douglas High School. In addition, students in Pau-Wa-Lu and Carson Valley middle schools have newly organized anti-smoking student

groups.

The Alpine kids' expenses were paid by the coalition, and the Douglas kids' expenses were paid for by a grant from the Soroptimist International of Carson Valley.

Kids learned how to be interviewed by media (newspapers, broadcast), how to apply to a fair board for non-smoking activities, how to lobby and how lobbyists manipulate legislatures, Kerley said.

"They learned how to argue their issues," Kerley said.

The kids worked all year earning points in their respective clubs in order to attend.

Among the recreational activities were karaoke, hiking and a talent night. One day was spent at the beach, where campers entered

a sand castle contest, held kite races and cleaned up the beach.

During the cleanup, they picked up only cigarette butts, Kerley said. During the workshop on advertising, the students were asked to think of the grossest product imaginable and write the advertising slogans and campaign for it.

This exercise helped students learn how advertising could perhaps induce kids to smoke, explained Kerley.

The Alpine students to attend camp were Mara Milch, Bridget Wood, Cori Nieman, Dena Cattalan and Nocona Nyswinger, and Douglas kids were Mary Richardson and Bridget Gibbons.

Marcus McElroy of Alpine qualified to go but couldn't because of out-of-town family arriving for a visit.

Water issues

EDITOR:

In your article entitled "Water issues are debated" (R-C July 12) you state that the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is trying to gain access to water in the upper Carson River basin.

I am by no means an expert in this water war, but I believe what the Tribe wants is more Truckee River water in their Pyramid Lake, water which is currently being diverted via the Truckee Canal into Lahontan Reservoir in the Newlands Project. If they, through their attorney Robert Pelcyger, are successful in closing or greatly reducing the canal's transfer of water, the Newlands Project farmers will then have to rely solely on Carson River water stored in Lahontan. And it is this that may place a burden on present and future Upper Carson River users and possibly the reopening of the Alpine Decree which was some 50 years in resolving.

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Question: **What would you like to see accomplished at the presidential environmental conference at Lake Tahoe?**

Asked at Raley's by Michael Okimoto

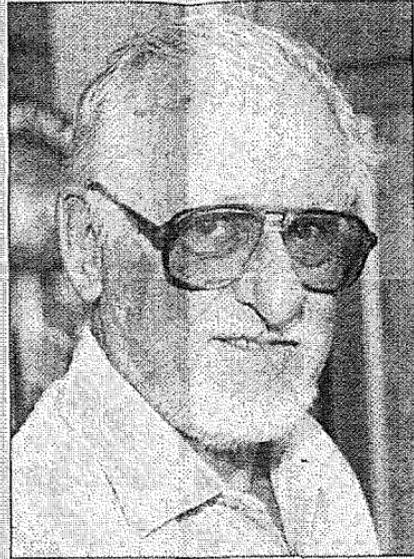
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Dorothy Guadagni

I hope he can keep the Lake up at all costs. To keep the Lake blue, we will need to make sacrifices.



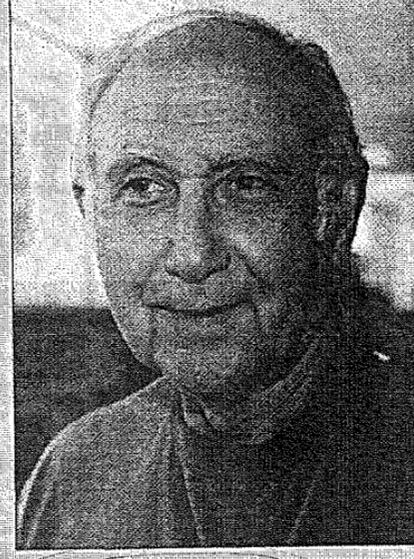
**Larry Leister
Gardnerville**

I'd like to see them get rid of TRPA. They wasted 13 years of doing nothing.



Julie Cole

We need more pollution control for the Lake.



**Norris Barsumian
Woodfords**

I think there are only a few things that really need to be cleaned up, like spilling oil into the Lake. They're blaming the boats, but how about all the cars that drip oil in the parking lot and when it rains, it all washes into the Lake?



**Brook Muriset
Gardnerville**

I would like to see less traffic up there.

Sheriff's Report: Markleeville man arrested, sentenced for disorderly conduct

■ A Markleeville, Calif. man was arrested Tuesday night at the Tillman 7-Eleven for disorderly conduct.

A sheriff's deputy was dispatched to the convenience store for an intoxicated subject using foul language. He arrived at the store and contacted the clerk who allegedly told him that every word out of the suspect's mouth was the "f-word."

The deputy contacted Myron Tom Ellis, 36, outside the store as he attempted to get another person to give him a ride to Alpine County, Calif.

The deputy said he asked the suspect if he was able to secure a ride and Ellis allegedly called him a "motherf---er" for bothering him. Ellis told the deputy he'd called a cab but he was "f---ed" as it had not come.

The deputy checked with dispatch who was able to confirm with Minden Taxi that they refused to pick up the abusively behaving Ellis.

The deputy placed Ellis under arrest and Ellis allegedly told the deputy he was "the biggest f---ing a--hole he'd ever met."

The deputy cuffed Ellis and took him to jail where Ellis allegedly challenged the deputy to take off his badge and fight.

Ellis appeared before Judge Jim EnEarl, Justice of the Peace for the East Fork Justice Court, Friday to plead guilty to the count of disorderly conduct.

"I guess I was mouthing off to the officer," said Ellis to EnEarl.

"I didn't have a ride and I lost my temper. I usually don't go around breaking the law."

EnEarl told Ellis he was being

sentenced to 32 days in jail.

"That many, why?" said Ellis.

"Because I'm going to suspend 30 of them," said EnEarl, requiring Ellis to pay a \$59 fine and violate no laws.

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Washoe Tribe looks to have a presence at Lake Tahoe

by **Martha Bellisle**
Associated Press Writer

A century and a half after being driven from the Tahoe basin, the Washoe Tribe still dreams of returning to the Lake. Tribal members look with hope to an environmental summit today with President Bill Clinton, Vice President Al Gore and state and local officials.

"This is seen as a closing of a chapter and an opening of a new chapter with a Washoe presence," said Washoe Tribal Chairman Brian Wallace. "It's very significant."

Lake Tahoe, or Da ow a ga, lies at the heart of the Washoe Tribe's world.

"It's the most important part of our existence," Wallace said. "All of us feel a deep, deep yearning to

return. We believe it's the place where we came into existence and even though we don't have direct contact, it's a part of us and we're a part of it.

"We've never lost that through all we've endured in silence."

Wallace has been encouraged to break his silence during the weeks leading up to the presidential summit. He has been a member of two steering committees and has participated in workshops held to identify problems and set priorities.

"Our concerns, presence and interests have been respected and received well, but the proof comes in the substance, the outcomes of the forum," he said.

This event holds historical significance, Wallace said. Having a president acknowledge their cause is a first for the tribe.

"Over the years many people left this earth with this dream in their hearts unrealized," he said. "Many have made the trip to Washington but nothing materialized, until now."

And tribal members hope the summit will offer substantive importance as well. Wallace and tribal elders have outlined a list of interests they hope will be addressed during the talks.

First, they want a return of the Washoe to the basin. They want tribal members to have access to the Lake, especially ancestral areas. Most Washoe now live in the Carson Valley, just east of the basin.

Second, they want a historical revitalization of the Washoe culture in the area.

Third, they're asking to have the Washoe reintroduced as

'We're very hopeful, but we moderate our expectations. We've been hopeful for a long time.'

Brian Wallace
Tribal chairman

resource stewards in the basin. The tribe wants to be involved in managing the Lake Tahoe environment.

"Washoe forest management, fisheries, stream management have been applied on reservation lands," he said. "It's not just theoretical or emotional."

"When the newcomers arrived,

they believed the Lake was a natural beauty, but it had been managed by the tribe for thousands of years."

By blending Washoe pharmacology — using plants that grow in the basin as medicine — with resource management, Wallace hopes to reveal the connection between the natural and the cultural environment.

"Over the last few years, the elders and the U.S. have identified threatened plant populations," he said. "We'd like their historical knowledge to be incorporated into federal land policies and applications."

Saving the Tahoe basin needs more than scientific remedies, he said.

"There are many solutions to the Lake's problems," Wallace said. "I used to study physics, but

now as a father and husband, I see that the world's made up of stories, dreams, relationships.

"Our work must be wrapped in a warm blanket of the human dimension."

Wallace said his tribe's beliefs and desires have been embraced by people who hear the tribe's story.

"We share with people the impossible dream," he said. "Our dream is very much like everybody else's. It's not a Washoe cause. It's a human cause: survival, dignity, hope, ambition, equality."

Wallace said the Washoe work to return the tribe to the Lake "for all before us and all yet to be born who live in our hearts.

"We're very hopeful, but we moderate our expectations. We've been hopeful for a long time."

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People

1897: Train is smashed up

100 YEARS AGO
The Genoa Courier
July 30, 1897

SMASH UP NEAR RENO. Wednesday morning's west bound train on the S.P.R.R., consisting of two engines, a mail, express and baggage car, two day coaches, one tourist sleeper, a diner and three Pullmans, was thrown from the track a little above Laughton's Springs, about eight miles from Reno. The cars were badly smashed and 14 people were seriously injured. Two will probably die from their injuries. Many of the passengers narrowly escaped death, but none are seriously hurt. It is

Remember when?

by Kate Gardner

believed that the accident was caused by the spreading of the rails. The property loss is considerable.

* **COMMITTED SUICIDE.** Mrs. Peter Dolling, who resided with her husband on a small ranch a mile and a half from Woodfords, committed suicide last Tuesday night by taking a dose of laudanum. She was buried Wednesday at Woodfords. She left a note in which she stated that she was going to take her life, but did not explain why she wished to die. She is said to have had an appetite for liquor and money was none too plentiful with which to buy it. She was about 50 years of age.

