

DATE	NEWSPAPER	HEADLINE	CATEGORY	PEOPLE
1/1/1998	Carson Valley Almanac	With ties to Alpine County, the Gansbergs have been in Carson Valley for generations	Biography	Chris Gansberg, Sr., Chris Gansberg, Jr., Frederick Gansberg, Henry Neddenriep, Faye Gansberg, Ellen Gansberg, Wendy Reis, Bailey Reis, Westre, Amy Westre, Sjon Westre, Jessa Westre, Todd Gansberg, Julie Gansberg, Fred Gansberg
1/10/1998	Record Courier	Methamphetamine	Crime	Arlen Dutchy
1/10/1998	Record Courier	Team Kirkwood gearing up for big competitive skiing season	Kirkwood/Kids/Sports	Matt Savage, Nick Cohee, Chasen Cohee
1/14/1998	Record Courier	Hope Valley hosting annual sled dog races in February	Hope Valley/Sports	
1/17/1998	Record Courier	Menopause subject of Alpine presentation	Health	Diane Bingham
1/17/1998	Record Courier	Going for a wild ride	Kirkwood/Kids/Sports	
1/24/1998	Record Courier	Kirkwood youth ski team goes to Mt. High	Kirkwood/Kids/Sports	
1/24/1998	Record Courier	Ski at Kirkwood	Kirkwood/Kids/Sports	
1/25/1998	Los Angeles Times	Soaking up the Sierra	Hot Springs/Travelogue	
1/28/1998	Record Courier	Hang time	Kirkwood/Sports	
1/28/1998	Record Courier	Ski shuttle available to Kirkwood	Kirkwood	
2/4/1998	Record Courier	Snow piles up in Sierra	Kirkwood/Weather	
2/4/1998	Nevada Appeal	Alpine official missing in storm	Search and Rescue	Eric Jung, Skip Veatch, John Brissenden

2/4/1998	Record Courier	It's not easy to find a good sled dog, this Gardnerville racer says	Sports	
2/5/1998	Nevada Appeal	Alpine County supervisor safe	Search and Rescue	Eric Jung, Skip Veatch
2/7/1998	Record Courier	Missing Alpine official was attending meeting	Search and Rescue	Eric Jung, Skip Veatch
2/11/1998	Record Courier	Man goes to jail for child abuse	Crime	Joseph Desalles
2/16/1998	Sacramento Bee	Thanks to skier's Olympian effort, the mail got delivered	History	Snowshoe Thompson
2/18/1998	Record Courier	Something is wrong in the Carson River	Rivers	Dan Kaffer
2/18/1998	Record Courier	First-ever meeting on river set for April	Rivers	
2/25/1998	Record Courier	A big fish from a big pond	Fishing	
2/28/1998	Record Courier	Snowboarding championship returns to Kirkwood this week	Kirkwood/Sports	
1/1/1998	The Smithsonian	The Battle of Carson Pass	Roads	

				Lorina Dressler, Rosa Gabriel, Jessica Bennett, Leah Plaughter, Ben Wood, Kyle Cohen, Jocelyn Myers, Brittany Myers, Mathew Rey, Nicole Bennett, Brittany Cruz, Selah Valiente, DeWayne Rey, Clyde Keith, Becky Mortimer, Janessa Ramos, John Vann, Jeremy Scherer, Alyson Graham, Brandon Craft, Kerstin Baker, Celia Crawford, Raymond Gabriel, Jean Snyder, Sheena Watson, Dena Catelani, Milcah Valiente, Bridget Wood, Kyndra Craft, Beth Brissenden, Nocona Nyswonger, Shanice Lundy, Anthony Caldera, William Cuellar, Anthony Wedlock
3/4/1998	Record Courier	DVS Block D, honor roll members announced	Schools/Awards	
Mar-98	Record Courier	Joseph Gallant Jr.	Obituary	Joseph Gallant Jr.
3/6/1998	Sierra Scene	Kirkwood celebrates Silver Anniversary Saturday	Kirkwood	Bud Klein, Dick Reuter, Alan Plaughter
3/11/1998	Record Courier	Kirkwood youth skiers perform well in slaloms	Kirkwood/Kids/Sp orts	Chasen Cohee, Nick Cohee, Bryce Wehan, Brittany Cotter
3/11/1998	Tahoe Mountain News	Culture clash in Hope Valley	Hope Valley/Land Use	John Brissenden, Patti Brissenden
3/14/1998	Record Courier	Lawsuit settled	Fire/Courts	Tim Pemberton, Jack Doyal

3/14/1998	Record Courier	Villa Gigli offers Sunday wine tasting	Business	Ruggero Gigli
3/14/1998	Record Courier	Officials negotiate cleanup	Mining/Pollution	
3/19/1998	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Showdown in the snow	Land Use	
3/25/1998	Record Courier	Snowmobilers have their say at hearing	Land Use	
4/15/1998	Record Courier	Remember when? Years Ago- Tax on animals implemented	History/Government	
4/18/1998	Record Courier	Kirkwood youth skiers turn in top performances at championships	Kirkwood/Kids/Sports	Brittany Cotter, Chasen Cohee, Nick Cohee, Bryce Wehan
4/22/1998	Record Courier	Horace W. Barrett	Obituary	Horace Barrett, June Barrett, Charles Barrett, Clara Barrett
4/22/1998	Record Courier	Rightmire is nominated for award	Award	Billie Rightmire, Snowshoe Thompson
4/25/1998	Record Courier	Horace Barrett	Obituary	Horace Barrett, June Barrett
4/25/1998	Record Courier	Indian Creek campground opens	Recreation	
5/2/1998	Record Courier	Washoe Tribe welcomes return to Meeks Bay ancestral lands	Washoe	
5/9/1998	Record Courier	Davi Zellmer	Obituary	Davi Zellmer, Mary Beth Zellmer, Dave Zellmer, Linda Kennett, Beth Orsua
5/13/1998	Record Courier	Villa Gigli jazz and wine	Business/Event	
5/20/1998	Record Courier	Tinseth works wonders in CVLL	Sports/Kids	Scott Tinseth, George Tinseth, Thor Tinseth, Ross Tinseth, Abigail Tinseth, Elias Tinseth, Lenny Sue Tinseth
5/23/1998	Record Courier	Ancient Future to perform at Turtle Rock	Arts	
5/29/1998	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Forest Service holds last Cave Rock 'collaboration'	Washoe	

6/3/1998	Record Courier	Marie Sorensen	Obituary	Marie Sorensen, Milton Sorensen
6/5/1998	Reno Gazette Journal	Carson raft season off to slow start, thanks to cool weather	Rivers/Sports	Don Hittenmiller
6/6/1998	Record Courier	Sorensen's features master musician	Hope Valley/Arts	
6/6/1998	Record Courier	Hardy Souls	Hope Valley	Dan Kaffer
6/24/1998	Record Courier	Alpine Native Sons plans July 4th party	Community/Event	
6/27/1998	Record Courier	Alpine Native Sons #200 plan party	Community/Event	Jim Clark, Harold Bradford, Kathy Rakow, Don Jardine, Bob Jackson
7/4/1998	Record Courier	Hope to see more	Trash/Environment	Jeanne Lear, Bruce Brundige, Carol Brundige
7/8/1998	Record Courier	Death Ride ready to roll	Bicycles	Wayne Martin
7/10/1998	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Cave Rock decision put off for a month	Washoe	
7/18/1998	Record Courier	Star of "The Wild, Wild West" makes training film in Minden	Arts/Event	Robert Conrad
7/19/1998	Record Courier	A brush with Death Ride	Bicycles	
8/5/1998	Record Courier	Llazz Festa coming this weekend	Arts/Event	Ruggero Gigli
8/10/1998	?	The Alpine Hotel	History/Sports	
8/12/1998	Record Courier	Anglers are reeling 'me in at Blue Lakes	Fishing	
8/15/1998	Record Courier	Folk duet set for Sorensen's	Hope Valley/Arts	
8/22/1998	Record Courier	Cave Rock: The Issue' to be shown in Alpine	Washoe	Mike Makely
8/25//98	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Eight arrested in gang murder	Crime	Frederick Fred
8/26/1998	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Gang killing called "isolated incident"	Crime	
9/1/1998	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Cave Rock action delayed	Washoe	
9/2/1998	Record Courier	Big Sale set for Woodfords this weekend	Community/Event	Edie Veatch

9/2/1998	Record Courier	Remember When? 25 Years Ago	History/Award	Mina Wood, Archie Wood Jr., Russell Wood, Debbie Wood, Jeffery Wood
9/9/1998	Record Courier	DVS students are semi finalists in writing	Schools/Awards	Macy Matlock, Katie Branscombe, Monkers Pabon, Yvette Bryan, Kelley Welykholowa, Shoshana Williams, Justin Peets, John Erwin
9/16/1998	Record Courier	Continous entertainment at fair, chili event	Community/Event	Don Jardine, Sandy Cowen, Kathy Kerr, Paul Riggs, Jeanne Lear, Calor McElroy, Leonard Turnbeaugh, Skip Veatch, Alan Turner, Chris Gansberg, Judy Molnar
9/19/1998	Record Courier	Alpine County community cleanup coming	Community/Event /Trash	
9/19/1998	Record Courier	Woodford's fair, chili challenge is this	Community/Event	
9/23/1998	Record Courier	Juveniles held in Lee Vining school arson	Fire/Schools	
9/26/1998	Record Courier	Folk singer, acoustic guitarist are on tap in Alpine County	Arts/Event	Gina Gigli
9/26/1998	Record Courier	Residents rally around after school is burned	Fire/Schools	Nancy Lampson
9/27/1998	San Francisco Examiner	Taking the back road from Tahoe to Yosemite	Travelogue	
9/30/1998	Record Courier	Bill Horvitz Band coming to Alpine	Arts/Event	
9/30/1998	Record Courier	Zanjani to talk about her latest book at Alpine library	Library/Event	
10/1/1998	Fishing the California Alps	Small Creek Fishing in Alpine County	Fishing	

				Dee Ann Jang, Warren Jang, Bob Anderson, Marsha Bennett, Ed Ross, Dick Edwards, Al Pettit, Al Moss, John Brissenden, Patti Brissenden, Wayne Matlock, Sandy Matlock, Camilla Olsen, Marcy Milich, Ruggero Gigli, Steve McEwen, Brian Peters
10/1/1998	Mountain News	Markleeville Small town - modest dreams	Travelogue	
10/3/1998	Record Courier	State librarian heads to Mono, Alpine counties	Library	Diane Brigham
10/3/1998	Record Courier	Alpine County Autumn Cleanup coming up	Community/Trash	
10/10/1998	San Jose Mercury News	More green in the forest, less green in the till	Schools/Roads	James Parsons, Leonard Turnbeaugh, Bob Rudden
10/10/1998	Record Courier	Toy run	Business/Event	
10/10/1998	Record Courier	To members of Washoe Tribe, Lake Tahoe is the center of their world	Washoe	
10/14/1998	Record Courier	Antelope Friends of the Library starts big	Library	Diane Brigham, Barbara Howard
10/14/1998	Record Courier	State Librarian visits	Library	
10/14/1998	Record Courier	Alpine Children's Center offers food program	Kids/Schools	
10/21/1998	Record Courier	Remember When? 25 Years Ago - Lost students found	History/Lost and Found	
10/23/1998	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Pictures of Markleeville		
11/1/1998	Skiing	In deep at Kirkwood	Kirkwood	Josh Daum
11/1/1998	Nevada Sports Authority	Real and Rustic in Markleeville	Travelogue	Brad Davis, Kathleen Roberson, Walt Boitano,
11/11/1998	Record Courier	Prescribed burns set for Sierra	Fire	
11/14/1998	Record Courier	Home Health	Health	Frank Higgenbothum, Joyce Higgenbothum

11/18/1998	Record Courier	Volunteers make repairs on elementary books	Library/Schools	Diane Rogers. Sandy Wright
11/21/1998	Record Courier	Kirkwood set to open today	Kirkwood	
11/25/1998	Record Courier	Library in Alpine sets Book Faire	Schools/Library	
12/2/1998	Record Courier	Remember When? 25 Years Ago - Alpine wants no part of college district	History/Schools	Jack Doyal
12/2/1998	Record Courier	Art, crafts in Alpine County this weekend	Arts/Event	Marie Bravo, Dick James, Jim Lyons
12/5/1998	Record Courier	George L. Tinseth	Armed Services	George Tinseth, Scott Tinseth, Lenny Sue Tinseth
12/6/1998	San Francisco Examiner	Slowing down, chowing down in Alpine County	Business/Travelogue	Ruggero Gigli
12/26/1998	Record Courier	Junior skiers race at Kirkwood	Kirkwood/Kids/Sports	Casey Rise, Bryce Wehan, Holden Sapp, Parker Cushing, Chasen Cohee, Brittany Cotter
12/26/1998	Record Courier	Diamond Valley students donate \$80 to victims	Schools	Krystal Blackowl, Leon Christensen Brittany Cruz, Anthony Caldera, Michelle Edwards, Jessica Bennett, Jocelyn Myers, Anthony Wedlock, Brittany Myers, Nicole Bennett, Chad Wickenburg, Tyler Gar, Dillon McLaughlin, Ramsey Horse, Craig Byrne, Mathew Rey, Bryce Wehan, Ben Wood, Anna Marie Coletti, Sharon Osgood
12/30/1998	Record Courier	Kirkwood, skiers ready to ring in the new year	Kirkwood/Sports	

12/30/1998	Record Courier	Office is moving, but cats won't be able to go along	Social Services	Kathy Kerr, Jackie Casey
1/30/1999	Record Courier	Alpine Co. now has MTBE concerns	Pollution/Sewage	Herman Zellmer
2/2/1999	Los Angeles Times	Cuts in Logging Chop Funds for Rural Schools	Schools/Governm ent	Shealyn McMullen, James Parsons
2/10/1999	Record Courier	Kirkwood gives donation to Alpine Museum	Museum	Ruggero Gigli, Dick Edwards, Bret Smith
2/13/1999	Record Courier	Dat So La Lee baskets, stolen 20 years ago, released to state	Washoe/Arts	
2/17/1999	Los Angeles Times	Feud with officer pursued online	Communication/C ourts	Gregory Mason
2/22/1999	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Agency, Washoe to meet	Washoe/Land Use	
2/23/1999	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Small town, big internet lawsuit	Communication/C ourts	Gregory Mason
2/24/1999	Record Courier	Future of Cave Rock still being debated by Tribe, climbers	Washoe/Land Use	
2/24/1999	Nevada Appeal	Alpine site of 'Net lawsuit'	Communication/C ourts	Gregory Mason
2/27/1999	Record Courier	Alpine County, Forest Service sign agreement	Communication/L and Use	Herman Zellmer
2/27/1999	Record Courier	Internet lawsuit in Markleeville gaining some national attention	Communication/C ourts	Gregory Mason
2/28/1999	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Climbers hang on to hope	Washoe/Land Use	
2/28/1999	Los Angeles Times	A Brief Congestion	Population	
3/17/1999	Reno Gazette Journal	Feds give \$2.5M for Tahoe sewer	Sewage	
3/29/1999	Record Courier	Man is charged in murder	Crime	Henry Veatch

4/3/1999	Record Courier	Search and Rescue teens get into the act	Search and Rescue	Steve Watson, Dwayne Summerhill, Ryan Griffith, Dena Catelani, Sheena Watson
5/5/1999	Record Courier	Remember When? 50 Years Ago. Dial phones for Alpine area near	History/Communication	
5/8/1999	Record Courier	Hubert, Merle Bruns celebrate 60th anniversary with dinner	Marriage	Hubert Bruns, Merle Bruns, Linda Bruns, Bruce Bruns
5/12/1999	Record Courier	Jerry and Janine Sprout release a detailed guide to Alpine County	Arts	Jerry Sprout, Janine Sprout
5/19/1999	Nevada Appeal	Controlledrn lowers chance of wildfire	Fire	John Whitaker
5/19/1999	Record Courier	Hope Valley River cleanup day set	Hope Valley	Judy Warren
5/23/1999	Nevada Appeal	Markleeville s peak long ago	History	Snowshoe Thompson
6/6/1999	Record Courier	Mountain music on top at Villa Gigli	Arts/Business	Ruggero Gigli, Wanda Coyan, June Dailey, Gina Gigli, Sharon Lackey, Camilla Olsen, Carolyn Vaughn
6/8/1999	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Falling rock kills boy at Woodfords	Accident	Lance Modispacher
6/9/1999	Record Courier	Volunteers are invited Saturday in Hope Valley	Hope Valley	Judy Warren, Dan Kaffer
6/22/1999	Nevada Appeal	Dead fish at Indian Creek Reservoir stun biologists	Fishing/Health	
6/23/1999	Record Courier	School superintendent husband, teacher wife are dedicated to education	Schools	Jim Parsons, Laura Parsons
6/23/1999	Record Courier	Alpine County is site of events and activities	Arts/Bicycles/History	
6/30/1999	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Girls found after night in the forest	Lost and found	
6/30/1999	Reno Gazette Journal	Tiny Alpine County has never had a reported AIDS case	Health	Richard Botto, Lynn Doyal

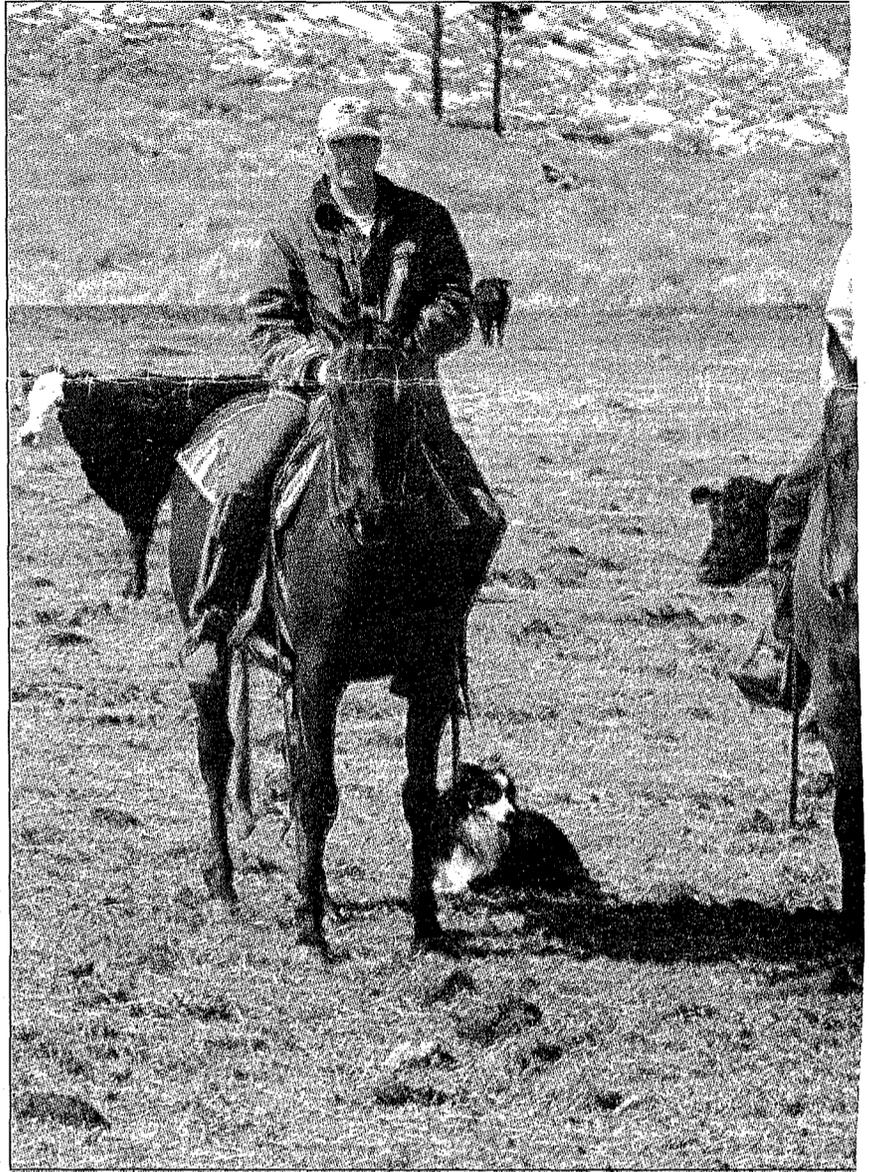
7/1/1999	The Scenic 88 Traveler	Touring the California alps on scenic highway 88	Travelogue	
7/7/1999	Record Courier	Mt. Sierra Christian School students finish term papers early, make quilts	Schools	Callahan Carlin, Holden Sapp, Sarah Schonian, Sabrina Finley, Kaelie Hall, Whitney Tynes, Chelsea Garcia, Nicole Broersma, Sheila Jardine
7/21/1999	Record Courier	Wear your zoot suit down to Alpine County on Saturday	Arts	
7/21/1999	Record Courier	Remember When?50 Years Ago - Fire Sweeps Hawkins ""Mystery Castle" destroying priceless pioneer relics	History/Fire	Harry Hawkins
7/24/1999	Record Courier	M's Coffeehouse offers barbecued salmon Saturdays	Business	Marsha Bennett, Ed Moss
7/24/1999	Record Courier	Dinner to benefit the Alpine Co. Museum	Museum	Ruggero Gigli
8/1/1999	Tahoe Mountain News	Markleeville	Travelogue/Histor y	Ed Moss, Marsha Bennett, Ruggero Gigli, Gina Gigli, Camilla Olsen, Bob Anderson, Dick Edwards, Al Pettit, Mike Gard, Bob Dunn, Brian Peters, Dee Anne Jang, Warren Jang, Bob Rudden, Steve McEwen,
8/7/1999	Record Courier	Salmon feast set at M's Coffeehouse	Business	Marsha Bennett
8/7/1999	Record Courier	Grubstake fund-raiser set in Alpine County next S	Museum	Ruggero Gigli
8/11/1999	Record Courier	Grubstake is coming Sunday	Museum	Wanda Coyan, Leonard Turnbeaugh, Ruggero Gigli, Dick Edwards, Gary Coyan, Forrest Robinson

8/14/1999	Record Courier	Friends of Hope Valley will present folk duet	Hope Valley/Event	
8/18/1999	Record Courier	What does the recent Jewish center shooting say about America?	Opinion	Ben Wood
8/18/1999	Record Courier	California's 150th celebration wagon train goes t	History	
8/18/1999	Record Courier	Douglas may join call for Leviathan cleanup	Pollution/Mining	
8/19/1999	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Lahontan tries to clean Leviathan	Pollution/Mining	
8/19/1999	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Wagon train takes a break in Woodfords	History	
8/21/1999	Record Courier	EPA chief invited to Leviathan	Pollution/Mining	
8/25/1999	Record Courier	Hunter Celio	Birth	Hunter Celio, Jennifer Celio, Clint Celio
8/25/1999	Record Courier	Woodfords community sale set Labor Day	Community/Event	
8/28/1999	Record Courier	Friends of Hope Valley plan Sunday concert	Hope Valley/Event	
8/31/1999	Sacramento Bee	End of the trail	History	
9/4/1999	Record Courier	Villa Gigli sets Sunday tasting	Business/Event	Greg Bennett, Dale Bennett, Ruggero Gigli, Gina Gigli
9/4/1999	Record Courier	Leviathan on the mend?	Pollution/Mining	
9/4/1999	Record Courier	Block sale coming to Woodfords this weekend	Community/Event	Edie Veatch, Paul Washam
9/15/1999	Record Courier	Treat yourself to fun and food at Woodfords Chili Challenge	Community/Event	Edie Veatch, Paul Washam
9/18/1999	Record Courier	Silver Oak Cellars will be on tap at Villa Gigli Sept. 25	Business/Event	Ruo Gigli, Gina Gigli
9/22/1999	Record Courier	Mark Twain' on tap in Alpine	Arts	Joyce Coker
9/25/1999	Record Courier	Christian School offers chance to win big at Golf Classic Marathon		
9/25/1999	Record Courier	Trout Fishing in America set for Alpine	Hope Valley/Arts	
10/2/1999	Record Courier	Poet and trumpeter to perform at Alpine County	Library/Event	
10/2/1999	Record Courier	Douglas members do well at the state fair	4 H	Ben Wood, Bridget Wood

10/5/1999	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Leviathan Mine cleanup could get 'superfunding'	Pollution/Mining	
10/6/1999	Record Courier	Superfunding for Leviathan	Pollution/Mining	
10/6/1999	Record Courier	Garth McCormack	Obituary	Garth McCormack
10/6/1999	Record Courier	Trout Fishing in America coming to Alpine	Arts	
10/8/1999	?	Woodfords, Ca	Government	
10/13/1999	Record Courier	Where is proof?	Opinion/Pollution /Mining	Nancy Thornburg
10/20/1999	Record Courier	Legacy of Leviathan Mine	Pollution/Mining	
11/1/1999	Snowtracks	Hope Valley Sno-Park	Hope Valley/Land Use	Herman Zellmer, Ari Makinen
11/10/1999	Record Courier	John and Patty Brissenden stumble on Sorensen's, stay to make it a success	Hope Valley/Business	John Brissenden, Patty Brissenden, Beth Brissenden
11/17/1999	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Alpine County seeks funding to clean up Leviathan Mine	Pollution/Mining	Chris Gansberg
11/17/1999	Record Courier	Alpine officials back Leviathan Mine Superfund li	Pollution/Mining	Chris Gansberg
11/17/1999	Record Courier	Alpine County supervisors wary of Clinton road p	Roads	Herman Zellmer
11/20/1999	Record Courier	Alpine might join river users group	Water/Rivers	
11/24/1999	Record Courier	Orphaned bear visits town of Markleeville	Wildlife	Josh Williams
12/1/1999	Good Living	Gigli's Gold	Business	gero Gigli, Gina Gigli
12/1/1999	Record Courier	First of several meetings on Leviathan Superfund status set	Pollution/Mining	
12/8/1999	Record Courier	Alpine woman looks to finally realize her dream	Biography	Ellie Toole, Terry O'Toole, Ted Nagel
12/14/1999	Wall Street Journal	Rural school districts get a taxing primer in politics of timber	Schools/Governm ent	
12/30/1999	Record Courier	Washoe Language Circle offers a respect for heritage	Washoe	Dinah Pete, Daniel McDonald

12/30/1999	Record Courier	Woodfords Science Bowl Team takes third place	Competition	Jason Bryan, Hector Caldera, Jermaine Jim, David Roberts, John Vann, Anthony Caldera, Samuel Simmons, Lawanda Fred
12/30/1999	Record Courier	Earth Day: Focus is on trees, water	Washoe/Environment	Stacey James, Dan Kaffer

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Three generations of Gansbergs: From left, Todd, Chris Sr. and Chris Jr.

With ties to Alpine Cou have been in Carson V

Trying to gather the Gansberg family together is like trying to rake leaves in a whirlwind. There isn't what you could call a typical day for this ranching family.

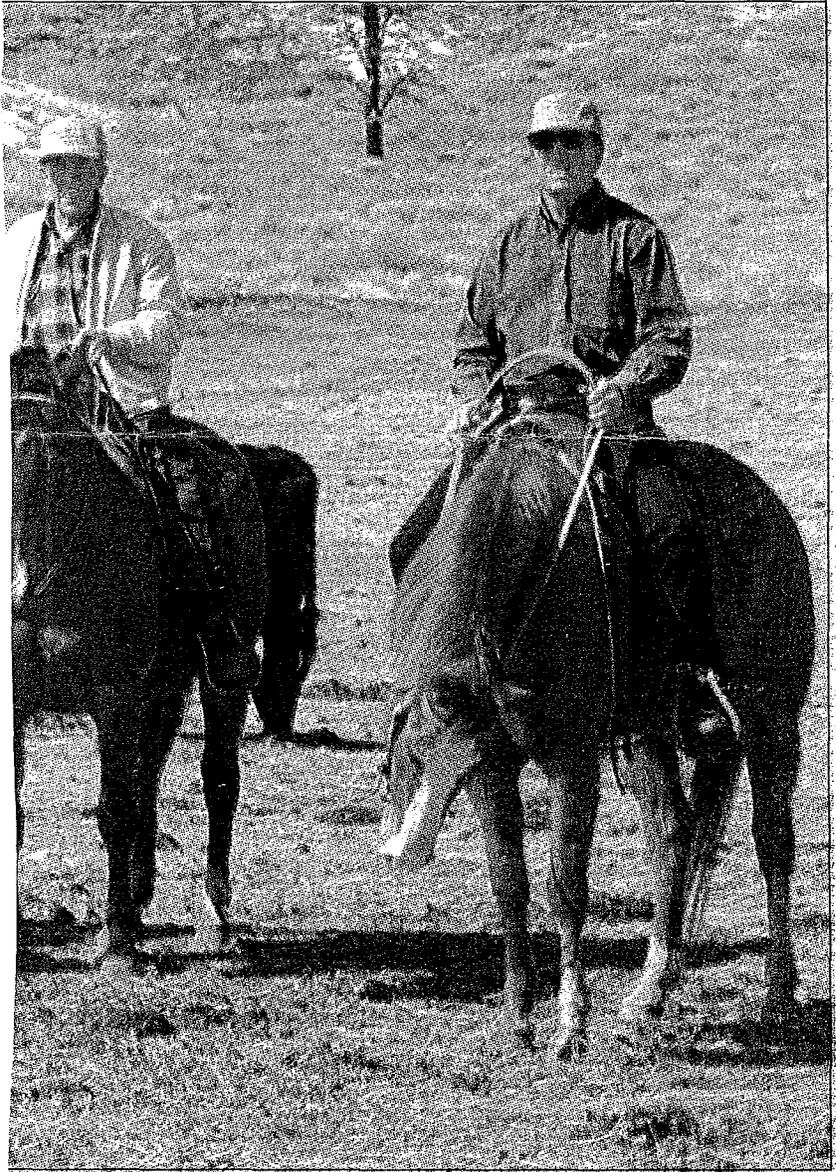
by Nancy Hamlett

Not only do several hundred head of cows rely on them for sustenance, there are chores to do, families to tend to and, for many, jobs outside of the ranch to perform.