Kids of all ages have fun at the first Genoa Renaissance Faire

by Jody Rice

R-C News Service

Apple dolls, lucky love spells, intricate swords and watching as people accused of crimes were caged and drenched with water was all part of the excitement at the Renaissance Faire in Genoa Sunday.

Taylor Phillips, 10, was busy selling his friend's apple dolls, wreaths, hats and baskets. Phillips, dressed in traditional garb for the 15th century, said it's neat when people walk by and say, "Wow, this person is really into it."

Nick Lacey, 13, was having a big day. He was getting married to another 13-year-old in the Royal Court.

"It's the age they used to get married at (during the Renaissance period)," said a nearby friend.

Lacey was excited about his impending vows, but wasn't sure if he thought he would want to be married at the age of 13 today.

"I don't know," he said.

Mark Eldred, a Carson City resident, is a member of the Ashford Academy of Renaissance Arts which

puts on plays, tavern fights and teaches sword fighting at Renaissance fairs.

"I got interested in this style of fighting when our father took us to see 'Robinhood' with Errol Flynn," he said.

Eldred, who has been with the guild for a little more than a year, attends about eight such fairs a year.

"It is just to show people what it was like then," he said about why it is a good idea to have fairs. "It is a very good history lesson.

"It's also a lot of fun. You get out with a bunch of guys and get to wallop each other and then go out after."

It's fun he takes very seriously in preparation. For the last two weeks, he dedicated his weekends and after work hours to setting up the fair. By day, he works at Heavenly Ski Resort in building maintenance.

"It's fun seeing the different styles of clothing and what the merchants have to sell," he said about the different fairs.

Carmen Miller, also with the Ashford Academy, said, "It's great. You get to be a character and come out and meet a lot of people and learn



Robert Williams, 2, puts his new sword to the test during the Renaissance Faire. R-C photo by Michael Okimoto

about history. It's the most fun, I have out of the whole week."

Friend Josh Carter agreed.

"It's interesting to learn about the history," the Gardnerville resident said. "I enjoy the combat aspect of it. I like putting on the armor and have people beat me up."

He refers to the event where he puts on armor and the kids are allowed to try to get through the armour to show its strength.

"It's fun to see the kids smile," he said.

In addition to the wedding and sword fighting, there was also a knighting in the afternoon.

Norma Kuntz, of Dayton, went to the fair with her grandson and husband. Kuntz said she attends fairs on a regular basis in California and enjoys watching the people.

It was her 11-year-old grandson Josh Cook's first time to such an event.

He enjoyed the drenching of people accused of crimes.

"I like it," he said. "I would like to learn how to (fence)."

Sheridan Volunteer

Washoe elders are pleased to see land returned to tribe for their use

by **Holly Atchison**
Staff Writer

With Lake Tahoe as the backdrop, the Washoe Tribe was victorious this weekend in their quest for the return of ancestral land in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

The Washoe Tribe was represented on the panel at the Presidential summit this past weekend, attending the workshops dealing with the impacts of environmental issues on Lake Tahoe.

In the end, two parcels of land were given to the Washoes. A plot on the South Shore of Tahoe will allow the tribe to establish a Washoe Cultural Center.

Another 350 acres on the West shore at Meeks Bay Meadows will allow the Washoes to gather native plants, practice early traditions, fish, camp and swim without having to pay.

"We're quite excited," said Washoe elder JoAnn Martinez. "I think it's wonderful that they were able to do what they did. I think our chairman (Brian Wallace) did a tremendous job.

"I think this is great news for all our people what happened up there this weekend."

"I think that's very good what they did," said Theresa Jackson, Martinez's sister and fellow Washoe tribe member. "It's about time we can at least go to the water and not see all the private property signs and keep outs.

"We've waited a long time. We had felt like we weren't welcome."

Jackson said the U.S. Forest Service escorted tribe members to the area at Meeks Bay where they were allowed to gather materials used for making baskets and medicinal plants.

"Now we'll be free to go in and look for some of our medicinal plants," Martinez said.

"I think that's great we can do that without being afraid that they will run you off," Jackson said.

Both women said there are certain types of plants that only grow in that area and most of it has been lost.

"There are ferns used to make baskets and some medicinal plants back in the woods which have been walked on which might come back if the area is taken care of," Jackson said.

Martinez and Jackson gave a blessing to Vice President Gore and the Lake at the workshops on



JoAnn Martinez

Friday.

"The blessing went pretty well," Jackson said. "What was nice was it was outside, out in the open. Everything was natural."

"I was nervous at the beginning, but when you're in a prayer, a calmness comes over you. You feel the spirit," Martinez said.

"Many people were crying, moved to tears. It's good to know there are people who care and feel the spirit.

"I know Mr. Gore did. How can any person not feel the sacredness just being at Lake Tahoe, just to see the beauty of



Theresa Jackson

the Lake and the mountains? You seem like you just feel rested when you go there. It's a personal thing that you get from it."

The sacredness of Lake Tahoe is the issue that means so much to the Washoe people, especially the elderly, Martinez said.

"We hope people will care for it, not just for the Indian people but for all people," she said.

The land acquisition deals were done Friday with Gore.

"We got to visit with Gore more so than Clinton," Jackson said. "We had a private meeting with Gore after all the business

was taken care of.

"He was really outgoing. He talked with everybody and shook hands with everyone. He was really pleasant, I thought."

"I was impressed with his openness," Martinez said. "He seemed like a regular guy. He laughed easily, and he joked, and it was easy to be around him. I enjoyed being around him."

"We were all saying he was going to be our next president," Jackson said.

Martinez said she thought both Gore and Clinton were concerned with the needs of the Washoes.

"They heard our voice," she said. "We felt our friends were approaching."

Many problems were addressed at the workshop Friday, Martinez said.

"There are a lot of problems that will have to be solved, like the pollution," she said. "There were so many issues brought up and people were looking for ways to solve them. I was tempted to stand up and say, 'Give it back to the Indians. We'll do what we can with it.'

"It seemed like everyone was coming together for a common cause."

After the stress of the workshop on Friday, Martinez and Jackson weren't sure if they were going to make the conference with President Clinton.

"We were tired and we didn't really care to go to that one because of the waiting and walking," Jackson said.

"At the last minute we decided to go."

Both women had a chance to meet and talk with Clinton before he left.

"He said hello to everyone," Jackson said. "He was nice. He was always smiling."

"I think the President was a little reserved," said Martinez, "but he has to be."

Fawn Pasqua, Miss Indian Nevada, was on hand to introduce members of the tribe to Gore.

"I thought it was good how the Washoes got land," she said. "You know how the history books have time periods, I think it was like that. Everything happened at once and it was all good."

"It was a dream," Jackson said.

"We were exhausted from all the hullabaloo," Martinez said. "We did a lot of walking, and it was quite tiring, but I think it went over really well."

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CLINTON AT TAHOE

ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMIT 1997

Historic event is held at the Lake on Friday

by Jenifer Ragland
Tribune Staff Writer

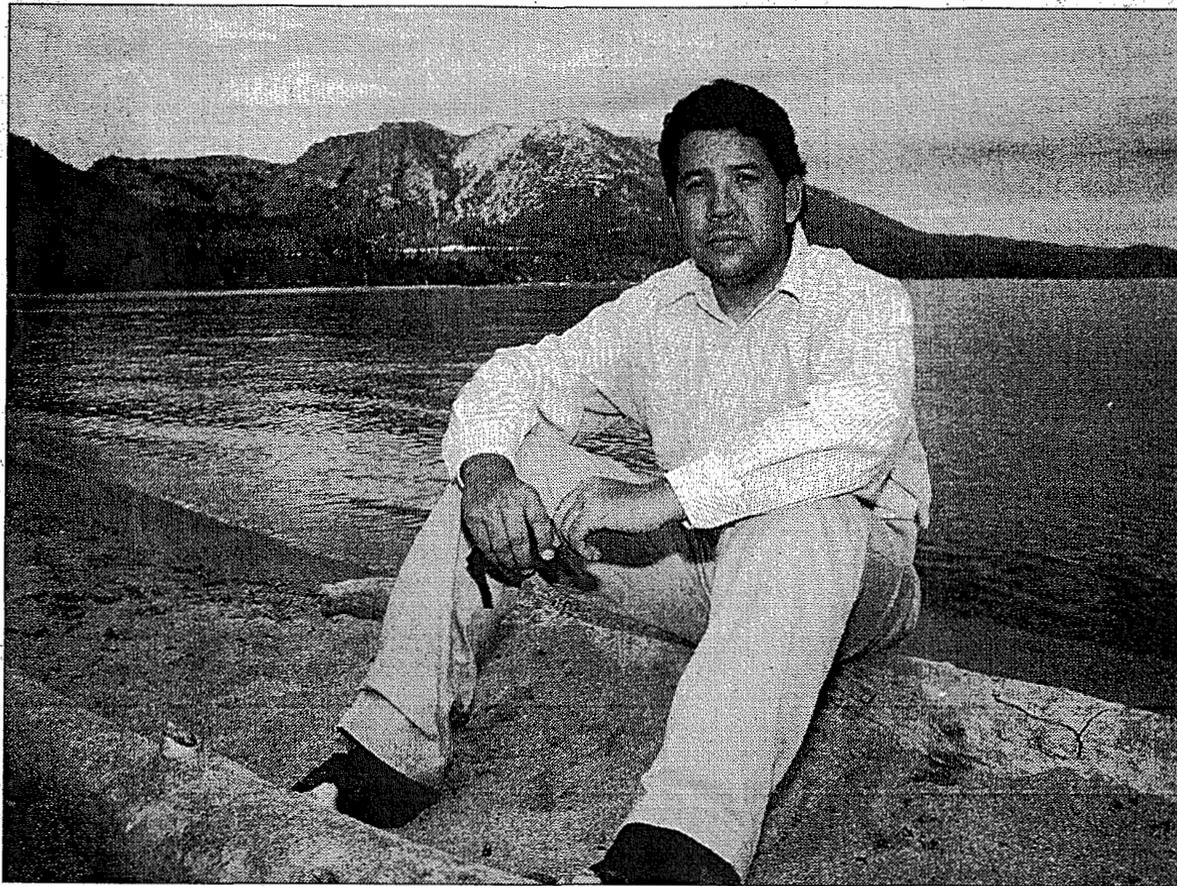
Vice President Al Gore met privately with Washoe elders last Friday, and in doing so, participated in a historic event.