Tucked against the foothills of the Sierra Nevada, this jewel of a ranch has been in the Gansberg family for generations. Chris, the "88-1/2, going on 90"-year-old head of the family recalled family lore from days long gone by.

"My father Frederich was the first Gansberg to come from Germany," said Chris. "He worked for the Neddenriep's until 1906. That's the year he bought this ranch from the Henry Neddenriep family. And 1906 was the year he went back to Germany to bring back the rest of his family."

Frederich returned with his mother, father and eight brothers



Belinda Grant photo

nty, the Gansbergs alley for generations

and sisters.

"They didn't have much money," said Chris. "They traveled on the boat down there with all the mice and rats."

Frederich moved his family into the big ranch house with him and, with their help, he operated a dairy, supplying milk and milk by-products to the creamery in Minden.

"I think it was in 1906 when Frederich fell in love, too," said Chris. "I can't remember very clearly because I wasn't born yet."

Lena Neddenriep was visiting her aunt and uncle in the Carson Valley. After one date, Frederich was smitten. Yet Lena wasn't ready to give in so easily. She told Frederich she was returning to her home in Nebraska. If he were serious, he'd have to come to Nebraska to get her.

He did. When they married in 1907, Frederich's family moved to a house in Genoa to allow the newlyweds privacy, and all three of Fred and Lena's sons were born in the big house at the ranch.

Chris summed up his genealogy in true cowboy fashion. The way he figures it, he is related to just about everyone in the Carson Valley.

"There are Neddenrieps in all the woods around here," he said, while an impish twinkle lit his eyes. "And I'm related to all of them. You'd better watch out what you write about me."

The Gansberg ranch went through modernization and growth over the next few generations. Two of Frederich and Lena's sons, Chris and Fred, are still active in the daily operation

horse.”

Ellen spent two nights agonizing over that dilemma before Chris got her into a saddle.

“Then you couldn’t stop her,” said Chris. “She took to it right away.”

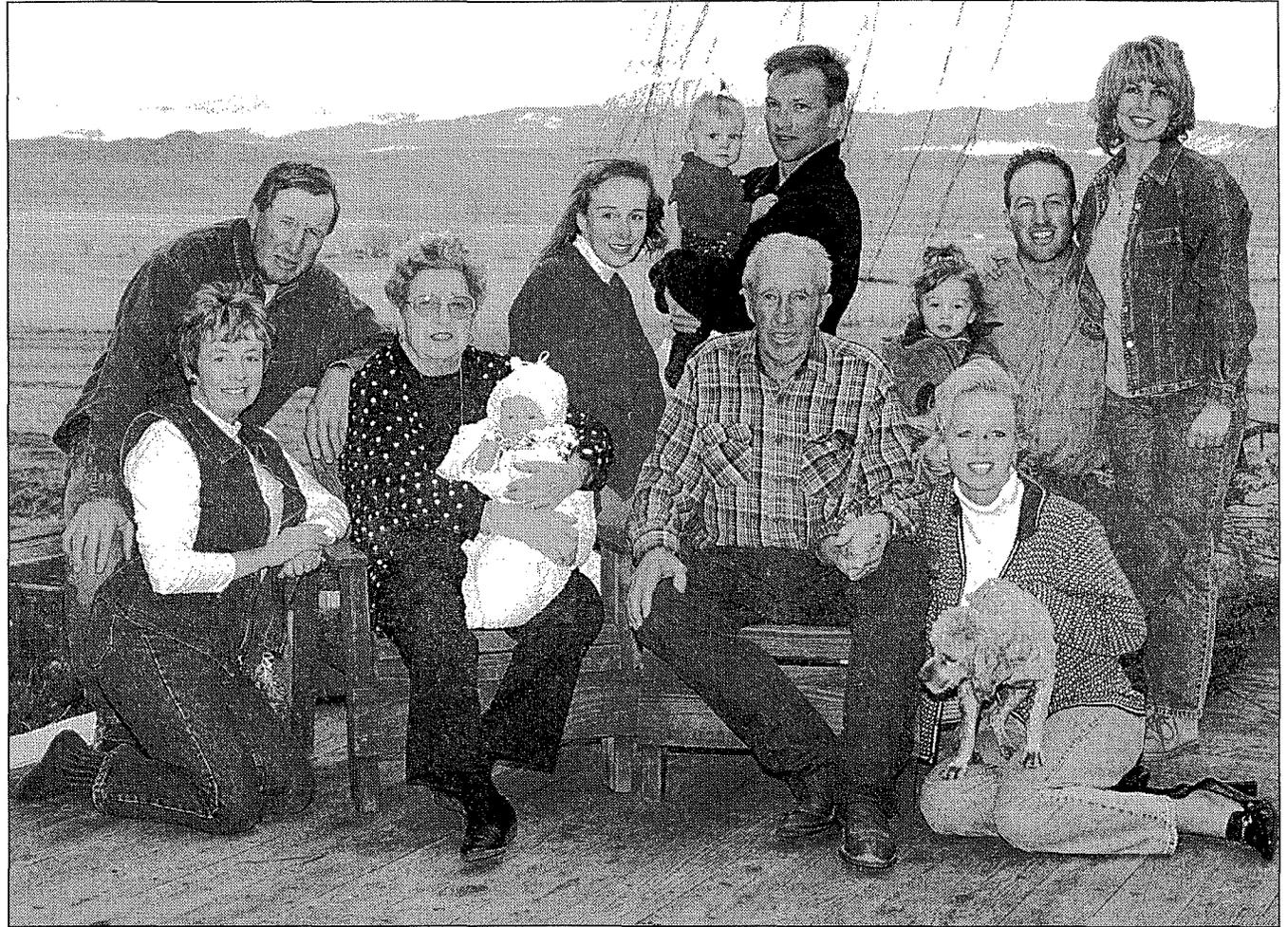
Ellen switched careers when she married Chris in 1940, exchanging nine students in seven grades for a full-time job as a ranch wife and mother. She believes one attribute helped her most in adapting to the different lifestyle. She was a good cook.

“I had a crew to feed every day,” she said. “I could cook, and I had a plus. My father was a baker in Los Angeles. He was one of the first to experiment with box cake mixes. It was a lifesaver. He would send me large sacks of spice cake mix, or yellow cake, or some other flavor. I always had tasty desserts for everyone.”

A few years after Chris and Ellen were married, they bought a ranch in Plymouth, Calif., where they would winter their cows.

“We ran our cows on the Dressler place in Plymouth before that,” said Chris. “But as the herd grew, we needed a place of our own. At first, my brother Fred traveled back and forth with the cows. Now he lives permanently in Plymouth.”

Initially, moving the cows between ranches meant a cattle



A Gansberg family portrait: Sitting, from left, are Chris and Faye Gansberg Jr., Ellen Gansberg with Bailey, 3 months, Chris Sr., Wendy Reis and her dog; back row (behind Chris Sr.), Tami Westre, Amy, 10 months, Sjon Westre, Jessa, 2, and Todd and Julie Gansberg. Belinda Grant photo

■ **Methamphetamine.**

6 Arlen B. Dutchy, 32, of
7 Markleeville was sentenced for pos-
8 session of a controlled substance,
9 specifically methamphetamine.

10 Judge Dave Gamble sentenced
11 him to five years probation, with an
12 underlying sentence of 12 to 48
13 months in jail.

14 Dutchy pleaded guilty to the
15 charge on Nov. 13. He told Gamble
16 he wanted to get enrolled in an iron
17 workers' training program in Chica-
18 go.

19 "I want to get my life back on
20 track again," Dutchy said.

21 Gamble said he was familiar with
22 the program and approved. He cau-
23 tioned Dutchy that, although state
24 law required he put Dutchy on pro-
25 bation, if Dutchy tested positive for
26 any controlled substance he would
27 go to jail.

28 "You get one shot at probation,"

29 Gamble said, "and if you don't
30 make the probation, you're going to
31 jail for a year."

V/10/93 Record Courier

Team Kirkwood gearing up for big competitive skiing season

Matt Savage, 13, representing the Kirkwood youth ski team, began this season like he ended the last one, winning a key giant slalom race at Mammoth Mountain.

Savage was in seventh place after the first run of the annual Clifford Mann Classic on Dec. 22, but his second run was almost 1.5 seconds faster than anyone else and catapulted him into the first place.

"I was nervous on the first run and decided to ski like I've been training on the second run," Savage said.

Savage was equally excited about his racing the next day when he finished second, only one-half second behind a 19-year-old collegiate racer from Washington.

Other racers from Kirkwood competing in the J-3 division were Michael Champ and Pat Sargent.

In the girls J-3 division, Jennifer Champ, Alexis Rudd and Jessica Drakulich all finished in the top 15 on both days.

In the J-4/5 (12-and-under) divi-

sion, Katie Sawaya picked up two fourth-place finishes. Right behind her was Kylese Zaiger in seventh. Casey Rise, Tally Locke and Susana Reyes also competed for Kirkwood.

In the boys J-4 division, George Boe and Brett Andersen recorded top-10 finishes. Nick Cohee, who finished fifth, and Chasen Cohee fared well in the J-5 division. Parker Chushing and Aaron Sanders also competed for Kirkwood.

The J-4/5 racers will begin competition in the North Series this weekend with two giant slaloms at Squaw Valley. Kirkwood's J-3 racers will travel to Mountain High in southern California Jan. 17 and 18 for the first of three Junior Olympic qualifiers.

Final sign-ups for Flyers

The Kirkwood Flyers are a group of skiers/snowboarders ages 8-14 who meet six consecutive Saturdays from 9:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Athletes must have at least intermediate or better skiing ability. The

group is taught the fundamentals of their sport, along with an overall mountain awareness so they can enjoy the great skiing at Kirkwood.

Two six-week sessions are planned. Cost is \$140 or \$170 for each session and includes a lift ticket. For more information, call the Kirkwood Ski Education Foundation at 209-258-5733.

Tobacco Free Jr. Team Series

The popular Tobacco Free Junior Team race series, open to kids ages 8-14 who have strong intermediate skiing skills, will start with tryouts Jan. 17.

After sign-ups and tryouts, the racers are drafted onto teams which are sponsored by businesses. Races are scheduled to be held Jan. 25, Feb. 15, Mar. 15 and Mar. 29 at Kirkwood. Athletes receive race entries, coaching on race days and a souvenir team T-shirt.

Lift tickets are the responsibility of the racer. For more information, call the Kirkwood at 209-258-5733.



Matt Savage, 13, of the Kirkwood ski team, won a prestigious giant slalom race at Mammoth Mountain recently with a fantastic

final run. Savage, who stood in seventh place after the first run, made up more than 1.5 seconds on the field in the second run to win.

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Hope Valley hosting annual sled dog races in February

Hope Valley will be filled with the howls of happy huskies Feb. 7 and 8 when the 11th annual Canine Connection Sled Dog races slide into town.

The location of the races is one mile west of the junction of highways 88 and 89. The event is expected to draw mushers from all over California as well as from Nevada, Oregon and other places in the Pacific Northwest.

The races will range from three to eight miles in length with teams consisting of three to eight dogs.

Teams will be competing for a share of the \$2,000 purse.

Races begin approximately 9:30 a.m. each day and last until the middle of the afternoon.

Admission is \$3 per car. For more information, call Lisa Sato at 916-781-6107.

Menopause subject of Alpine presentation

Dr. Gena Pennington, medical director of Women's Health Services for Humboldt County (Calif.) Health Department, will give a presentation on Traditional and Alternative Approaches to Menopause.

The program will be held Saturday, Jan. 31, at 7 p.m. in the Alpine County Library in Markleeville. Dr. Pennington has more than 25 years of experience in dealing with women's health issues and recommends this program for menopausal and premenopausal women. Men are also encouraged to attend.

Several years ago Gail Sheehy broke the taboo of talking about

menopause with her book "Silent Passage."

Rather than looking at menopause as a disease, Sheehy's book set out to render normality to a normal process.

In the years since Sheehy's book, many more books have been published, popular magazine articles written and support groups formed for menopausal women. Some advocate hormone replacement therapy, some rely on preparation well in advance of menopause for a symptom-free passage and others promote combinations of therapies.

Thanks to Dr. Pennington, the Alpine County Library has a good

collection of books about menopause and women's health concerns.

These books and a list of popular sources of information about natural and alternative medicines will be available at the program.

"Bring your questions and enjoy an evening discussing mid-life changes, transitions through menopause, and various approaches to relieving the symptoms of menopause," said Alpine County Librarian Diane Bingham.

This program is sponsored by the Alpine County Friends of the Library.

Call the library at (530) 694-2120 for more information.

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Going for a wild ride

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A snowboarder takes off on a jump recently at Kirkwood. Snowboarders and skiers alike should enjoy excellent conditions this weekend, weather permitting, at all of the

Lake Tahoe-Donner Pass area's 13 major ski resorts. For information on bases and snow conditions, see page 3. R-C photo by Michael Okimoto

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Kirkwood youth ski team goes to Mt. High

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Soaking Up the Sierra

LOS ANGELES TIMES

By CHRISTOPHER HALL

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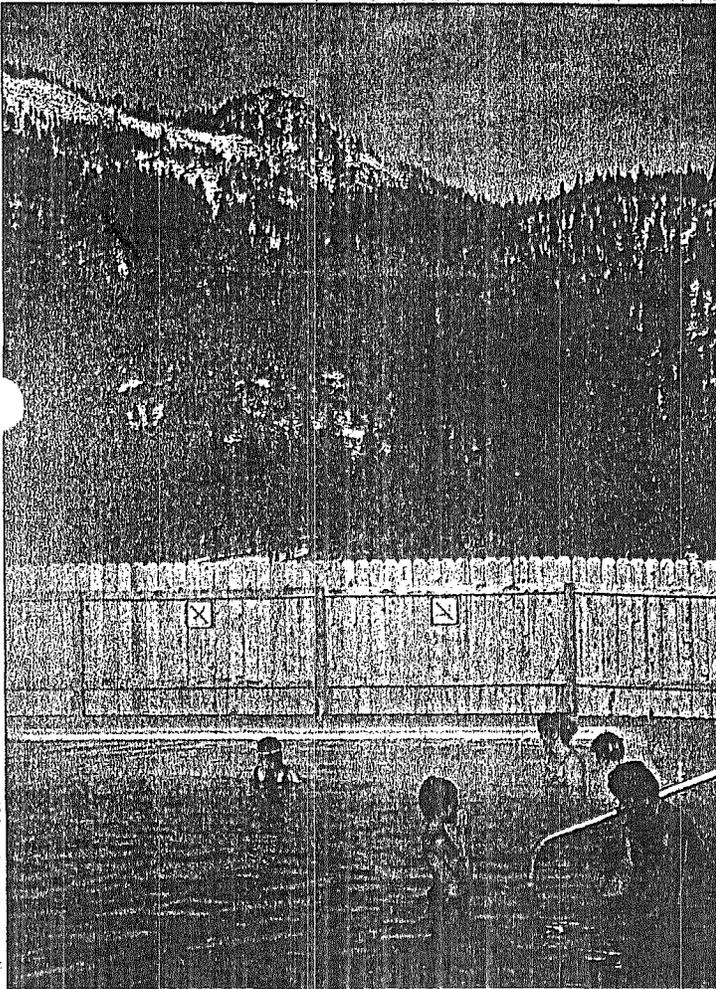
Maybe you and I can go to the spa next time.

Weekend Escape: Lake Tahoe Area

Even my doctor knows where Markleeville is -- they drive through it (north) to relatives.

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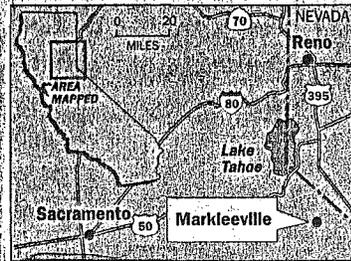
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Car rental	\$69.00
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Breakfasts, Alpine Restaurant	23.69
Pool fee, Grover Hot Springs	8.00
Picnic lunch makings	6.01
Drinks, Cutthroat Saloon	7.00
Dinner, Villa Gigi	71.00
FINAL TAB	\$483.70

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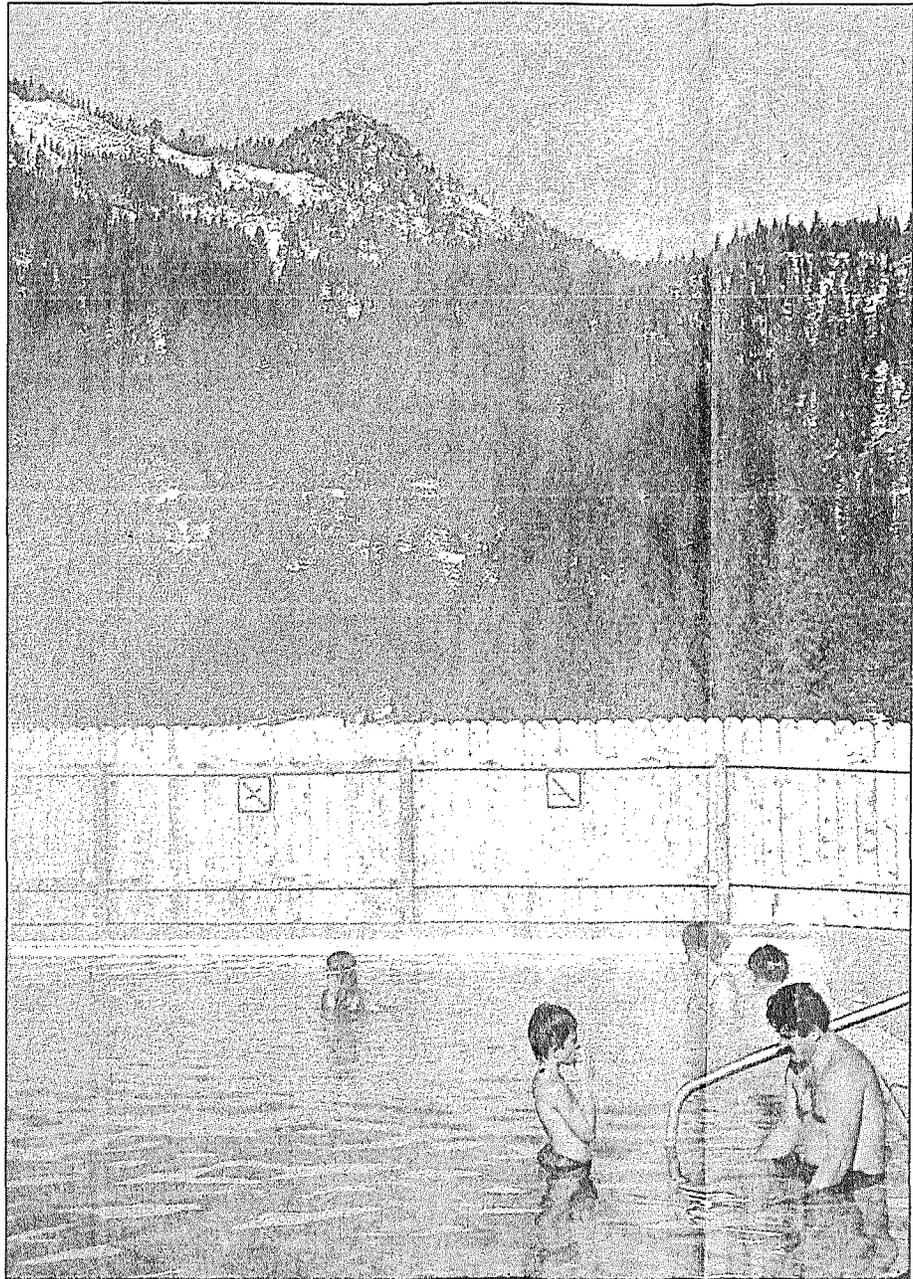
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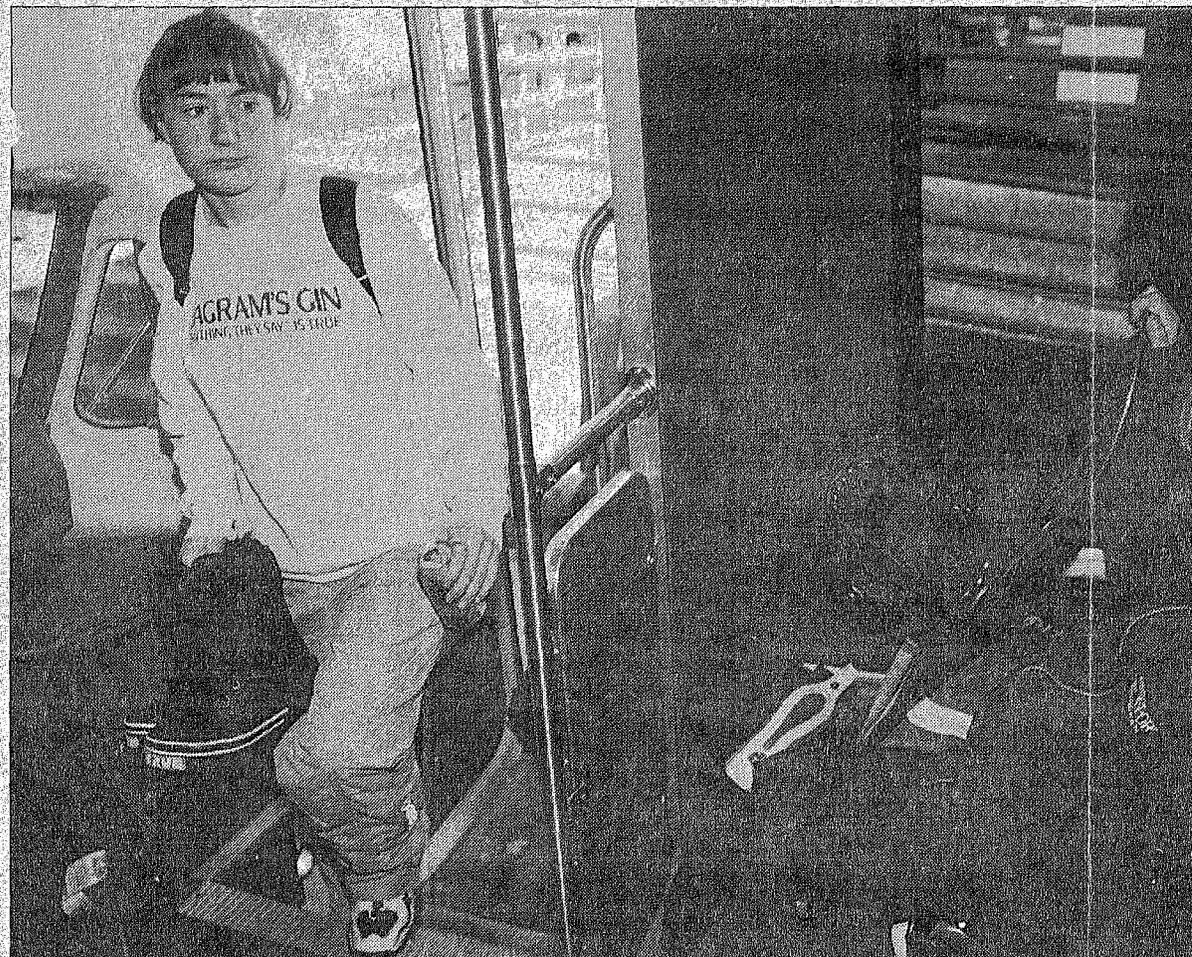
Hang time

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Rainbo Timms of Gardnerville catches air over a jump at Kirkwood recently. Kirkwood has the biggest base of any ski resort in the Lake Tahoe-Donner Pass area. This

week promises to be another good one on the slopes. For more information on conditions at local ski resorts, see page 10. R-C photo by Michael Okimoto



GET ON THE BUS: Brittany Thompson walks up the Kirkwood Ski Shuttle's steps Jan. 24, getting a ride for a day of fun in the snow. R-C photo by Michael Okimoto

Ski shuttle available to Kirkwood

The Tourism and Marketing Committee of the Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Authority, has arranged for a shuttle to take people from the Carson Valley to the Kirkwood Ski Resort on ski-season weekends.

Kirkwood has contracted with Desperado Tour Co. of Stateline to provide transportation on Saturdays and Sundays.

Cost for the round trip is \$5 per person.

The shuttle will leave from the Carson Valley Inn at 8:30 a.m. and depart Kirkwood at 4:30 p.m.

Reservations are required and may be made by calling (702) 586-9005. You must be 18 years of age or accompanied by an adult.

Although the shuttle is aimed at the tourist market, residents may utilize the service.

This is part of the continuing effort of the Tourism and Marketing Committee to promote the Carson Valley as the home base

for skiers.

"Our ideal location near the ski slopes is perfect for tourists," said Suzy Stockdale, chairperson of the Tourism and Marketing Committee. "We have been

working on this for almost a year.

"Many thanks to Kirkwood and Debra Lang, committee vice chairperson, for negotiating the agreement."

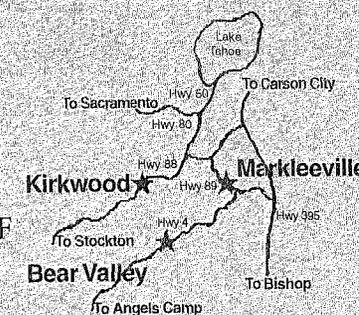
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Snow piles up in Sierra

A strong winter storm with tropical origins slammed into the Sierra Monday, leaving more than a foot of snow in the upper elevations by the late afternoon. Kirkwood received up to 24

inches of new snow, Heavenly received 16 inches, Northstar received 16 inches and Mount Rose received 18 inches. For final totals on the big storm and conditions at local resorts, check Saturday's issue of The R-C.

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Alpine official missing in storm

Staff and wire reports

MARKLEEVILLE — An Alpine County supervisor who left his home to drive to a board meeting and didn't arrive was being sought Tuesday on the snowy and rainy mountain and foothill roads south of Lake Tahoe.

Eric Jung, 50, left his Bear Valley home Monday morning to drive to a Board of Supervisors meeting in Markleeville. He did not arrive at his lodging Monday night nor at the meeting Tuesday, sheriff's deputies said.

He did not call anyone, which deputies said was "very uncharacteristic" of the

■ Second storm wave due today.

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county supervisor. The weather was turning bad when he left his home. He would have traveled west on Highway 4 to Angels Camp, north on Highway 49 to Jackson, east on Highway 88 to Woodfords and then south on

Highway 89 to Markleeville.

"Eric's fellow county employees and his friends and co-workers in Bear Valley are very concerned for his safety," Alpine County Sheriff Henry Veatch in a press statement. "We have contacted Eric's known friends in the surrounding area, and nobody has heard from him since

Monday.

Jung is described as 6 feet, 4 inches, 205 pounds, with thinning brown hair and blue eyes. He wears glasses.

He was last seen driving a blue 4-door Subaru Legacy sedan.

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Storm

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Officials say Jung left at about 10:30 a.m. and should have arrived by late afternoon despite the weather.

"We have posted an area-wide missing person report," Veatch said.

Sorenson's Resort owner and former supervisor John Brissenden said Jung recently returned to his supervisor's seat after winning a recall election.

Jung previously served for three four-year terms on the Alpine County board.

"He is an absolutely wonderful

person," Brissenden said. "He is a fine musician, which is something many people on this side of the mountain don't know about him."

Brissenden said Jung occasionally stays at the resort when attending the Tuesday supervisor's meetings.

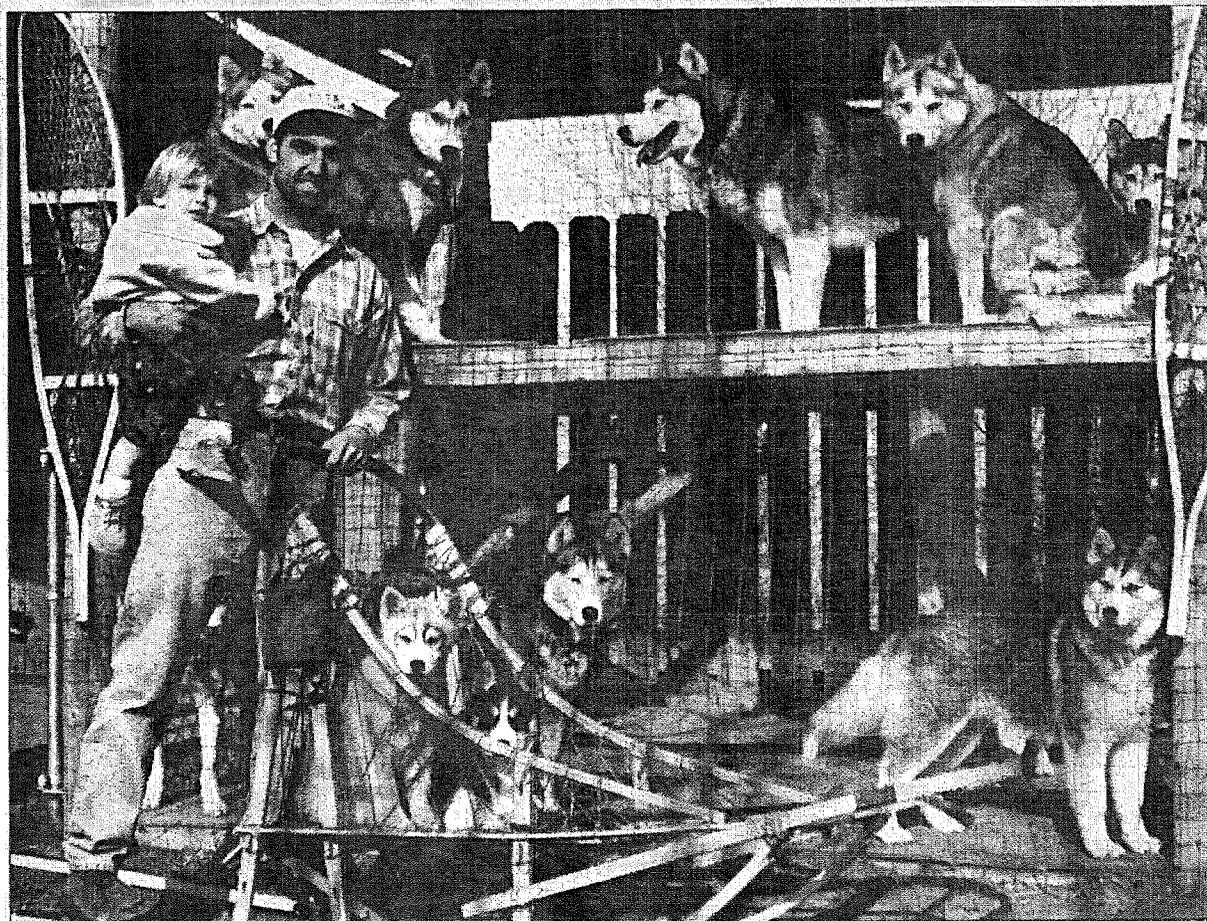
"He covers himself very well, letting everybody know where he is going," Brissenden said.