The signing of an agreement between the Washoe Tribe of California and Nevada and the U.S. Forest Service will return the use of more than 400 acres of land within the basin to the native tribe.

"It closed a breach of history, which was the omission of a Washoe presence — it was really a magnificent moment," said Tribe Chairman Brian Wallace at the Presidential Forum Saturday, where President Clinton announced the news. "It was hard to contain all of the emotions, especially because of memories of the people who had dreamed of that moment but would never be able to see it come true."

In his opening address at the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe, Clinton praised the Washoe people for their long stewardship in the basin.

"We will assist the tribe in their efforts to protect sacred areas and preserve their culture," Clinton said. "The Washoe wrote to the president of the United States asking help on these matters in 1877. It took just 120 years, but I can tell you, from now on, the mail will run more rapidly between Lake Tahoe and Washington, D.C."



Washoe Tribe Chairman Brian Wallace at Lake Tahoe. R-C News service photo by Jim Grant

The agreement comes a century and a half after Washoe living at Lake Tahoe were driven from the land by white settlers seeking riches from gold and silver mines, Wallace said.

From that moment on, living Washoe tribe members have been determined to regain a piece of Lake Tahoe, or "Da ow a ga," which they regard as the center of the Washoe world.

Appealing to the federal government since 1877 for help, the Washoe people received little more than empty promises. While Wallace said it was difficult to keep fighting what seemed like a never-ending battle, it was what they had to do.

And they knew one day the tables would turn.

"The future is much brighter for us now — this is an historic period of new hope and boundless possibilities for the future," he said.

The land will come in the form of a 30-year special-use permit for 350 acres of the Meeks Bay meadows on Lake Tahoe's West Shore. The tribe will also be granted a permit for about 90 acres on the South Shore near Taylor Creek, including 15 acres of beach-front property, the potential site of a new cultural center.

Additionally, eight other parcels around the Lake have been identified as places where the potential for

land use exists, Wallace said. While the ultimate goal of the tribe would be ownership of the land, he said a special-use permit was the most the Forest Service could legally give.

"Our plan is to use that 30 years to talk about codifying a Washoe presence," he said.

Still, Wallace and other tribe members were more than grateful for what did occur.

"What started out as working just to have a role in this forum has been compounded into something so much more profound and important," Wallace said. "It was a lot more than we expected."

Washoe Elder Marie Kaiser was born in a cabin between Meeks Bay and Tahoma nearly 72 years ago. She remembers camping with her family at Lake Tahoe every summer growing up.

"I still come up with my grandkids, but almost no place is open that doesn't cost money," Kaiser said Friday, as guests of the vice presidential visit enjoyed food and drink after the forum. "We need more public access for everyone. I will be happy any place at Tahoe — wherever they put us."

Dabert Wyatt, 60, was chosen as one of the elders to sit on the presidential panel Saturday. He said he just wanted to greet the president and welcome him to "Washoe country."

"Because we believe it is still Washoe country, we didn't give it up, we were pushed off," he said.

He remembers a Lake Tahoe that was pristine and pure — the beaches were open to the public and the water was so clear, he had no qualms about drinking it. "Lake Tahoe has a special meaning to the Washoe, because each family had a special place where they camped and summered," Wyatt said. "Those things were erased when the land was bought up and the 'no trespassing' signs came in. But from what happened yesterday, it looks like we're back where we started."

He said he is most grateful to now have a place at the Lake where elders can take Washoe children and teach them all they have learned here.

"I don't have many years left, but at least I can say it happened in my lifetime," Wyatt said. "There are Washoe kids who have probably never been up here, and they can come up and enjoy Lake Tahoe like the old people did."

- Is It Adieu, Abdo?

By
Al Pettit

It was touted as the be-all end-all solution to Markleeville's ever sagging economy - THE MAHALEE LODGE - a year round resort complex to include a 20 room lodge and restaurant, 80+ timeshare cabins, 8 commercial lots, a 500 seat public theater, a 1,000 seat outdoor amphitheater, and artists in residence creating what prospective developer Tom Abdo called "a vision for Markleeville, an historic, rustic, elegant mountain community with strong roots in history and the natural environment." All this was announced first at a planning commission meeting on 1-30-97 and again at a Chamber community dinner 5-28-97, at which time Mr. Abdo promised a check in the mail to initiate the planning process that week. NEVER HAPPENED.

What wasn't announced during all this hoopla was Mr. Abdo's financial condition, although this paper did publish his property tax arrearages. We now discover through the Federal Bankruptcy Court in Reno the following:

Case # BK-N-96-31989 filed 10-1-96 Chapter 11 as debtor Thomas Alfred Abdo dba Treehouse & Sunrock Construction. Per Bankruptcy Asst. Trustee, Abdo never filed schedules, never appeared for 341(a) creditors' meeting, and never filed monthly operating reports. The final number of listed debtors was about 97 with a best guess total debt close to \$1 million. Some Debts of significance: IRS: \$659,745.91 includes unpaid income, FICA, civil penalty taxes and interest; Nevada Dept. of Taxation: 12-31-94 through 10-1-96 \$28,726.75, mostly unpaid sales tax and some business tax.

The bankruptcy was never confirmed (i.e. there was no reorganization or liquidation) and the case was voluntarily dismissed 3-14-97 on condition he submit to foreclosure proceedings on his Dressler Lane property. This property was sold to Bing Corp. as highest bidder at the Trustee's Sale 7-24-97 for \$126,181.00. The original lien was \$200,000.00. Remaining debtors, many of whom are local merchants and contractors, will have to seek recourse through Nevada State Courts.

Case # BK-N-97-31578 filed 6-27-97 Chapter 11 as debtor TOJO INC., a Nevada Corp, Thomas Alfred Abdo is President and sole stockholder. Tojo's incorporation papers were filed on 5-28-96. (According to the Nevada Secretary of State's office, TOJO Corporation is in delinquent status as of 6-1-97 for failure to pay fees and failure to file required documents.) Abdo lists the following creditors as of 7-1-97:

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| Diane Bartsch | \$24K | Roberta & Demmitt Fellisina | \$50K |
| Kerry David | 154K | Alpine County | 10K |
| Gary Coyan | not given | IRS | 1 dollar |
| Lynn Hettrick | \$145K | | |

He has advised the Bankruptcy Court his purpose in Chapter 11 filing is to forestall foreclosure proceedings on the following unidentified Markleeville properties:

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|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| A duplex | market value \$75K | secured claim \$50k |
| Developed land | market value \$250K | secured claim \$24K |
| 25.6 Acres raw land | market value \$250K | secured claim \$145K |

In reviewing this recent case with County Assessor Dave Peets, it appears that a sizable portion of the "raw land" which must be in the project area is NOT titled to TOJO INC, but to an entity RIDL (on some documents RDIL). There also may be other creditors not listed.

Check Will Be in the Mail

In a recent telephone conversation with Mr. Abdo, he stated that he made strenuous and good faith efforts to obtain an extension on overdue notes, and that one of the debtors, Kerry David, was "shocked" when he learned negotiations has failed and Abdo was forced to file Chapter. 11. When asked if his Treehouse property had been foreclosed, he replied, "No, well, it hasn't sold" (it had) but that a baseball "high roller" was planning to buy it. This will help him resolve his Markleeville problems. (The ball player's name

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Abdo believes his problems in Alpine County can be resolved and that a check to the Planning Department will be in the mail within 30 days to commence his project. He asked that we not publish any of this information until that time and proceeded to say he would be a good advertiser.

Exactly.

... hospital for further observation.

MAN SAVES DOG. It's the first night of a major fire. Confusion settles in as people evacuate homes, trees burn, and the fire rages out of control. How many busy firemen would pay attention to a stray dog wandering around with minor injuries? Not many. But one special one did.

No one seems to know the identity of the firefighter who saved Prince, a large German shepherd who had gotten lost last Wednesday at the Alpine Fire. Although Prince survived without any major injuries, his paws were burnt and his hair was singed.

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Mt. Sierra school breaks ground

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the building addition to Mt. Sierra Christian School took place on June 19. The school is located at the corner of State Route 88 and Old Foothill Road just south of the Nevada state line. The expansion consists of a four-classroom building, including an assembly room.

In addition to the previously enrolled 50 students, the new building will accommodate an additional 60 for the 1997 fall semester. The school is now accepting enrollment applications at all grade levels.

Mt. Sierra's teaching staff is fully credentialed, with Kathryn Winebarger serving as principal. Winebarger has just recently retired from public education. She spent the past 12 years as teacher and principal with the Eastern Sierra Unified School District in Colesville, Calif.

Mt. Sierra promotes a back-to-basics curriculum, providing all students the opportunity for drill and practice, as well as hands-on activities that help ensure under-



EXPANSION. At the groundbreaking for Mt. Sierra school were, top, from left, teacher Beth Prause, students Tami Romero and Crystal Fried, office administrator L. D. Harrison and Principal Kathryn Winebarger; bottom, students Ashley Prause, Callahan Carlin, Gene Lengdorfer and Heidi Lengdorfer. Sheryle Lengdorfer photo

standing. The school operates on a traditional school calendar.

For those interested in obtaining

more information about enrollment, call the school office at (916) 694-2391, or 265-2666.

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lunch, or a great dessert.

Plasse's Resort on Highway 88 to hold annual barbecue

Plasse's Resort, located just one hour east of Minden on scenic Highway 88, will again host its annual Deep Pit Barbecue on Saturday, Aug. 16. The Plasse Family has been welcoming guests to their resort at Silver Lake for 145 years.

Founded by Ranton Pierre Plasse in 1852, third, fourth and fifth generations of the Plasse family still own and operate the resort. The family was recently honored by the National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds as the longest running, family operated camp-

ground in the United States.

The traditional deep pit barbecue started in the early 1920s when hundreds of guests made their way to Silver Lake for a day of fun and a mouth-watering meal. In 1952, Plasse's hosted its last barbecue until the tradition was started once again by Maurice and Caraleta Plasse 20 years ago. The dinner, served from 1-4 p.m. includes pit roasted beef, homemade beans, salad, garlic bread and watermelon.

Festivities begin at 10 a.m. with baseball for the older children, fol-

lowed by an egg toss and water balloon volleyball. Special activities are held for children 6 and under, including a visit from Smokey the Bear. Grown-up "kids" can participate in the annual horseshoe tournament (\$5 donation), volleyball tournament, and everyone's favorite

"Keg Baseball" beginning at 3 p.m. Live music will be offered during the day with dancing until midnight. Tickets for the day's events and barbecue are \$12 for adults and teens, 6- to 12-year-olds are \$7 and children 5 and under eat free. Call (209) 258-8814 for information.

Washoe Language Circle, elders bask in memories of summit

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Group member Adele James: 'The elders' dreams all came true. We thought that was a real accomplishment.'

by Holly Atchison
Staff Writer

Just weeks after the acquisition of 400 acres of Lake Tahoe land by the Washoe Tribe, some of the key players in the negotiations, the Washoe elders and the Washoe Language Circle, are still basking in their accomplishments.

The elders and members of the language circle attended three summit meetings and read a list of their concerns in both English and Washoe to Vice President Gore.

"We were involved in the conservation meetings," said language circle member Adele James. "The

language circle was involved in that, and we did prayers at the meetings. I'm sure we touched many of the hearts of the people up at Tahoe."

"It took a lot of planning, and it was very stressful because we didn't know if we were stepping on anybody's toes," said language circle member Eleanore Smokey. "Our whole attitude towards this was very positive, very sincere."

"I think everything turned out better than we expected."

"A long time ago, the Washoes were able to walk around anywhere at the Lake, and now we couldn't because there were all



From left are Russell James, Eleanore Smokey, JoAnn Martinez, Eloise James, Winona James, Sylvia Andrews, Adele James, Brian Wallace, Theresa Jackson, Kathie Wyatt, Betty Flint, seated, Amy Barber. In back, President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore. Laura Fillmore photo

kinds of no trespassing signs," Smokey said. "The water was so pure that it was drinkable, and we wished it could be like that again. The Lake was very precious and sacred to us for its medicinal value."

"We accomplished what we wanted," said James. "We've been struggling to get some land up there which is what we got. The elders' dreams all came true. We thought that was a real accomplishment."

"It was a good thing and a sad thing at the summit when they signed the land back over. We had a lot of elders that had passed on and had dreamed of getting the

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Washoes: Language circle looks back on the summit

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land back someday."

James believes the elders were a main factor in the success of the summit meetings.

"I think the elders had a lot to do with it," she said. "They gave us a lot of information of what happened in their time up there. A friend in the Forest Service allowed the elders to go to the historic places they remembered."

"I welcomed the president and shook hands with him and talked with him about the land," said elder Amy Barber.

"All summer long, the elders did pray for the water and the land and the forest," James said. "We took the elders around up there and when we did meet with the tribal chairman, we let him know that the elders were interested in these areas.

"It gives them a good feeling to go back up there when they can, and now that we have some land up there, I hope everybody will spend some time up there showing the children the plants we do have around Tahoe."

"We're really thrilled, and we're going to go up there and see if there are any of the medicinal plants still there," said Smokey. "I know that since this meeting, everything they do up there is going to be positive. It has to improve the Lake because I have a boat and you can look down and see all the murkiness and algae."

"I know there are a lot of people mad on the clarity of the Lake," tribe member Harvey Jim said. "I know it comes from all those jet skis."

Jim said he believes the problem is negligence when putting gas in the jet skis when they are in the water.

that."

"I'm glad I had a part in this," Smokey said. "I can show my grandkids I have met the president and the vice president. I was really thrilled because I have admired him (Clinton) all along.

"I thought they were going to be very official, but they were just very down to earth. Vice President Gore has a very likable personality. He's so easy to talk to. President Clinton was, too. He looked right at you, and he had such beautiful eyes.

"It was the experience of a lifetime."

"I thought it was very educational," Jim said, on attending the meetings. "Even shaking hands with the vice president. I told him I thought he was going to be our next president. He didn't say anything, just got red in the face."

"I thought it was wonderful," said Washoe tribe elder Wynonna James. "It was once in a lifetime to see both presidents at the same time, the vice president and the president. I thought it was an honor. A lot more than a lot of people get."

"We were all very happy that we got something out of the whole

summit," James said. "I think that was a big encouragement that we're still there. Our hearts are still with Tahoe."

"It surprised everybody that they gave the land back to us," Jim said. "I was telling my tribesmen what I think they were trying to do. They would have made that place another Monte Carlo. I think we put a dent in their thinking."

"Now, I think we can stay up

there and enjoy ourselves without people telling us to move," he said.

"Now that we are involved in the land, I hope we will be included in some of the decisions being made up there by TRPA," James said.

"At the meetings, they were all very understanding. Things may be for the better if we work together."

"They don't realize it," he said.
"They think it'll wash away."

"I hope they can clean that up in other ways than by saying you can't have boats and Seadoos out here. It's too drastic in saying no more boating," Smokey said.

Along with the elders, the language circle also attended the environmental workshops to have their voices heard.

Smokey read the list of concerns in English and was worried that the audience would think the opinions were solely hers.

"I felt that a lot of people thought it was just my idea, but it was the whole language circle," she said. "It was what we all put together."

"I think the summit was really good," James said. "We had a real nice visit with the president and the vice president."

"Gore spoke of the Washoes all the time. He mentioned we were the tribe that was there a long time ago and that we did exist up there before our land was taken. I'm sure he understood what we had in our hearts and minds."

"I thought that was pretty nice of Mr. Gore, what he did," said Jim. "The vice president, I thought he was pretty nice. I thought I could get along with him. At least he understands what's going on."

"He's probably realizing we've been after that land since the 1800s. All they gave us was the Pine Nut range. We would have been better off if we could have had both places."

"This place has been prejudiced so long. I'm glad he came in and told us we could have our land back. People are afraid to say that this place is prejudice. It's sort of mellowing out a bit, I'll tell you

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Kid Kore program set for parents, children in Alpine

Kid Kore is coming to Alpine County.

The program is a special course designed for kids and parents. It gives children information they need to understand and respond to a potential abductor or molester and is done in a format that includes a lecture, some role-playing and an obstacle course.

The class encourages critical thinking and strategic defensive skills.

Parents are given an additional lecture without children present, where abduction and molestation are profiled in detail. Child care will be provided, free of charge, at Alpine Children's Center.

Parents will be given an emergency response kit for their children and shown how to activate the National Missing Child Location Network.

Alpine County Sheriff's Office personnel will take pictures and fingerprint children, and a potluck barbecue lunch is planned for

noon.

The Alpine County Drug and Alcohol Program will provide meat, drinks and utensils, and participants should provide a hot dish, salad or dessert to share.

The program will be held Sept. 6, 10 a.m., at Turtle Rock Park, Markleeville. To sign up, call Marilyn McKenzie, (916) 694-2284 (days) or 694-2548 (evenings), or Adelina Osorio, Tobacco Control Program, (916) 694-2771.

If you get an answering machine, leave a number where you can be reached or the names and ages of children who will be attending. Signup sheets are available throughout the Alpine community.

The event is sponsored by Alpine County Tobacco Control Program, Alpine County Drug and Alcohol Program, Alpine Children's Center, Woodfords Indian Education Center, Woodfords Indian Community Council and Alpine County DARE program.

1897: Mussers return to Valley

100 YEARS AGO
The Genoa Courier
Sept. 10, 1897

RETURNED. Frank and Willie Musser, sons of John C. Musser, who died at Markleeville in 1881, have returned to their old home in Alpine County. The boys have been in Montana for nearly two years. It is understood that they have returned to Alpine for the purpose of washing the sand and gravel in the Carson river. The boys have a new process by which they can wash river sand and save the fine gold it is known to contain.

TRAIN. The V & T Railroad will run a daily train

Remember when?

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by **Kate Gardner**

from Virginia to the Fair. Tickets for the round trip will be \$2 from Virginia and \$1.50 from Carson.

ALIVE. Gen. Kittrell, some time ago reported to be dying in California, writes that he is all right again and desires to be remembered to his Nevada friends.

ROBBERY. Night before last Victor Lundergreene's saloon at Gardnerville was robbed of about \$200. A man named John Williams is thought to be the guilty party. The Sheriff left here yesterday morning with a warrant for the arrest of Williams, and came in about half past 11 o' clock last night with his man, having arrested him in Carson.

NEWS of Record**Obituaries****Janet Elder**

Funeral services will be held for Janet Elder, 65, on Friday at 10 a.m. at Walton's Chapel of the Valley in Carson City.

She died on Sept. 6, 1997 in Coarsegold, Calif. She was born on Aug. 22, 1932 to Rose Marie Hunsaker in Sacramento, Calif.

She married Harold Elder in 1952. She had lived in Carson City for 25 years before moving to California.

She was an Avon representative for 35 years. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Coarsegold Ward.

She was preceded in death by

Sylvia Barber Andrews

A graveside service for Sylvia Barber Andrews, 82, has been planned for Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Woodfords Cemetery in Woodfords, Calif. She died Wednesday at the Carson-Tahoe Hospital.

Mrs. Andrews died was born Jan. 17, 1915, to Tom and Nettie George Barber in Genoa. She married Pete Andrews. She was elder of the Washoe Language Circle, and a nurse at the Shurz Indian Hospital. The Washoe Immersion School (p?isew daw-damal ?angala) was named in her honor. She was a goodwill ambassador of the Goodwill Colony. She was instrumental in receiving traditional lands for the Washoe Tribe.