Jung was born in Bethesda, Md., and grew up in Washington, D.C. Jung holds a real estate license and publishes a monthly newspaper in Bear Valley.

"He is a remarkable man," Brissenden said.

— Kurt Hildebrand contributed to this story.

It's not easy to find a good sled dog, this Gardnerville racer says



Sled dog owner and racer Chris Miller holds daughter Kendra Miller. R-C photo by Belinda Grant

Competition: Chris Miller to enter Canine Connection Sled Dog Races in Alpine County, Calif., this weekend

by **Linda Hiller**
Staff Writer

Finding a good sled dog team is like buying a new car, "only it's more expensive, harder to drive and eats up a lot more fuel," says musher Chris Miller of Gardnerville, who is entered in the Markleeville sled dog races scheduled for this weekend.

Miller, 29, a 1988 Douglas High School graduate, said he has always been interested in the northern dog breeds and became involved in raising sled dogs after acquiring two Siberian huskies while living in Huntington Beach, Calif.

He returned to Carson Valley in 1994. Miller said he is prepared to focus on sled dog racing and training, with the eventual goal of entering the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Alaska.

Running Creek Sled Dogs, Miller's team, consists of Siberian huskies, one of the breeds of choice for mushing, along with Alaskan malamutes, Samoyeds

and Alaskan huskies, which aren't technically a breed, but generally refer to northern type mixed breeds.

"I do love the dogs. It's an expensive hobby, though. Some guys spend their money on other things and I spend it on the dogs," he said, explaining that a competitive dog team consists of eight animals.

Miller, who has worked as a wood craftsman and bartender, is recently divorced and the father of Kendra Marie, 22 months.

In between taking care of his daughter, racing and training the dogs and working in snow removal at the Lake, he gives dog sled rides in Hope Valley with tour operator Dotty Dennis, owner of Husky Express Tours.

Rides run a minimum of \$90 for a one-hour tour. Sleds hold up to 375 pounds. Phone 782-3047 for more information.

In order to reach the point where he can compete in the Iditarod, Miller said he has a long way to go, both in acquiring and

training dogs and building up a reputation as a sled dog racer. The only sled dog race he's been in, he said.

The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race race was held in 1994, starting from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska and may take one day or more to run.

It was inspired by a event in 1973, when 20 sled dogs raced from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska, which was a record for the time. The dogs were used to prevent a diptheria epidemic. It was called the "Great Race of Mercy" at the time.

Miller said the first place prize is \$10,000 and a new truck. The race is held in March.

"It's the equivalent of going from here to San Diego on a truck," Miller said.

In 1974, the first official year of the race, musher Dick Wilmarth took 29 days to travel 1,200 miles.

Barred musher Jason Bletcher won the race in 1986, 1987, 1988 and 1990, averaging 10 days, give or take a few hours, and won \$50,000 each time.

There is an equal opportunity race, Miller said. Because of the

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Sled race: Coming up in Alpine County this weekend

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time and expenses involved in training for the race as well as running the Iditarod itself, racing teams are sponsored by individuals and corporate supporters.

"You really need 40 or more dogs to compete in the Iditarod," Miller said. "It's no small endeavor."

The winner in the 1997 race,

three-time winner Martin Buser, completed the course in nine days. The longest time in the race was 15 days.

Miller said sled dog racing is slowly growing in popularity in the United States and may become an Olympic event in 2002.

While Canada is host to many of the biggest sled dog races, along with many countries in

Europe and Scandanavia, the crown jewel in the U.S. racing is definitely the Iditarod.

This weekend, Miller and his Running Creek Sled Dogs will race in the Sierra Nevada Dog Driver's 11th annual Canine Connection Sled Dog Races. Teams from California, Oregon, Washington and Nevada will compete for a share of the \$2,000

purse. Staging area for the races is one mile west of the intersection of highways 88 and 89 in Hope Valley.

There will be seperate races for three-, four-, six- and eight-dog teams. Racing begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday and should go until mid-afternoon.

For more information, call (916) 781-6107.

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Alpine County supervisor safe

Eric Jung turns up at meeting in Placerville

BY JOHN CLARK
Appeal Staff Writer

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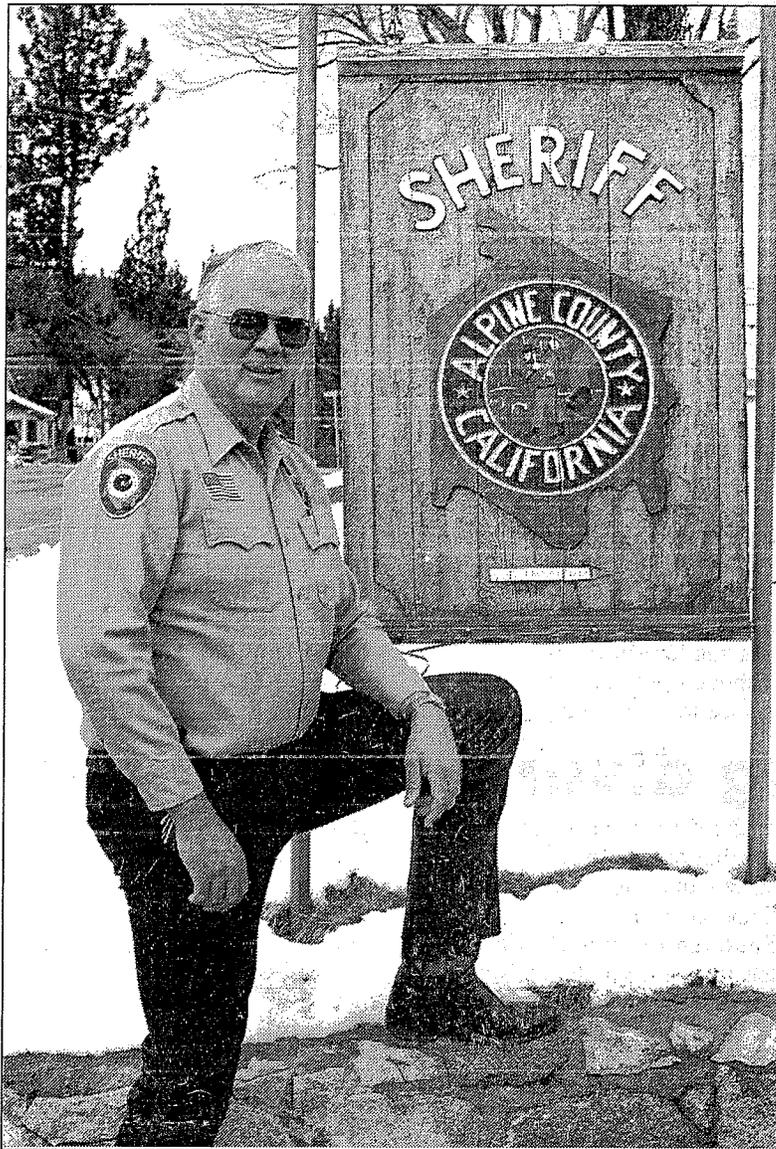
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Man goes to jail for child abuse

by Sheila Gardner
Staff Writer

An 19-year-old Woodfords man was sentenced Monday to one year in Douglas County Jail and three years probation for breaking the arm of his infant son.

Joseph W. Desalles pleaded guilty to two gross misdemeanor counts of child abuse, reduced from a felony count he faced when arrested Nov. 21.

"You're going to serve quite a few months to ensure it sinks in that you don't treat children like this," said District Judge Michael Gibbons. "The amount of time is commensurate with the crime you committed."

Desalles was silent during the sentencing, but in a statement to the judge he admitted being "rightfully wrong" when he injured the baby who was five weeks old. Desalles told deputies that he grabbed the baby out of his car seat in an attempt to get his attention because the child was crying. The baby suffered a spiral fracture of his arm.

"It's very difficult for me dealing with this case," Gibbons said. "You're dealing with the most vulnerable person you can — a baby. With this type of crime, you can only be repelled, but by looking at the rough circumstances of

your own life, it's not easy to deal with it."

Gibbons said he also was concerned about cases of children who have been abused and are prematurely returned to their families, only to suffer more injuries or die.

"The breakdown of the system haunts us," he said.

Desalles has been ordered by Washoe Tribal Court and District Court to attend parenting classes and anger management courses.

"Clearly what happened here is a tragedy for all people involved," said Desalles' attorney, Terri Steik Roeser. "In his mind, Mr. Desalles does not believe he intentionally tried to hurt that child or break that child's arm."

Roeser characterized Desalles as quiet and passive, reflecting on the physical and sexual abuse her client suffered as a child.

"He had no opportunity to have a stable life or contact with an individual who was a good, positive role model. The abuse he suffered in his somewhat nomadic lifestyle doesn't excuse his behavior. He needs mental health counseling to deal with how to react when the baby is crying and to deal with his past abuses."

The baby, who was born Sept. 15, was five weeks old when the incident occurred. At first,

DeSalles told deputies he was attempting to remove the baby from his car seat, when he heard his son's bone snap.

After questioning, he admitted that he was upset with the baby for crying. According to investigators' reports, DeSalles said he meant to hurt the child, but did not intend to break his arm. He said he grabbed the baby "to get the child's attention."

Later, he said he was telling investigators what he thought they wanted to hear, and that he didn't mean to hurt the baby.

Gibbons sentenced Desalles to one year in Douglas County Jail on count one with credit for 77 days time served and no probation. He suspended a one-year sentence to be served consecutively for count two and placed him on three years' probation.

Desalles is subject to random search and seizure for drugs or alcohol and must undergo mental health evaluation and treatment. Gibbons ordered vocational rehabilitation training for Desalles, anger management and parenting classes.

Desalles may have supervised contact with the baby if approved by his counselor after he is enrolled in a parenting class. He must reimburse Douglas County \$250 for attorney's fees.

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Thanks to skier's Olympian effort, the mail got delivered

By Carlos Alcalá
Bee Staff Writer

Long before Gore-Tex jackets and foam-core fiberglass skis, there was "Snowshoe" Thompson.

In 1856, just 10 years after Donner Party members died in the bitterly cold mountain heights, John A. "Snowshoe" Thompson crossed the Sierra Nevada dozens of times on hand-fashioned skis.

It wasn't for fun. Thompson was the only winter mail link across the Sierra for years, until rail lines were laid through the peaks.

He was quite a sight, according to one memoir published much later.

"Snowshoe Thompson passed us daily, carrying the mail between Meadow Lake City and Cisco," wrote Clarence Wooster in the California Historical Society Quarterly in 1939.

"We would watch him sail down this four-mile course at great speed, cross the ice-frozen river, throw our mail toward the house and glide out of sight, up and over a hill."

That route would have been near present-day Interstate 80, but Thompson was better known for carrying the mail from Placerville to Genoa, Nev., a 90-mile trek that follows parts of modern Highway 50.

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One in an occasional series.



In the mid-1800s, "Snowshoe" Thompson skied across the Sierra many times, often in fierce weather, to deliver the mail. He is best known for the 90-mile trek he would make from Placerville to Genoa, Nev., covering the distance in two days. He started his deliveries after reading an ad in a Sacramento paper.

Snowshoe: Norwegian background was big help

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"He was able to go from Carson Valley to Placerville in two days, making forty-five miles a day," wrote Dan DeQuille, a Nevada newsman who was a contemporary of Mark Twain. "Not a house was then found in all that distance. Between the two points all was wilderness. It was a Siberia of snow."

DeQuille — a pen name for William Wright — interviewed Thompson in 1876, shortly before the famed skier died.

Thompson started his route after reading an advertisement in a Sacramento paper. At the time, Thompson was trying to make a go of farming along Putah Creek.

But his background — he was born in Telemark, Norway — gave him the know-how to fashion a rough set of oak skis. Others called them Norwegian snowshoes, hence the nickname.

Modern backcountry skis weigh around 5 pounds each. Thompson's weighed 25 pounds and were 10 feet long.

No problem for Thompson. He practiced on them a bit and then accepted the job. The following was printed in the Sacramento Union on Nov. 17, 1856:

"CARSON VALLEY — Communication with Carson Valley will be kept open by Mr. Thompson, who will run an express all winter."

Without benefit of a tent and carrying 60 to 100 pounds of mail — and sometimes printer's type and ore samples — Thompson headed off in the bitterest weather with meager provisions.

Thompson skied until tired and made camp wherever he found himself.

"Stretched upon his bed of boughs, with his feet to his fire, and his head resting upon one of Uncle Sam's mailbags, he slept as soundly as if occupying the best bed ever made; though, perhaps, beneath his couch there was a depth of from ten to thirty feet of snow," DeQuille wrote.

When the weather was severe, Thompson would get atop the biggest rock he could find and, in the blinding blizzard, dance Norwegian folk dances to keep himself warm until it was light enough or clear enough to proceed.

"He was the only guy in the mountains doing all this stuff," said Mark McLaughlin, a weather historian in Emerald Bay.

Not that there weren't others trying to cross.

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Thompson once rescued a businessman who had been holed up in a mountain cabin for weeks with no fire and nothing to eat but raw flour.

When Thompson found the man, his feet were frozen. Thompson started a fire and went to organize a rescue. When rescuers got the man to town, his legs needed to be amputated, so Thompson made another long ski trip to get anesthetic.

Over the years, Thompson received repeated promises of reimbursement for his twice-monthly trips. In the interim, he had been living and trying to farm on a homestead in Diamond Valley in Alpine County.

In 1872, seeking payment, he headed to Washington to hit up Congress.

On the way, his train was blocked by a snow drift. Thompson hiked through the snow about 90 miles to Cheyenne, Wyo. where he caught another train.

"That kind of got him a little notorious," said McLaughlin. Eastern newspapers described him as the man who beat the train from the West Coast.

But fame was not fortune. Congress failed to pay what Thompson thought was his due. His public pay for years of service was less than \$100.

Thompson died at age 49 in 1876. He left a wife, Agnes, whom he married in 1866, and a 9-year-old son, Arthur.

He was buried in Genoa, where his headstone is carved with a pair of skis. Arthur, who died two years later, is buried next to him.

Thompson's fame lives on in many places.

His skis are in the El Dorado County History Museum, other effects are in a museum in Genoa, a statue of him stands at Boreal Ridge, a plaque was dedicated in Los Angeles and there is even a Snowshoe Thompson Lodge of the Sons of Norway — in Yuba City.

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Something is wrong in the Carson River

Conference: High Sierra Fly Casters' event that will explore fishery in river is set for Friday at inn

by **Christy Chalmers**
R-C News Service

Something is bothering the fish in the Carson River's East Fork.