She is preceded in death by a sister, Belam Jones.

She is survived by her husband of Carson City; a daughter, Dolly Andrews of Carson City; a

her husband who died June 3, 1992.

She is survived by her sons, Dennis Elder of Richmond, Calif., Richard Elder of Carson City, Dean Elder of Antioch, Calif., and David Elder of Reno; a daughter, Dorene Malcolm of Coarsegold, Calif.; eight grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Burial will follow services at Walton's Chapel of the Valley.

Donations are suggested for Multiple Sclerosis Society Great Basin — Sierra Chapter, 1201 Terminal Way #215, Reno, 89502-9961.

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sister, Amy Barber of Woodfords, t h r e e grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; n u m e r o u s nieces and n e p h e w s

including Lisa Gayshield.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. at FitzHenry's Funeral Home in Carson City.

Burial will follow the service. Memorial contributions can be made to the Washoe Tribe, c/o Language Circle, 919 US 395 S., Gardnerville, 89410.

FitzHenry's Funeral Home & Crematory in Carson City is handling arrangements.

FUN, MUSIC, DUNK BOOTH

Alpine Chili Challenge, Faire set for next week

The second annual Woodfords' Community Faire and Country Chili Challenge offers fun and excitement for two giant days this year.

On tap will be antiques, collectibles, crafts, arts and the senior citizens' yard sale. And that's just for starters.

The chili challenge itself will provide some mouth-watering grub for tasting. Though the event is not a sanctioned chili cookoff, cooks compete for the pleasure of it and cash prizes to first through third places.

Winners will be judged by fairgoers who purchase chili-tasting kits each day by 2 p.m. The chili must be prepared at the site, with the only exception of beans, which may be precooked.

The fair and chili challenge is set for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20 and 21, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Woodfords, Calif., located at the flashing yellow light south of Minden on Highway 88.

Entertainment will keep everyone humming or dancing along, including the Johnson Lane Misfits Barbershop Quartet, singer-musician Chris Bayer, Bravetoes Highland Dancers, Erika Gocka Trio and Banjo Bill.

The Bucks 'n Does Square Dancers will demonstrate their skills and Tammy Shannen Veatch will teach the macarena to the audience between sets. Master of

ceremonies is Tony Varzos.

The dunk booth will feature many of Alpine County's elected officials and dignitaries, including Sandy Cowen, Diamond Valley School principal; Dave Peets, tax assessor; Colleen Hemmingway, district attorney; Jim Parsons, superintendent of schools; Skip Veatch, sheriff; Earl O'Neal, school board member; Marilyn McKenzie, county auditor; Chris Gansberg, supervisor; and Barbara Jones, county clerk.

Cost for two balls at the dunk tank is \$2.

A children's wishing well is also planned.

A pancake breakfast on Sunday from 7 to 10 a.m. is sponsored by the Alpine Christian Community Church. On the menu are pancakes, eggs, sausage and juice and coffee at \$4.25 per person.

Cooking breakfast will be well-known Alpine County chefs Bobby Stephens and Gary Coyan, along with other volunteers.

Proceeds from the fair and chili challenge go to Alpine Kids, a program which offers outings, peer meetings and other programs to provide support and activities for families in Alpine County.

Entertainment is co-sponsored by the Alpine Arts Commission, and the entire program is made possible in part by a grant from the California Arts Council, a state agency.

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Fun for everyone in Alpine this weekend

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Fun for kids and adults is promised this weekend in Alpine County.

The second annual Woodfords' Community Faire and Country Chili Challenge will offer games for kids at 25 cents each and entertainment throughout the day as well as a mouth-watering chili challenge.

Though the event is not a sanctioned chili cookoff, cooks compete for the pleasure of cooking in the outside air and for cash prizes to first through third places. Visitors at the fair buy tasting kits and vote for their favorite.

The fair and chili challenge is set for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20 and 21, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Woodfords, Calif., located at the flashing yellow light south of Minden on Highway 88.

The fair will feature antiques, collectibles, crafts, arts and the senior citizens' yard sale, and on Sunday morning, from 7 to 10 a.m. a pancake breakfast will be sponsored by the Alpine Christian Community Church. On the menu are pancakes, eggs, sausage and juice and coffee at \$4.25 per person.

The dunk tank will offer anyone the chance to dunk a number of Alpine County dignitaries. Cost for two balls at the dunk tank is \$1.

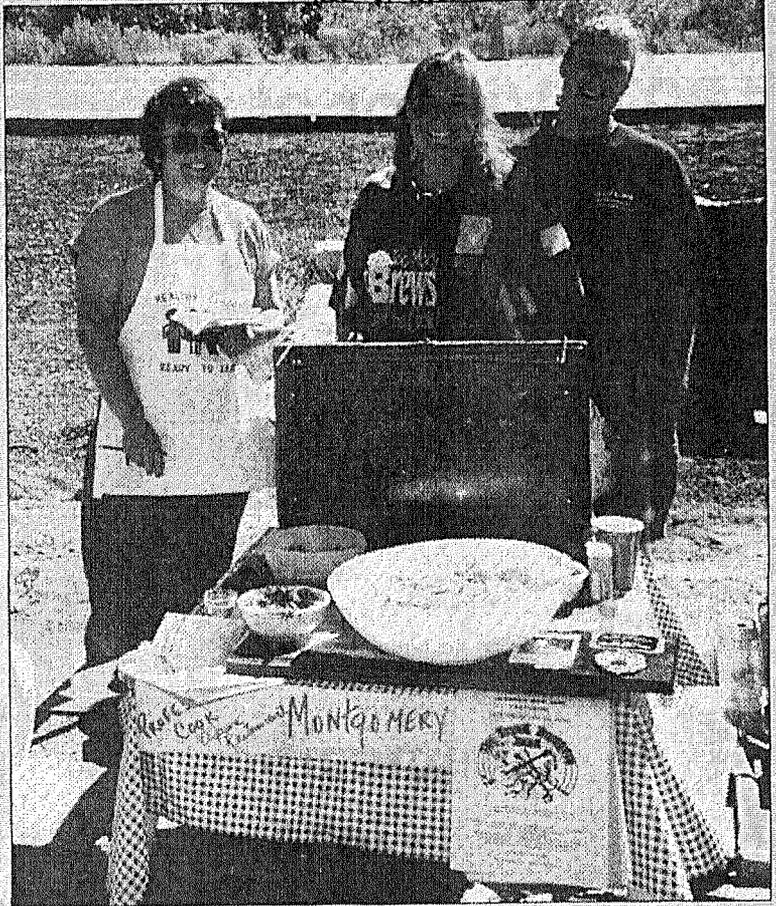
A children's wishing well is also planned.

Entertainment ranges from Highland dancers to guitar pickers, square dancers to a barber-shop quartet.

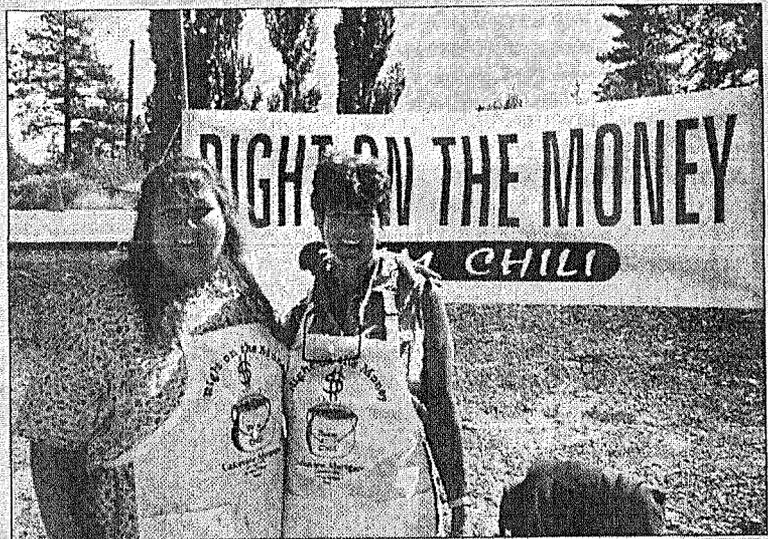
Proceeds from the fair and chili challenge go to Alpine Kids, a program which offers outings, peer meetings and other programs to provide support and activities for families in Alpine County.

According to Edie Veatch, coordinator, the mission of Alpine Kids is to prevent child and spousal abuse and drug and alcohol abuse, reduce financial stress, fight feelings of prejudice and reduce isolation to community members.

The outings which Alpine Kids offers kids and their families help adults to see role models of parenting skills that work and give them a chance to learn



Overall winners last year were Marcie Milnich, center, and son Aaron of Alpine Restaurant. At left is organizer Edie Veatch.



Home-cooking winners were, left, Sherry Crownover and Jessica Jensen in 1996. Photos courtesy Edie Veatch

from other parents. Kids enjoy doing activities with their parents. Many of the activities, such as bowling or cross-country skiing, would be out of the financial reach for many low-income families.

"When a child can be with his or her parents, doing things that make both child and adult laugh, that child's life must be better,"

Veatch said. The program is run solely by volunteers, she added.

Entertainment for the Woodfords Chili Challenge and Community Faire is co-sponsored by the Alpine Arts Commission, and the entire program is made possible in part by a grant from the California Arts Council, a state agency.

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Following the CARSON River

Kelly
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Contrasts mark the course

by **Christy Chalmers**
R-C News Service

The Carson River takes a lot of different forms. In some places, it's a clear, cold alpine creek indistinguishable from a hundred other clear, cold alpine creeks.

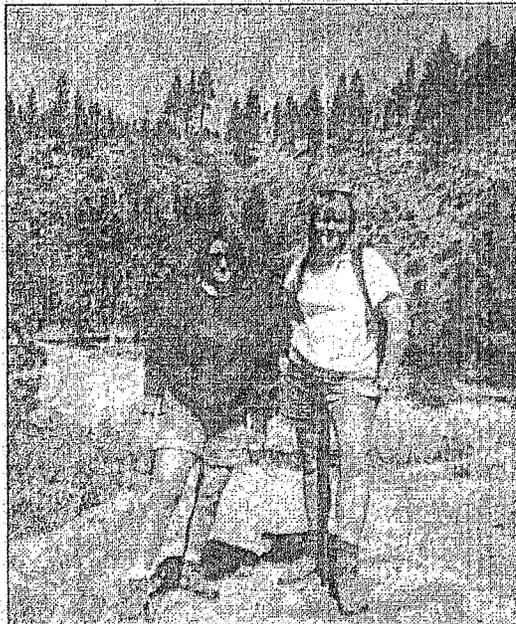
In others, it's a flat, murky river slipping imperceptibly through farmland and sage-coated plains.

At its worst, it's a scummy little stream, wandering aimlessly through gray sage and smelly mud.

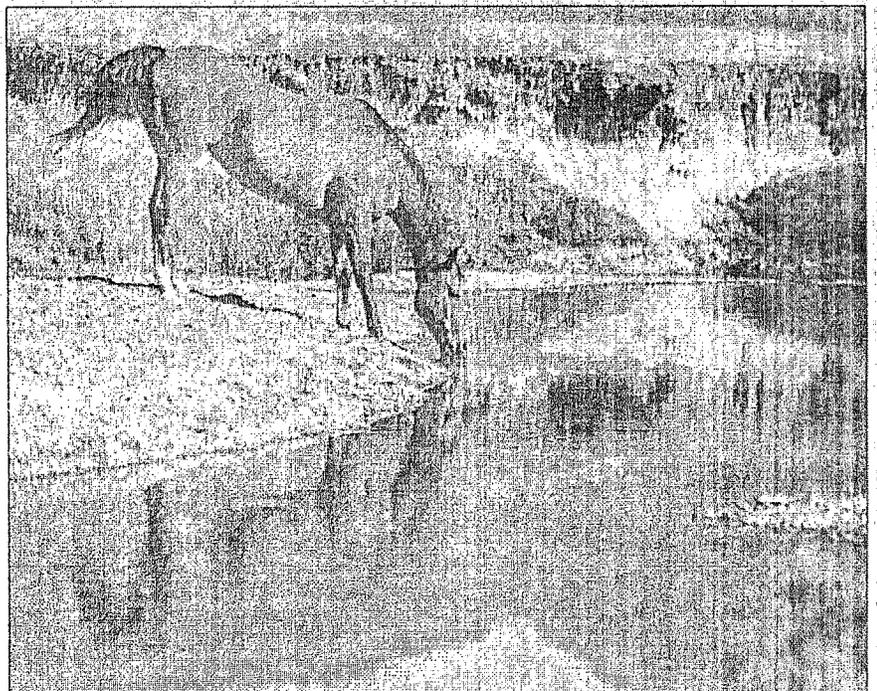
I know this because I spent two days last week traveling the river with Record-Courier photographer Belinda Grant. Our trip, totaling about 19 hours over the river's 113-mile course from the river's West Fork in Alpine County to its end north of Fallon, plus parts of the East Fork, showed us more contrasts than we ever expected to see, and gave me more insight on Nevada water issues than all the political railing about it.

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Following the CARSON River

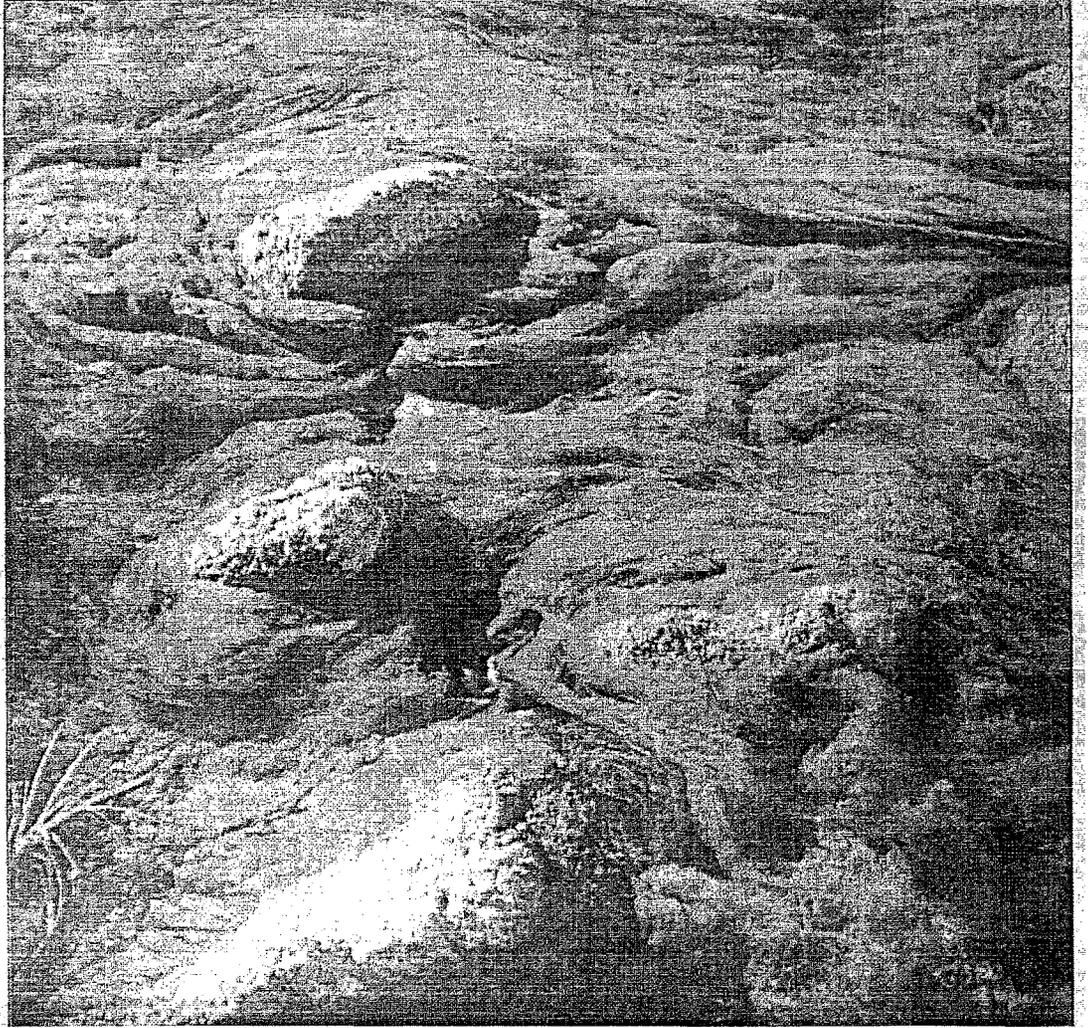


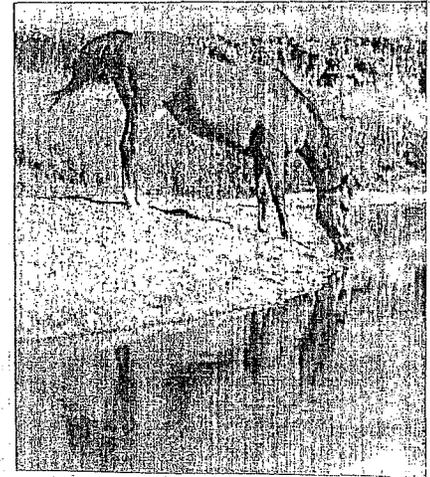
Writer Christy Chalmers, left, and photographer Belinda Grant followed the Carson River from the Sierra Nevada to the Stillwater marsh north of Fallon over a period of two days. Below, a horse drinks out of the West Fork near Blue Lakes.