They don't seem to be reproducing, and the brown and rainbow trout that have been planted there don't seem to be surviving well. The afflicted stretch

is between Hangman's Bridge in Alpine County, Calif., near Markleeville, and the site of the old power dam, about six miles south of Gardnerville.

"That section of water is just pristine. It's beautifully laid out, it's perfect for spawning, but there's no fish in it," says Gene Young, president of the High Sierra Fly Casters, a group of

DETAILS

■ **What:** Carson River Fishery Conference

■ **When:** Friday, 8 a.m.

■ **Where:** Carson Valley Inn, Minden

■ **Cost:** Free

■ **Info:** Dan Kaffer at 782-0204 or Mike Matuska at 884-0394

fly fishing enthusiasts that is very active in promoting fishery management. "We've put in 8,000 brown trout fingerlings in the China Springs area, but we can't find them. They're gone.

"Something is causing it, but we don't know what."

Young and his group hope to get a few answers Friday during the free Carson River Fishery Conference they are hosting. It will start at 8 a.m. Friday at the

See **Conference** on page 8

First-ever meeting on river set for April

A first-ever conference on the future of Carson River is scheduled for April by the University of Nevada, Reno.

"This conference is not just for government agencies, but also for people who have a stake in the river, such as ranchers and other property owners along the river corridor," said John Cobourn, conference coordina-

tor and water resource specialist with the university's Cooperative Extension.

Growth and water quality issues, long periods of drought and raging floods have plagued the river in recent years, causing controversies over river restoration and watershed management, he said. The conference planners want to bring a diverse

group of citizens together to hammer out a shared vision for the river, he said.

"Conference planners would like to get peoples' thoughts and ideas about the future of the river before we complete the agenda," Cobourn said.

The conference already has received support from a Nevada Senator.

"If you form a coalition that includes all stake holders and you agree on what you want for the river, I will go to bat in Washington for funds for river improvements," Sen. Richard Bryan, D-Nev., said. "This effort is absolutely crucial to the environmental stability of the river and the quality of life of

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Conference: Fishery is topic of event

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Carson Valley Inn in Minden.

Organizers hope anglers, biologists, land managers and anyone else with an interest will gather to discuss the river's current fish populations and exchange information on fishery management strategies and ways for county, state and federal groups to improve the fishery.

"The goal of the conference is to try and find out what is keeping the fishery in the East Fork from getting better from Hangman's Bridge to the broken dam," said Dan Kaffer, who is a member of the High Sierra Fly Casters as well as a river restoration specialist for the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

"We don't know if Leviathan Mine is an issue or if the minerals that come out of the hot springs in the area affect the fish. We've brought people who understand the chemistry of the area and those with an interest in the area together."

Lahontan cutthroat trout and mountain whitefish are native to the river. Rainbow and brown trout have been planted there.

"They still catch some fish up there," Young noted. "There are fish in there, but not enough."

Some suspect the Leviathan Mine, which has spilled a variety of toxins into creeks that feed into the river's East Fork, may have an impact. But reports done as recently as December say those creeks

aren't contaminating the river.

"It could be something as simple as the river otters eating the fingerlings or something as complicated as mercury poisoning," said Young.

Authorities from all disciplines will be invited to participate in round-table discussions and present reports. The results will be presented again in April at another river conference.

"This is just to kind of do this footwork so when we finally get to this major conference in April we'll have something to put on the table," Young noted.

Friday's conference is free and open to the public. For more information, call Kaffer at 782-0204 or Mike Matuska at 884-0394.

Carson: First-ever meeting on river scheduled

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surrounding communities."

Conference planners hope to:
■ Create a better understanding of how healthy rivers and floodplains

■ Learn the best ways to stabilize riverbanks and irrigation diversions.

■ Develop better coordination among citizens, counties, groups and agencies and def

future responsibilities.

■ Stimulate support to get projects completed on the river.

The conference is planned for April 6 in the Ormsby House in

A big fish from a big pond



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Gary Alvis recently caught this 13-pound Mackinaw while ice fishing with a 6-pound test line in a 6-inch hole at Caples Lake. Get updates

on fishing conditions at all of the local rivers and lakes from Mac-The-Naw this Saturday. Photo courtesy of Doug Busey.

Snowboarding championship returns to Kirkwood this week

The VANS Championship of Snowboarding returns to Kirkwood this week with \$125,000 in total prize money, the largest North American cash purse, to be divided between the top finishers in each of the four different disciplines.

The event, sanctioned by the International Snowboard Federation and open to Federation of International Skiing members, promises to bring in the world's best, including Olympians.

Finals in the Boarder Cross and Big Air competitions are scheduled for today, and finals in Halfpipe are set for Sunday.

The event will air on ESPN2 on Mar. 28.

Here is a description of each event:

The halfpipe is a 300-foot long, 15-foot deep channel cut in the snow. The bottom of the channel is flat and the walls are curved to form a smooth transition from the base to the "lip" or inner edge of the top.

The lip provides competitors an area to perform tricks as they travel side-to-side down the channel. Competitors are judged by a panel of officials on style, continuity of line, amplitude,

degree of difficulty and originality. The halfpipe was also contested in Nagano.

The giant slalom course, which falls a minimum of 1,000 feet with a gradient of 20 to 27 percent, is set to maximize speed. The hill is set with a variety of long, medium and small turns forcing competitors to navigate between the gates while racing to the finish line. The event is similar to giant slalom skiing.

In boarder cross, the first one down wins. A combination of motorcross, roller derby and snowmobile snowcross racing, Boarder X pits competitors (six to a race with three advancing to the next round) against each other on a closed course. Competitors have to negotiate a series of banks, rolls, turns and jumps and do whatever it takes to reach the finish line first.

Triple Big Air is unique to FreeRide, consisting of three huge table top-style jumps in a row with each one getting increasingly larger. The jumps require the competitor to use talent, creativity and skill while maintaining and controlling speed to perform the best tricks possible.

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THE BATTLE of Carson Pass

BY EDWIN KIESTER, JR.





PHOTOGRAPHS BY TOM LIPPERT

WHEN WINTER COMES, AND AVALANCHES THREATEN TO HURTLE DOWN THE SLOPES, A 26-MEMBER CREW WORKS AROUND THE CLOCK TO KEEP THIS STRETCH OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY OPEN

AT FIRST, THE STORM FORECAST on December 31 didn't seem like much. "Probably just turn the road white," sniffed Joel Allen dismissively. After 16 years fighting snow, three as winter supervisor at Carson Pass, where California Route 88 knifes between 10,000-foot Sierra Nevada peaks, Allen, 38, considered any snowfall of less than three feet hardly worth mentioning. Why, it had once snowed 42 inches in six hours at Carson Pass, and only a year earlier, nine feet of snow lay on the ground when a

Heavy equipment removes the snow after a controlled avalanche buried the road.

record ten-inch rainfall triggered the great floods of 1997. A storm that might drop a few inches—even six inches—was a mere dusting.

Still, New Year's Day was coming up. The holiday would fill the road with celebrating, merrymaking crowds, plus hordes of skiers. Even a mini-dose of ugly weather could mean snarled traffic, accidents and casualties. As a fifth-generation mountain man whose grandfather and great-grandfather had herded Hereford shorthorns in the high meadows, Allen knew about the potential of mountain climate. He alerted the 26-person crew at Caples Lake Maintenance Station to stand by for holiday duty. There would be no days off until the storm let up.

On New Year's afternoon, with the first few snowflakes lazily drifting down and skiers starting homeward, Allen dispatched two trucks to sand the highway as a precaution. "Sand is cheap," he said. "Lives aren't." At 5:30, with most skiers gone and more snow falling, he designated his stretch of Route 88 "R-1": only vehicles equipped with snow tires or chains could proceed. An hour later, the

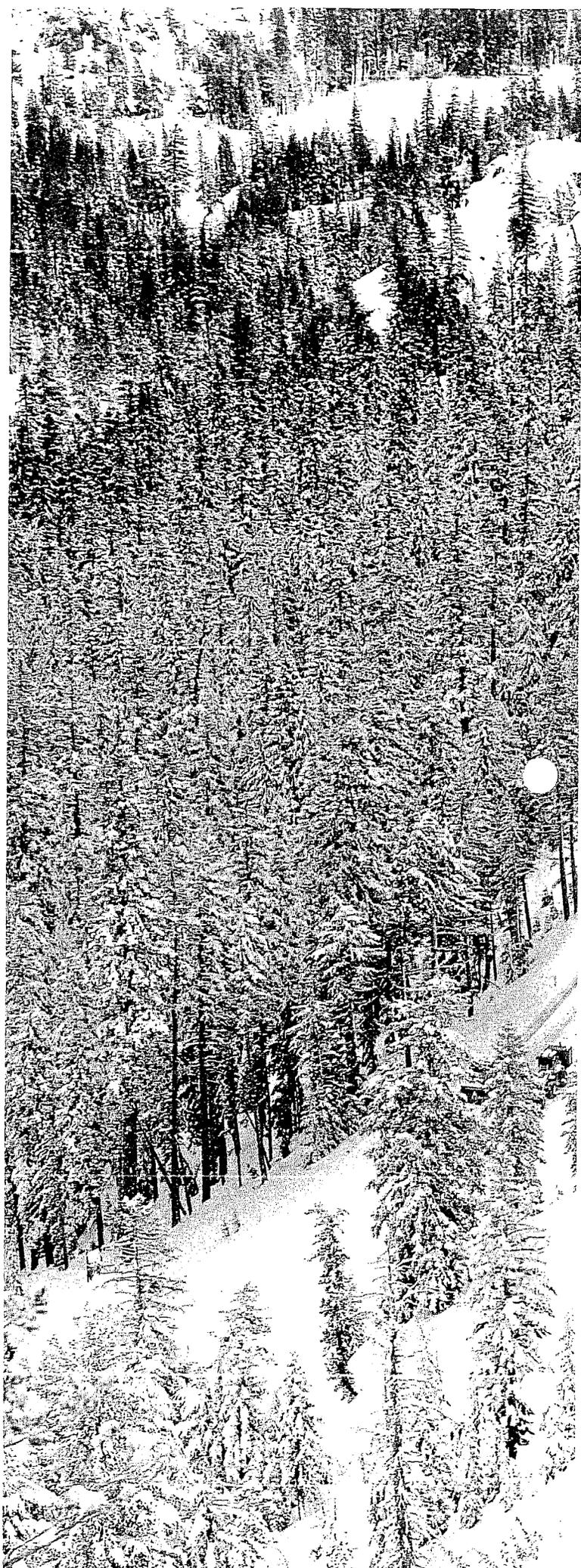
The steep slopes that loom over Route 88 at Carson Pass and Carson Spur are prone to avalanches that can instantly bury a two-story-high truck.

road was "showing white," and he upped the designation to R-2, restricting the road to chain-equipped cars or four-wheel-drive vehicles with snow tires. In the light snow, the last straggle of skiers grumbled as they put on their chains.

"Meager," Allen had said on Wednesday of the anticipated snow. But at 4 A.M. Friday, January 2, it was anything but meager. Big, wet flakes began to pour down in great dollops. Dave Frame, the lanky, quick-witted night supervisor, looked out the windows of the Caples Lake dispatch office and could

scarcely see across the equipment yard. The National Weather Service issued a snow advisory to motorists. Doppler radar showed dark-green Rorschach-like blotches of precipitation advancing on Carson Pass. By 5 A.M., the seemingly insignificant "road whitener" had developed into a full-fledged winter storm. Once again, Allen and the Caples Lake crew confronted the difficult challenge of keeping open a major mountain highway in the face of the worst punches Mother Nature could throw.

At 8,574 feet, Carson Pass is neither the highest route through the Sierra Nevada rampart nor the busiest. Four- and six-lane Interstate 80, over the 7,227-foot-high Donner Pass, carries 40,000 vehicles a day, compared with Car-





Clayton Jolley of Manteca, California, prepares for the worst at the Red Lake Creek chain-control station.

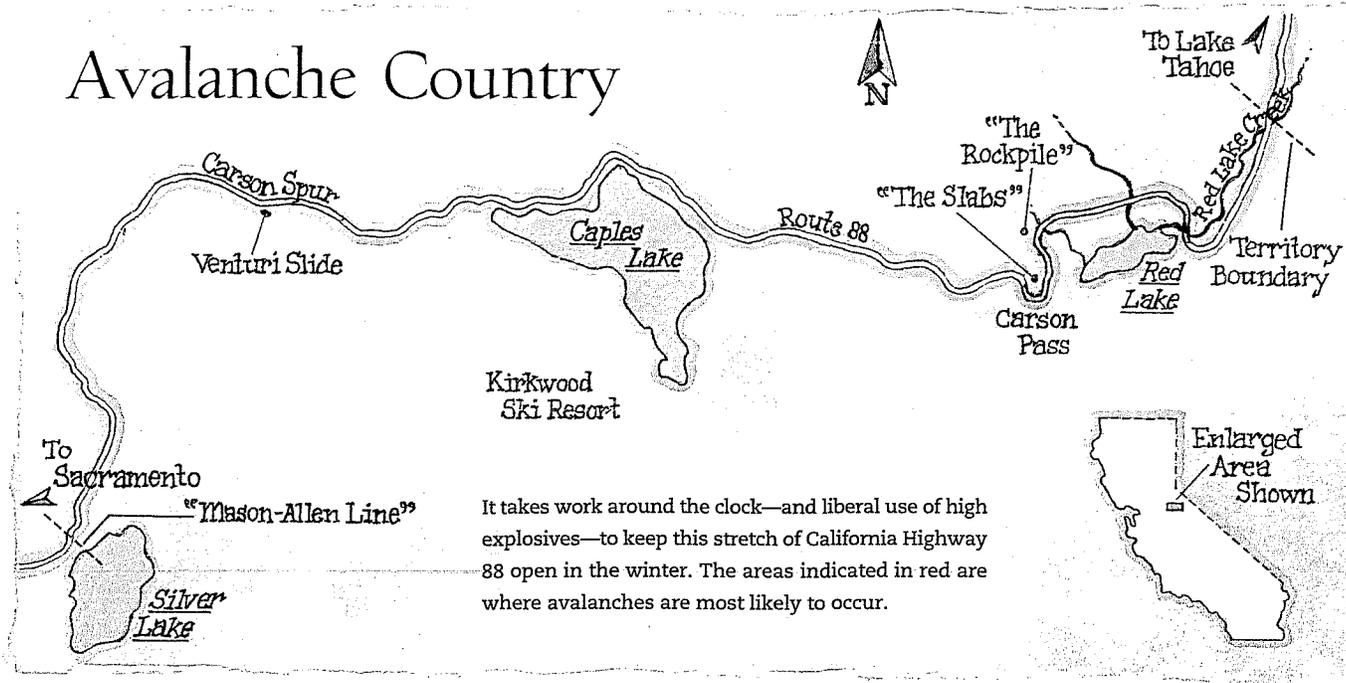
son's 5,000. Tioga Pass, leading into the Yosemite National Park high country, Sonora Pass and Ebbetts Pass all are higher. Yosemite high country, however, closes in winter; Sonora and Ebbetts feed only rugged, sparsely populated mountain areas. With the first serious snowfall, these passes shut down tight, not to reopen until the thaw of May or June. Route 88, by contrast, is an economic lifeline for the eastern Sierra. Kirkwood ski area, one of the state's most popular, attracts 7,000-8,000 skiers and 2,500-3,000 cars a weekend day. Resorts and businesses south of Lake Tahoe—not to mention Nevada gambling casinos—depend on a "black pavement" Route 88. "For people like us," says Jeff Walters, the Kirkwood resort's director of mountain operations, "a closed road can be a downright disaster."