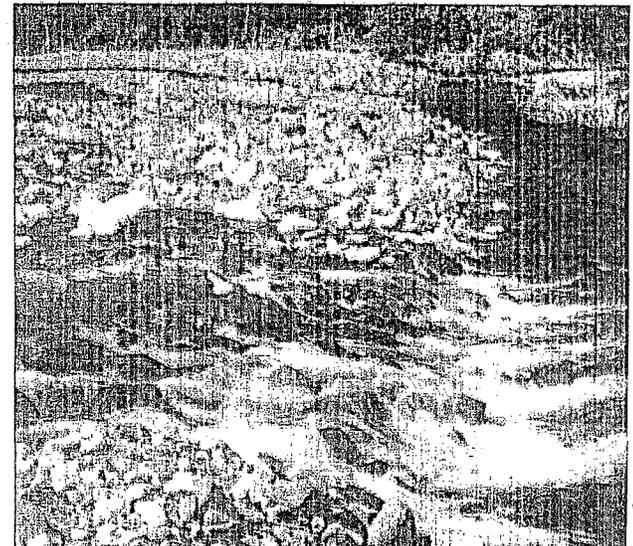
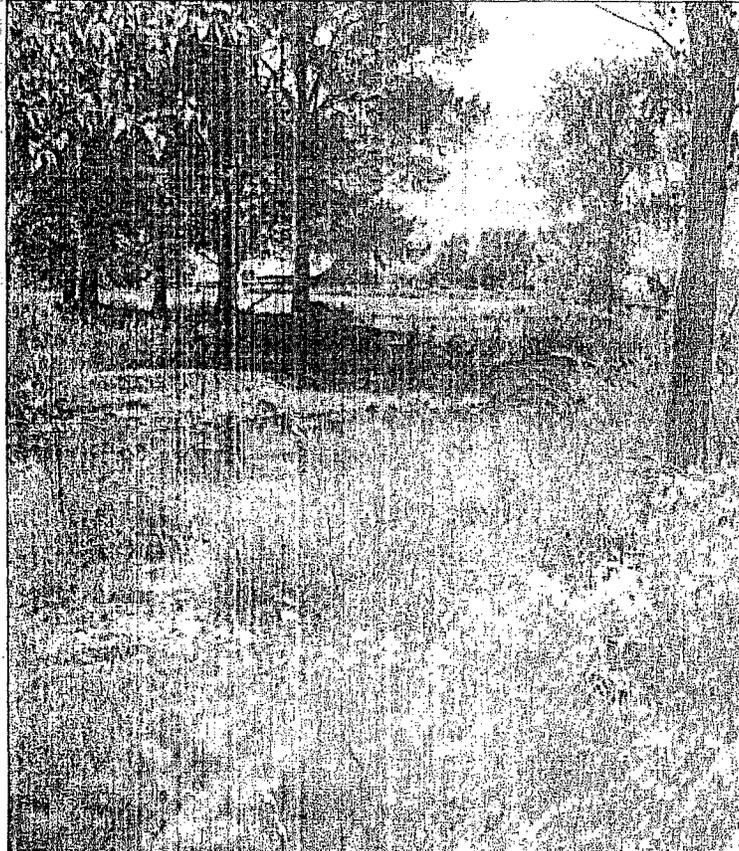
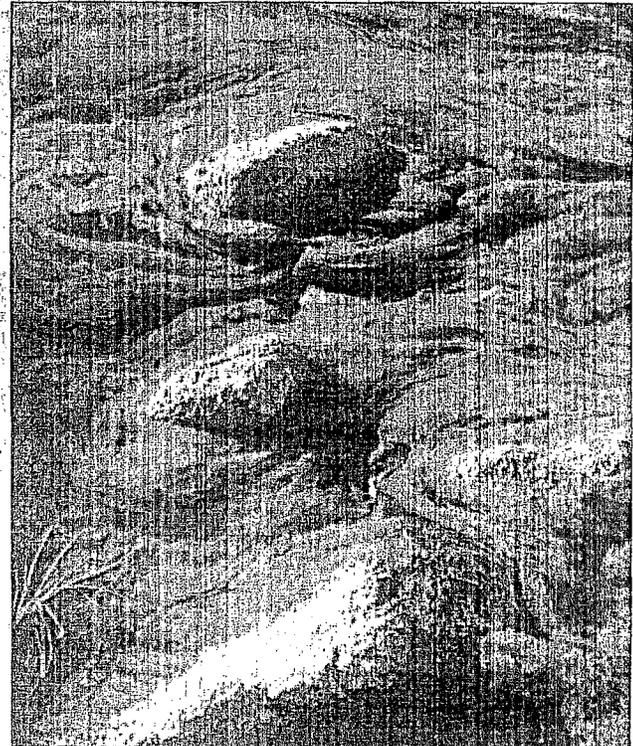


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Top, the upper reaches of the West Fork, photographed near Charity Valley off Blue Lakes Road. Far right, algae wraps around rocks, but the water itself is still clear. Near right, Kelly Morgan of Santa Barbara, Calif. fly fishes in the East Fork south of Markleeville. Below left, the Hussman Ranch in Gardnerville. The Hussmans allowed Chalmers and Grant to cross their ranch to follow the river. Below right, Wolf Creek and the East Fork come together in Alpine County.





The East and the West Forks converge near Genoa. At left, the end of the river is near Fallon. R-C photos by Belinda Grant



Water providers discuss agency

by **Sheila Gardner**
Staff Writer

If the county's diverse water providers can't reach consensus about how to manage and coordinate resources, the Carson Valley's vast water holdings will be an easy target for outside appropriation.

District Attorney Scott Doyle made that prediction Tuesday at a 3-1/2-hour meeting of representatives of the county's various water agencies that

failed to reach agreement on much of anything.

Tuesday's roundtable discussion was called by the Carson Valley Water Authority which has been coordinating the county's response to an effort by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe to reopen the Alpine decree which regulates distribution of the upper Carson River.

The tribe is seeking more water for the Lahontan Reservoir in the lower

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Should East Fork be made 'wild and scenic'?

by Christy Chalmers
R-C News Service

Ten years after it was first proposed, part of the Carson River's East Fork is again being considered for designation as a wild or scenic river.

Parts of several other rivers in Nevada, including the East and West Forks of the

Walker, are also being considered for wild, scenic or recreational status. The recommendations are part of a Forest Service effort to update its forest plans for the Humboldt and Toiyabe national forests.

Forest Service ranger Kathy Moskowitz said the plans were completed in 1987. The Carson River's East Fork

was then proposed for inclusion as a wild and scenic river, but the agency didn't get the funding to implement the plan.

"They're still up for it," Moskowitz said. "We hope to carry them through this time."

But the status isn't a lock, because the rivers may have changed. That's why the Forest Service is seeking public opinion

on whether the Carson's East Fork is right for wild and scenic status — or if other parts of the river not now proposed for it should be.

"It may not be appropriate for wild and scenic designation any more," Moskowitz noted.

The Forest Service requires rivers con-

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East Fork: River designation

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"It may not be appropriate for wild and scenic designation any more," Moskowitz noted.

The Forest Service requires rivers considered for wild or scenic status to be free-flowing and have unique attributes. That can include recreational, geological, historical or ecological values.

River corridors that are primitive are considered wild. Those that are mostly undeveloped are scenic, with recreational status conferred on those with developments along their banks.

By designating a river wild and scenic, the Forest Service can limit development along it.

The Forest Service notes in a July 1997 report that the Carson east fork covers a variety of ecosystems as it drops through the east slopes of the Sierra Nevada and into western Nevada's high desert valleys.

The East Fork's upper reaches are already designated as a wild trout stream, according to the report, and its head waters are home to Lahontan cutthroat trout, a federally listed endangered species.

The river also gets use from commercial and private rafters who ride its premium white water.

In addition to the larger forest plans, the Forest Service wants to

compile smaller site proposals that can address ecosystems and areas within the larger plans.

The Forest Service is taking comments on the proposals through Oct. 3. It is also asking respondents whether they would like a series of public forums or meetings to discuss the plans.

Moskowitz or Assistant Forest Supervisor Alan Pinkerton can be reached at (702) 873-8800. Written comments can be sent to the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests at 2881 S. Valley View, Ste. 16, Las Vegas, 89102.

Woodfords' Chili Challenge sees eight cooks enter in contest

Eight chili cooks set up their cooking stoves at the second annual Woodfords' Community Faire and Country Chili Challenge last Saturday.

Four cooks were classified as professionals; they cook for a living. The professional cooks were sporting names like "Montgomery Street Chili," Alpine Restaurant; "Classic Chili," Classic Catering; "Pat's Chili," Sierra Pines; and "Sorensen's Chili," Sorensen's Resort.

The four home cooks do not cook for a living. The home cooks have names like "Cowboy Chili" Bennie De Salvo; "Barking Rooster Chili," Gordon "Doc" Holiday; "Right on

the Money Chili," Lakeview Mortgage; and "Valley Cruisers," Valley Cruisers.

Of the 161 tasting kits, with ballots, that were sold by Alpine Kids, 152 voted Doc's "Barking Rooster Chili" the best of showmanship for his booth, decorating.

Cash prizes were awarded to both professional and home cooks. The \$25 third places went to "Pat's Chili" and "Valley Cruisers." The \$35 second places went to "Classic Chili" and "Cowboy Chili." The \$75 first places again went to "Montgomery Street Chili" and "Right on the Money Chili."

On Sunday, the first place profes-

sional cook and first place home cook squared off to win bragging rights as the best chili maker, to take home \$100 in cash and have their name added to the rotating trophy. "Montgomery Street Chili" cook, Marcie Milich, will display the trophy at the Alpine Restaurant in Markleeville. Twelve votes separated the champions.

Alpine Kids would like to thank all those who worked so hard in making the event come together. They are Paul and Gloria Washam, Lynda and Dave Kirby, Joyce Higgenbotham, Paul Halling, Howie Iki, Skip and Edie Veatch, Jim and Ronda Kucala, Bobby Stephens and

the Woodfords Auto Crew, and many other volunteers.

Kids would also like to thank the generous merchants who donated raffle prizes.

They are Auntie M's, Sierra Pines, Sorensen's Resort, Villa Gigli, Alpine Restaurant, Magic Touch Massage, Woodfords Inn, the Faire Committee, The Mountain and Garden Bed and Breakfast, Alpine County Chamber of Commerce (Alpine County Interagency Visitors Center), "EZE LAP," Cutthroat Saloon, Caesars Tahoe, Bear Valley Cross Country and Adventure Co., The Consortium, Kit Carson Lodge, Grover's Corner, Woodfords Sta-

tion, Topaz Lodge and Casino, Lake Alpine Lodge, Carson Valley Inn/Fiona's and Smith Creek Ranch.

"Thank you to the eight cooks and their helpers for the great tasting chili. Thank you to the 20 vendors and agencies that had faire booths," said organizer Edie Veatch.

She said thank you also to the people who were willing to be dunked in the dunk tank.

"These brave people sat in a tank filled with the snow run-off water that comes from the mountain behind the Mountain and Garden Bed and Breakfast," Veatch said.

Even though Sheriff Skip Veatch had the 10 a.m. Sunday morning

dunking time slot, he raised \$32.

In second place was District 5 Supervisor Chris Gansberg, splashing in with \$30. Earl O'Neal volunteered for two days and had a combined total of \$33, acing both men out.

"Makes you wonder if they did so well because they are so well liked, or because ..." Veatch added.

Tax Assessor Dave Peets and Chris Gansberg both hit the water from balls thrown by their wives. The dunk tank took in \$276.

The Faire Committee is already making plans for next year's event. It will again be held the third weekend in September.

OBITUARIES

ciation, 1201 Terminal Way, Reno 89520, and the American Cancer Society, 712 Mill Street, Reno 89520.

FitzHenry's Carson Valley Funeral Home in Minden is handling arrangements.

Harold Packer

A memorial service for Harold "Stretch" Packer, 56, a Douglas County resident since 1975, will be held tomorrow at 1 p.m. at Calvary Chapel of Carson Valley, located at 1101 Dresslerville Road, Gardnerville. Mr. Packer died on Sept. 25 in Albuquerque, N.M. due to complications from open heart surgery.