Keeping a California highway open in the teeth of wind-driven Pacific storms is neither simple nor cheap (and El Niño's quirky behavior this season has not made it any simpler). The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) spends \$29.7 million per year on winter highway maintenance. District 10, which includes Caples Lake, gets a substantial share.

Route 88 costs more because of its lofty altitude and the consequent severity of its weather. Thirty-three miles of Route 88 climb above 7,000 feet, at least five of them above 8,000. Surrounding peaks soar above 10,000 feet and are snowcapped all year. The pass catches 500-600 inches of snow a winter. Wind gusts over the mountaintops have been clocked at 150 miles per hour. Temperatures in the teens are considered balmy. When I announced my plans to visit, Allen's first words were, "Bring warm clothes."

Most treacherous of all, between Red Lake Creek and Silver Lake (the 14-mile stretch of road commonly called Carson Pass) there are two natural avalanche zones, as

Avalanche Country



It takes work around the clock—and liberal use of high explosives—to keep this stretch of California Highway 88 open in the winter. The areas indicated in red are where avalanches are most likely to occur.

motorists are reminded by attention-getting red warning signs at each entry point. One zone, beginning at the road's steep-sided summit—the true “Carson Pass”—is about two miles long. Its twin to the west, on the other side of the Caples Lake Maintenance Station, is the mile-long stretch of road called Carson Spur.

A century and a half ago, the pioneers learned the hard way that even a careless misstep could send a cascade of white death tumbling down the near-vertical sides. Much of Caltrans' resources for winter highway maintenance are now thrown into efforts to thwart the slides. Nonetheless, says Al Schindler, in charge of avalanche control, “the unexpected natural slide is what we always fear and have to guard against.”

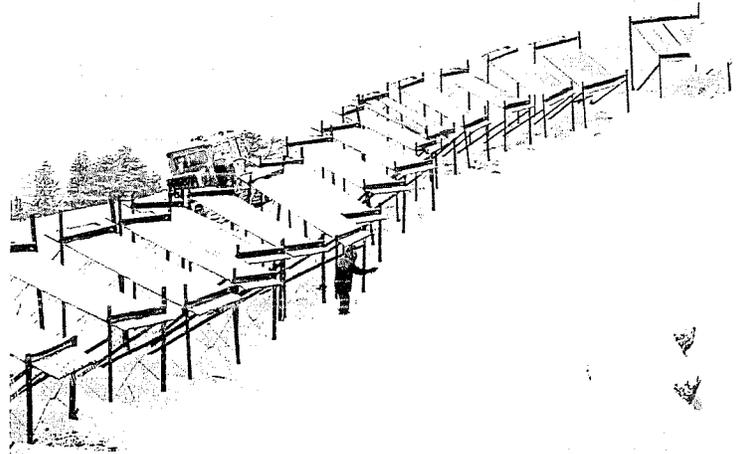
Despite Allen's admonition, on January 2 warm clothes seemed scarcely necessary. The early storm had come in “high, wet,” in Allen's words, with temperatures hovering near freezing. The three-mile-long, 8 percent upgrade from the Red Lake Creek chain-control station to the top of Carson Pass was slicked with ice. Jason Dehoff, youngest man in the crew, had been assigned to Red Lake Creek to warn motorists of an R-2 chain requirement, and state-licensed “chain monkeys” had already arrived to assist motorists. But even chained cars were slithering and slowly sliding into each other. The road was clogged with crosswise vehicles and frustrated, cursing drivers. Plow operator Chris Barnes, a burly New Zealander who had been working six years in the California mountains, was attempting to clear the eastbound lane at Carson Pass. He had to stop repeatedly to untangle fender benders. Several times, Allen recalled later, “we had to halt traffic completely to sort out the mess.”

Allen had arrived at the dispatch office around 7 A.M. and immediately announced “storm shifts”—12-hour crew shifts from 8 to 8. With the storm showing no early signs

of abating, the swing and graveyard shifts were combined into a single force, and the daylight crew would extend its hours to 8 P.M. Cook Lionel Blankenship was alerted to have hot food ready at all times. A World War II veteran with a magnificent walrus mustache, he began brewing up one of his popular soups.

“When in doubt, send it out,” Allen says. He now mobilized his full force of equipment: two monster Snowblasts, whose rotary plows could chew up and spit 2,500 tons of snow an hour off the highway, two giant loader-blowers to cut back tall snowbanks, three graders, two plows and two plow-and-sand trucks. He sent graders eastward through the Pass to Red Lake Creek and westward through Carson Spur to the “Mason-Allen Line,” the boundary between his territory and “Wally's World,” the 45-mile stretch supervised by Wally Mason of the Peddler Hill Maintenance Station. Graders' blades, Allen explained, exert downward pressure on the roadway, as plows do not, and could chisel off obstreperous ice. Blowers followed to hurl the ice and slush off the road. Although ten inches of snow had fallen since 4 A.M., road clearance was obviously keeping ahead of the storm, and Allen and Schindler could turn their attention to avalanche control.

Avalanche research has advanced rapidly since the Swiss first realized that something as innocuous as a falling branch could shake an unstable snowpack and set off a giant slide that would bury an entire village. Experts now know that slopes steeper than 30 degrees are most prone to slide. Light, feathery snow with a low water content is more apt to slide in a series of small avalanches, whereas wet, heavy snow accumulates, then may come down in a great rush. By digging pits deep into the winter snowpack to expose the accumulated ice and snow, they can identify weak layers, which contain more air and are thus less compact than more stable layers. Measuring the thickness



of the vulnerable layers tells the potential size of the avalanche and the downhill distance it might travel.

Since the 1950s, avalanche control has relied on a simple practice pioneered by Montgomery Atwater of the U.S. Forest Service: set off a series of small slides to prevent snow from building up into a major, disastrous slide. Atwater's technique included using a rifle, 75mm or larger, to propel shells onto slide-prone higher slopes, and hand-placed explosive charges to start slides in more accessible areas (SMITHSONIAN, December 1980).

The avalanche hazard through Carson Pass and Carson Spur can be summed up in a few figures. Many slopes along the road rise 36 to 57 degrees; "the Slabs" and "the Rockpile" slide paths are almost perpendicular. Typically, the snow's moisture content averages 10-15 percent—creating what skiers disdainfully call "Sierra cement"—unlike the dry, fluffy powder of Utah and Colorado. On the Pass, 7 steep slide paths threaten to send snow hurtling onto the road, and another 15 menace Carson Spur. "When we get nine inches of fresh snow on a two-foot snowpack," Al Schindler says, "unless we do something about it, it's going to wind up in somebody's lap."

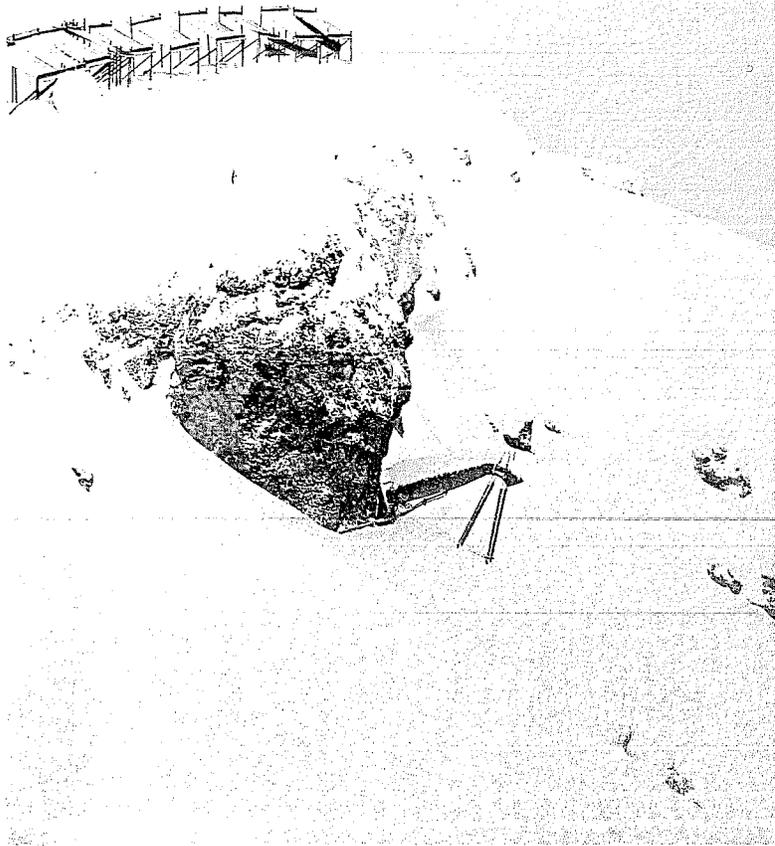
Schindler's avalanche fighters combine high-tech and traditional methods of avalanche control. All 22 slide paths are commanded by French-built Gaz-Ex "exploders"—each a 16- to 19-foot pipe, 18 to 36 inches in diameter and curved like an inverted J. The J's short leg is trained downward onto the snow (above, right). Propane and oxygen are stored separately in mountainside shelters near the exploders. On a computerized signal from the Caples Lake command post,

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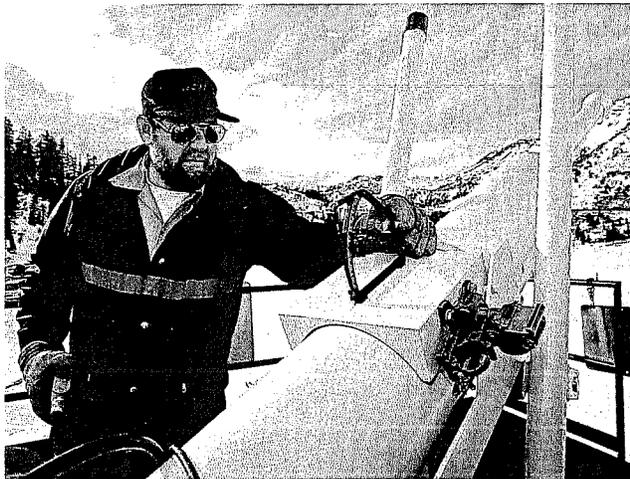
the explosive mixture is piped into the barrel and is ignited by a spark. The resulting blast erupts in a roar that echoes throughout the mountains and a huge shock wave that shakes loose the snow. Strictly among themselves, the ribald avalanche crew members call the explosions "elephant farts."

The Gaz-Ex was developed for use in the Alps; according to Schindler, it works very well against the feathery Alpine snow, less well against the wet, sticky stuff of the Sierra. So the crews then resort to hand-placed explosive charges. Because the rocky, spiky 10,000-foot peaks overlooking Carson Pass can be reached only by helicopter in winter, hand-charging concentrates on Carson Spur, which because of prevailing winds and westward orientation catches more snow and is more slide-prone.

The third step is artillery fire. Safety-conscious California abandoned the 75mm recoilless rifle when its dwindling—and aging—ammunition supply became risky and unreliable. The two big guns at Caples Lake have been replaced by two LoCATs, or Low-Cost Artillery Trainers, originally developed by the British for training artillerymen, and now manufactured for use in avalanche control. One 15-foot, bright-yellow LoCAT on the shore of Red Lake hurls projectiles a mile or more across the highway to the snowy higher reaches above the Pass, firing 25-30 rounds in preset directions; the other zeroes in on the Spur. After a series of mechanical glitches, the LoCATs



Al Schindler (far left) prepares to set off hand charges. Dwarfed by the jet roofs (left)—they keep blowing snow from forming cornices—he throws the explosives to trigger slides. The Gaz-Ex “exploder,” below the outcrop, works best on light snow. Below: Tom Lupton adjusts a LoCAT artillery piece, used for long-range jobs.



had been helicoptered into position just a few days before the New Year's storm.

Only the first two methods were needed on the afternoon of January 2. Around noon Randy Gomes, a youthful, athletic heavy-equipment operator, returned in a loader-blower to report that the “indicator chutes”—small slide paths presenting no danger in themselves but indicating the instability of the snowpack—were “sluffing.” “Looks to me like it’s ready to come down,” Gomes told Schindler. The avalanche chief had previously weighed a snow sample, and calculated a moisture content of 15 percent; the Caples Lake measuring gauge showed a foot of new snow atop nearly three feet of packed, wind-scoured

snow from earlier storms. Allen and Schindler drove through the ski area parking lots and found them filled to capacity. They would face a heavy traffic volume at 4 P.M. Accordingly, they closed the Spur at 2 P.M., fired the Gaz-Ex and then followed up with hand charges. Loaders and graders cleared away snow that reached the road. An hour and 40 minutes later, skiers were safely streaming home in both directions. Allen directed the night crews to restore the road to “black pavement” by morning; by 10 A.M. the next day, all restrictions on vehicles had been lifted.

Just west of Donner Pass in the wee hours of January 3, after the first storm had subsided, Stan Richins reviewed a bank of computers in the Kingvale Maintenance Station. Richins is District 3 maintenance superintendent for Caltrans, and his main, herculean task is to keep Donner open for heavy trailer-truck traffic and streams of cars bound for Lake Tahoe playgrounds. One of his other responsibilities, however, is to collate weather information from the National Weather Service and other computerized services, and feed the results to storm fighters up and down the state. On January 3, the forecasts did not completely agree, so, Richins says, “I did the tiebreaker.” At 4:58 A.M. he faxed one of them—a Winter Storm Warning for the Greater Lake Tahoe area, including Route 88: “Today, mostly cloudy. Snow developing during the afternoon. Southwest winds 20-40 mph with ridge winds over 60 mph. Tonight . . . snow . . . heavy at times. Strong gusty southwest winds 30-40 mph with ridge winds over 80 mph causing areas of blowing and drifting snow. Sunday . . . snow . . . decreasing to snow showers in the afternoon. Colder.” “Colder” meant a day’s high of 15 degrees at the 8,000-foot level of Carson Pass.

At Caples Lake, crews were taking a breather, readying themselves and the equipment for winter’s next whammy. Some night shift workers had gone skiing, and others were watching the professional football play-off. Allen was nervously watching the sky. What did “during the afternoon” mean? A 3 P.M. snowfall as skiers headed home could tangle the highway in all directions. Requiring thousands of cars to suddenly put on chains would be a nightmare. If the “afternoon” snow arrived two hours later, at 5 P.M., most skiers would be gone.

Over steaming bowls of Blankenship’s beef soup, the men swapped stories of previous storms and close calls



A plow driven by Jason Dehoff provides a scale for the volume of snow dumped on the road beneath the Venturi Slide on Carson Spur.

from avalanches. "I've been hit so many times I've lost count," Schindler said. Only last year Wayne Simpson, operating a loader-blower called "the Duck" because of its waddling motion, had been almost completely buried by a natural slide hurtling down the Spur onto the closed road. Only the passenger-side window of the 12-foot-high vehicle remained uncovered. Unfazed, Simpson radioed his position to Caples Lake, then poked a camera out of the cab and photographed his plight. After an hour and 40 minutes, Ed Cova came to plow him out. Simpson tossed Cova the camera. "Hey, Ed!" he yelled. "Take my picture!"