He worked at COD Garage for the last eight years, and enjoyed fishing, bowling, camping and Nascar racing.

His survivors include his wife Sharon Packer; stepchildren Craig Luce, Trudy McCann, Tonya Thomas, all of Gardnerville, and David Luce, Maui, Hawaii; mother Elizabeth Thomas, Van Nuys, Calif.; sister Cheryl Jackson, Beaverton, Ore; brothers Gary Lessar, Canoga Park, Calif., and Mike Packer, Woodstock, Ga.; and six grandchildren.

Donations may be made to the Harold Packer Memorial Fund at Norwest Bank in Gardnerville.

Robert Parker

Robert Thomas Parker, 74, a former Woodfords resident, died on Sept. 25 in Orofino, Idaho. Graveside services were held at Fredericksburg Cemetery yesterday, with Rev. Larry Rothchild officiating.

Mr. Parker was born in Stewart County, Tenn. on Apr. 5, 1923 to John and Isola Booker Parker.

He and Catherine Bowman were married in California at the U.S.N. Chapel at Moffett Field. He retired as a Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy after serving all over the world for 23 years.

He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Nevada, Reno and a master's degree from the University of California, Chico.

He was a teacher, principal and superintendent for six years.

He was the first member of the Board of Supervisors of Alpine County, Calif. and was director of Social Services.

Mr. Parker is survived by his

wife Catherine of Orofino; son Rick Parker, Orofino; daughter Gayle Parker, Menlo Park, Calif.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Contributions may be sent to the Ronald McDonald House, P.O. Box 11871, Reno, NV 89510.

Sorensen's historical slide shows and hikes coming

Worn and weathered wagon ruts, century-old routes cutting through the valleys and mountains — these are the things you'll learn about, and see, on Sorensen's Historic Emigrant Trail Walking Tours scheduled for October.

Tours will start with an evening slide presentation by Frank Tortorich, expert guide and local historian, showing how the travelers came through what is now Sorensen's Resort, into Hope Valley and over the Carson Pass. The next morning, walkers will set out to see the trail first-hand.

Final dates for the 1997 tours are Oct. 13 (slide show) and 14 (hike); Oct. 27 (slide show) and 28 (hike); weather permitting.

Cost is \$45 per person for Sorensen's guests; \$65 for non-guests and includes lunch and refreshments on the trail. Partici-

pants should wear sturdy walking shoes and take clothing to accommodate changeable weather.

Hikes start at 8:30 a.m. and end by 3 p.m. Participants may be asked to provide their own transportation, depending upon the size of the group.

With the guidance of Tortorich, participants will retrace the steps taken by more than 50,000 people who traveled this trail in search of gold and a new life nearly 150 years ago. While he adds anecdotes and interesting asides, you'll learn about the hardy souls who took this route, the highest one negotiated by wagons on the great trek west from Missouri to California.

For details and to reserve lodging, or to set up a special tour for groups of six or more, call 1-800-423-9949.

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Alpine Children's Center has openings

Are you looking for a child development program that offers a variety of things to do, but has small groups of children?

Alpine Children's Center may be have the answer. The center offers a ratio of eight children to every adult. The center is located among the pine trees at Diamond Valley School in Woodfords, Calif. All teaching staff members have earned 12 or more units in early childhood education.

Child care is available Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Preschool hours are 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and the kindergarten program is 9-11 a.m. Before and after school care is also available. Meals and snacks are served throughout the day without additional fees.

For families working at Kirkwood during the '97-98 ski season, Alpine Children's Center has subsidized child care for those who qualify. This program is

available to Nevada residents as long as they are employed in California.

Alpine Children's Center is licensed for children aged 2-14 years old. The center does not discriminate against any child because of race, color, ethnic or national origin, age, sex, religion or disability.

For more information about programs offered, contact Karen Hamann at (916) 694-2390.

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Old Leviathan Mine has long history

by **Sandra Chereb**
Associated Press Writer

Leviathan Mine, located in the eastern Sierra Nevada southwest of Gardnerville, opened in 1863 to provide copper sulfate used in processing silver ore in Virginia City during the Comstock era.

It closed in 1872 and remained dormant until 1935, when it reopened as a sulphur mine operated by Texas Gulf Sulfur Co., and Calpine Corp.

Mining again ceased in 1941.

Open pit sulfur mining resumed about 10 years later when the mine was purchased by Anaconda Co., which later became a subsidiary of Atlantic Richfield Co.

Bryant Creek, fed by Leviathan Creek, supported a healthy trout population until about 1952. A massive fish kill occurred that year in Bryant Creek and the Carson River when a discharge of toxic water from an old mine shaft spilled into Leviathan Creek.

A second fish kill extending along 10 miles of the Carson River occurred five years later, documents show.

Though Anaconda did initiate pollution control measures, some were successful while others were not, according to a memo from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

No active mining has taken place at the site since 1962.

In 1978, the California Regional Water Quality Board received a \$3.7 million grant to address pollution from the mine.

Around the same time, the water quality board negotiated a \$2.3 million settlement with ARCO after the state threatened to sue.

California took over the site in 1983.

"We've estimated that between 1983 and 1985, we spent \$4.2 million at the site," said Harold Singer, executive director of the Lahontan Region of the Water Quality Control Board in South Lake Tahoe, Calif.

"When we took it over, we realized there were huge problems."

The creek was channeled away from mine workings. Contaminated debris was removed from the creek and ponds were built to contain and evaporate acid mine drainage from the site, he said.

But the problems persist.

"When we constructed the project, we ran into things that were not identified in initial project evaluations," Singer said. "As a result of that, we had less pond capacity than was designed ... we couldn't build as many acres of ponds as we intended."

The agency has been trying to find other solutions to the site's pollution problems, Singer said.

"We've been doing quite a number of evaluations," he said, adding that the method being used by the EPA in the emergency action is too costly to undertake every year.

The agency is working with scientists at the University of California at Davis on alternative ways to

treat the pond water, he said.

University of Nevada, Reno specialists also have constructed artificial wetlands in the area to filter contaminants that don't flow into the ponds.

"That has been very successful," Singer said.

Still, poisonous discharges into Leviathan Creek continue.

"I think what we've done has significantly improved the situation. It hasn't fixed it," Singer said.

Leviathan Creek is sewer of toxic poisons which threatens Carson River

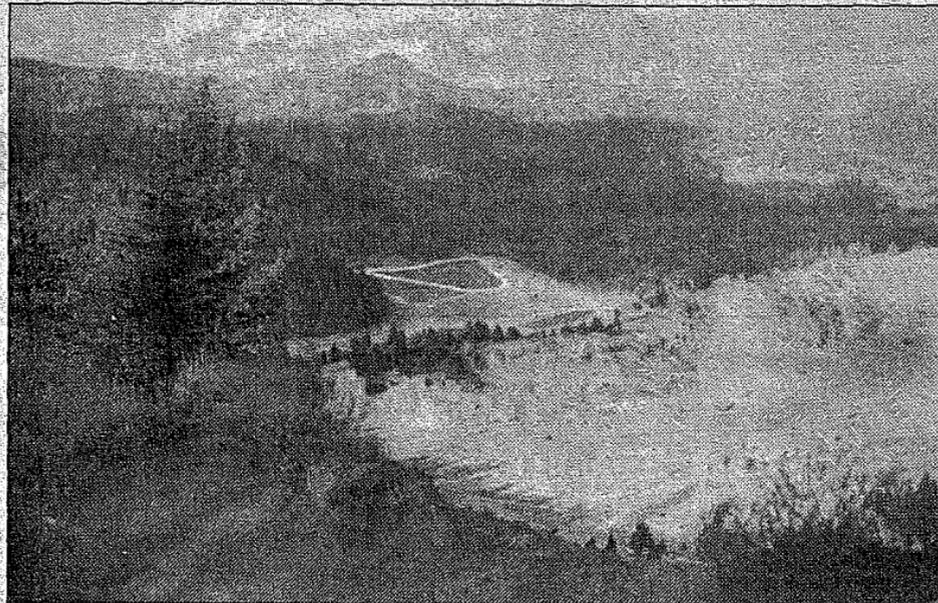
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Amid shimmering groves of golden aspens and towering stands of pines, a small creek in the Sierra Nevada gurgles its way toward the East Fork of the Carson River.

The scene would inspire awe of yet another masterpiece by Mother Nature — if not for the poisonous ooze that festers from its wounds.

There are no fish in Leviathan Creek. Its bed and banks, stained by the yellowish-brown water that flows through it, bear the scars of pollutants from an abandoned sulphur mine.

Located in remote Alpine County, Calif., Leviathan Mine, near the Nevada-California line, sits



MINE TAILINGS. Mountains of mine tailings from Leviathan Mine stand in contrast to the otherwise picturesque view of the Sierra Nevada Associated Press photo

plies for downstream users.”

Daniel B. Suter, on-site coordinator for the EPA's Emergency Response Office, said a quick fix will treat the pond water with lime before discharging it into Leviathan Creek.

“This is not a long-term solution,” Suter said. “We're trying to make sure it doesn't happen next spring.”

Suter hopes to treat about 5 million of the estimated 10 million gallons of contaminated water before winter makes the site inaccessible.

The total project is estimated at \$1.5 million. Of that, \$400,000 is available from the EPA's regional removal allowance, he said, adding that the site is being considered for inclusion on the EPA's priority list of Superfund projects.

In addition to the cleanup, land overseers, including representatives of the Washoe Tribe, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Department of Interior, have requested funding to study the extent of damage and identify those responsible for possible

compensation.

A lawsuit has not been ruled out.

“It's very saddening and hurtful that such a wonderful area has been scarred so deeply,” Wallace said. “It just heightens our determination to fulfill our obligation as caretakers of our traditional land.”

“Our main concern has always been to protect the interests of the Washoe members, but I think positive movement in this area and recognition of the problems benefits all.”

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