Simpson is typical of the Caples Lake crew. Although Allen, Schindler and a few others are full-time Caltrans employees, most are "permanent intermittent," or "PI," seasonal workers who return each winter, lured less by the \$12-\$14 an hour (plus frequent overtime) than a love of the outdoors and an avid sense of adventure. "I'm paid to be where other people pay to be," Tom Lupton gloats. The average crew member has been working "in the snow" for nine years. In summer many drive logging trucks. The talkative, amiable Simpson does construction work in the gold rush town of Jackson. On off-duty days, when the sky is clear, most return to their families, often a 50- to 75-mile commute each way. But when a storm threatens, they live in bunkhouse rooms for days or even weeks. Simpson recalls the first year he worked at Caples Lake. "We were scheduled to quit at 4:30, and I

called my wife and said I'd be home by 6," he says. "I got there 22 days later."

When 5 P.M. arrived and the snow had not materialized, a more relaxed Allen gave a thumbs-up sign. Others were growing restive. They cast sidelong glances out the windows for a telltale flake. Blankenship served a staggering dinner of inch-thick slabs of meat loaf followed by chocolate meringue pie. The men dawdled over it to watch the 7 P.M. weather forecast. Doppler radar tracked the storm moving toward Carson Pass but also indicated that it might move to the north. When the night shift took over at 8 P.M. a shard of moon was winking through the clouds. Somewhat disappointedly, the men drifted off to bed. Many later confessed to looking out during the night to see if the storm had arrived. At 3 A.M., Richins' bulletin looked like a false alarm.

Neither the night shift nor those who peeked out the windows after 4 A.M. were disappointed, however. A blizzard howled in, whipped by 50-mph winds. This time Dave Frame not only could not see across the yard; he could scarcely discern trucks parked outside his window.

By 6 A.M., seven inches of snow had come down on the highway. It fell in tiny flakes, in sheets of light, cottony stuff. "Skiers would kill for a few turns in fresh powder like this," Frame said. Plows had started working in tandem in both directions; tiny slides were already occurring on the steep slopes of the Spur. Tom Lupton weighed a

snow sample. The moisture content was an unusually low 5 percent: it could be made to slide easily.

At the Peddler Hill station, in near whiteout conditions, Wally Mason had already closed at least five miles of his section of Route 88. Now at 6:35, Lupton and Frame closed the Spur, too, citing avalanche danger, and 40 minutes later, with the wind-whipped snow reducing visibility to a few feet, they closed the Red Lake section. Steve Girton, the six-foot-four, 320-pound dispatcher, had come on duty at 5 A.M. At 7:15, he faxed a message to state highway patrol units, Caltrans stations, ski resorts and others: "Temporary Road Closure Notice! Highway 88 is closed from Martin Meadows to Red Lake Creek for avalanche control."

The scene was being repeated up and down the Sierra. The heavy snow had made seeing and driving impossible. At Kingvale, Stan Richins closed Interstate 80 from Applegate to the Nevada border, more than 70 miles. U.S. 50 was closed for about 10 miles.

At either end of the closed stretch of Route 88, traffic began to back up, waiting for the moment of reopening. Much of it was impatient skiers lured by the promise of fresh snow, and truckers with perishable loads. Allen threw all his equipment into the struggle, concentrating first on Carson Pass. Opening that stretch of road would allow skiers to reach Kirkwood and relieve some pressure. It

was a slow, tough battle. In blinding snow Allen's drivers, following eight-foot-high snow stakes marking the right-of-way, could hardly see from one stake to the next.

It was Schindler's moment. Classified as a "lead worker" in bureaucratese, he is known among colleagues as the "avalanche king"; it is said he can examine any three snowflakes and predict when and in which direction they will slide.

Schindler had been fighting avalanches at the Pass since 1972, when the road first remained open for the winter, and had announced his retirement after the 1998 season. Although no one took him completely seriously—"What in the world would he do?" Allen asks—January 4 would give him yet another chance to show his stuff.

Schindler gathered up four boxes of explosive charges and, accompanied by Mike "Sparky" Clark, piled into a snowcat and set off for the Spur. Behind him trailed Simpson in the Duck, Randy Gomes in another loader-blower, Ed Cova in a Snowblast, and Jason Dehoff operating a grader, ready to clear any slides.

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The light snow was ideal for the Gaz-Ex, and Schindler began with that weapon. Parking the snowcat just inside the avalanche zone, he radioed back to Girton to begin remote firing of the "cannons" far up the mountainside. Minutes later, Girton's voice crackled through the two-way radio. "Firing Charley One," he announced.

High up the mountain, through the curtain of white and against the leaden sky, could be seen a rapid flash. Then the explosion rumbled through the valley, echoing from mountainside to mountainside. "Detonation," Schindler said with satisfaction. "Firing Charley Two," Girton responded, and detonation followed detonation as he proceeded through the battery of exploders.

Holding back the road-clearance crews until he could survey the cannonade's results, Schindler moved the snowcat forward, the roadway barely discernible under its seamless coverlet of white. Within a few hundred yards his way was blocked by a mountain of snow. The "Charley One" Gaz-Ex had released a slide half the length of a football field and as high as a two-story house—"The whole mountain came down," Schindler said with barely concealed delight. Schindler backed and coaxed and chivied the snowcat and eventually climbed over the mound, only to meet another, smaller blockage produced by "Charley Two." Continuing down the buried road, he found five more road-covering slides, climaxed by one natural slide in a zone where an exploder was under repair



Joel Allen uses a shovel to sweep snow and ice off an elevation sign. Hikers frequent the area in summer, thus the sign beneath, warning against picking up unexploded ordnance.

down cornices as he went. He concentrated on the long Venturi Slide, a notoriously dangerous avalanche chute, and noted that it now seemed secure.

In all, he and Clark threw 92 charges. At chute 11, with the inoperative exploder, they set off such a barrage that Clark said, "It sounded like Vietnam all over again." By two-way radio, Schindler notified the road-clearance crews to move forward, and when the snowcat reached the road again, they had cleared a two-lane right-of-way as far as the Venturi Slide. Schindler waved to them as he continued to Caples Lake, and they finished opening the Spur and then, for good measure, helped the hard-pressed Peddler Hill crews by clearing ten miles of their territory.

After shuttling out a few drivers trapped by the road closure, Allen had been busy, too. He had launched a Gaz-Ex fusillade along the Pass near Red Lake, and then followed by hurling hand charges as high as he could up the Slabs and the Rockpile. Two slides reached the road. After they were cleared, Girton sent another bulletin, at 11:34 A.M., lifting the earlier closure. At 12:50 the Spur was reopened, too, and at 1:10, when the Peddler Hill section was cleared, trans-Sierra Route 88 was open from end to end.

Two hours later, it appeared that the opening could have been hasty. Headed back from Silver Lake on the Mason-Allen Line, perched high above the road in the Snowblast, Ed Cova suddenly found his way obscured by a new curtain of white. Cova, 67, who worked in shirt-sleeves while chomping a cigar, had been explaining how the blower's rotary chewed up the snow and blew it away in 30-foot plumes, and shaking his head over a pair of chilled ice fishermen on Caples Lake. Then the snow descended and monopolized his attention.

The storm's last gasp added three inches to the total, bringing it to nearly 36 inches over the three days. Still, the highway was open, and the holidayers were smoothly wending their way home.

Allen looked out the window at the drifts and snow-piles across the maintenance yard, and shrugged an assessment of the storm. "Just average," he said. As he said it, he looked over his shoulder at the Doppler radar showing a new storm bearing down on him. A week later, almost five feet of new snow lay on Carson Pass. ■

In the August 1997 issue, Edwin Kiester, Jr., reconstructed the week of rain and subsequent flooding that struck Northern California last year. This is Tom Lippert's first assignment for SMITHSONIAN.

and could not be fired. "That could have buried a car," Schindler grunted.

Schindler now turned the snowcat uphill onto an old logging road. Up, up, the vehicle climbed, through head-high drifts of trackless snow. At last it emerged on the ridgetop, well over 9,000 feet. Schindler maneuvered the snowcat along the ridgeline to its summit.

From this vantage point one could see perhaps 100 miles in every direction. But the punishing effects of the blizzard were obvious—and ominous. The powerful gusts sweeping over the ridgetop had built giant snow cornices overhanging the valley, threatening to break away and plunge toward the road, carrying more snow with them. The cornices were Schindler's current target.

Slowly, methodically, he and Clark began to arm the charges. Into each yellow, 15-inch-long cylinder containing a petroleum-based explosive and a blasting cap, they inserted a long red fuse, then topped it with a cardboard, pull-wire igniter and a safety clip. While Clark continued to arm, Schindler carried four charges at a time through thigh-high drifts to the brink of the ridge. He removed the safety and pulled the igniter, watched the charge spark, then tossed it over the bank. "It'll go in 78 seconds," he said. Sure enough, in precisely that time a loud report hurled up a spectacular fountain of white. Schindler threw his other three charges, returned to the snowcat for more and then steadily worked his way along the ridge, blasting

DVS Block D, honor roll members announced

Block Diamond Valley, or Block DV as it is more commonly known, is an award that students in 4th through 8th grade at Diamond Valley School in Alpine County can earn. The award is given two times a year, after the first semester and at the end of school.

The students need to qualify with 33 points for the first semester.

They have to get a minimum number of points in five areas. The areas are curricular, co-curricular, athletics, service and leadership and citizenship.

The students who complete enough points in all of these areas for the first time receive block letters. Each subsequent time they receive a pin.

The winners for this first semester are: *Rec. Bookie 3/4/99*

■ **Fourth grade**, Lorina Dressler, Rosa Gabriel, Jessica Bennett, Leah Plaughter and Ben Wood.

■ **Fifth grade**, Kyle Cohen, Jocelyn Myers, Brittany Myers, Matthew Rey, Nicole Bennett, Brittany Cruz and Selah Valiente.

■ **Sixth grade**, DeWayne Rey, Clyde Keith, Becky Mortimer, Janessa Ramos, John Vann and Jeremy Scherer.

■ **Seventh grade**, Alyson Graham, Brandon Craft, Kerstin Baker, Celia Crawford, Raymond Gabriel and Jean Snyder.

■ **Eighth grade**, Sheena Watson, Dean Catelani, Milcah Valiente, Bridget Wood, Kyndra Craft and Beth Brissenden.

In addition, the third quarter honor roll was announced:

Diamond Valley School Second Quarter Honor Roll

■ **Eighth grade**, 3.9, Beth Brissenden, Sheena Watson; 3.8, Milcah Valiente; 3.6, Dena Catelani, Bridget Wood; 3.3, Kyndra Craft.

■ **Seventh grade**, 4.0, Alyson Graham, Ray Gabriel; 3.8, Celia Crawford, 3.5; Kerstin Baker, Jeana Snyder; 3.3, Nocona Nyswonger.

■ **Sixth grade**, 4.0, Becky Mortimer, John Vann; 3.8, Jeremy Scherer; 3.75, Shanice Lundy; 3.6, DeWayne Rey; 3.5, Luis Gabriel.

■ **Fifth grade**, 3.7, Nicole Bennett; 3.6, Lorina Dressler, Brittany Myers; 3.5, Jocelyn Myers; 3.3, Anthony Caldera, Brittany Cruz, Selah Valiente.

■ **Fourth grade**, 4.0, Leah Plaughter, Ben Wood; 3.6, Rosa Gabriel, 3.4, William Cuellar, Anthony Wedlock.

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Joseph A. Gallant Jr.

Joseph A. Gallant Jr., 50, died at home in Anchorage, Alaska, on Dec. 2, 1997, of congestive heart failure.

In September 1997, he had moved to Anchorage after living in South Lake Tahoe and Markleeville, Calif., for 20 years.



Gallant

A Catholic Mass of Resurrection was held Dec. 13 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton church in Anchorage, with Fr. Justin Dzikowicz and Fr. Dan Herbert jointly officiating. Over 30 masses have also been offered in his memory from relatives and friends throughout various states. Per his wishes, part of his ashes will be spread on the ocean of Alaska and the mountains of South Lake Tahoe. The remainder will be kept as a holy memorial by family members.

Mr. Gallant was born Oct. 13, 1947, in Shelby, N.C. He attended St. Joseph's elementary and high schools in Shawnee, Kan., serving as an altar boy, and graduated from San Pedro (Calif.) High School, lettering in track and football. He was very active in the Boy Scouts and Sea Explorer Scouts, receiving numerous awards, including being inducted into the Order of the Arrow and awarded the Order of Brotherhood. His Sea Explorer troop, of

which he was elected ho's-n' at the Bridge of Honor, was chosen to appear in the Walt Disney documentary "A History of Sailing Ships."

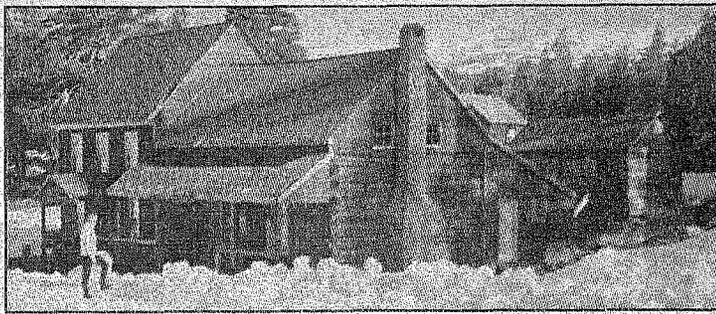
Mr. Gallant served in the U.S. Army in Germany, and visited Austria, Italy, Monaco, France and Switzerland on leave. He also worked various jobs, including crash fireman at NAS Lemoore, Calif., computer programmer for an NASA subcontractor, shipyard worker, high-rise construction, woodcutter and commercial fisherman. He also owned and operated a hot tub business in California, and sold handmade jewelry at flea markets after becoming disabled.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Sandy of Clovis, Calif., and his grandparents of Kings Mountain, N.C., and New Brunswick, Canada.

He is survived by his parents, Joseph Sr. and Alice of Pensacola, Fla.; son Michael Murphy of Beaver Creek, Ohio; daughters Allison Murphy of Clovis, Megan and Joi of South Lake Tahoe; grandson Justin of Clovis; brothers Greg of Juneau, Alaska, John of Anchorage and Bob of Escondido, Calif.; nephews and niece, John of Soldotna, Alaska, and Josh and Carl of Anchorage; and ex-spouse Karen Gallant of South Lake

Tahoe.

Memorial donations may be sent to the American Heart Association or a charity of one's choice.



The Kirkwood Inn, built by Zack Kirkwood, opened for business in 1864.

Kirkwood celebrates Silver Anniversary Saturday

By Kevin Luttrell
Kirkwood Ski Resort

Saturday is a big day for Kirkwood Ski Resort as it celebrates its 25th anniversary with an 8 p.m. gala party at the Red Lodge Inn. There will be lots of talk about old times as the resort enters a new era of \$250 million development.

But the old times will rule Saturday.

They'll talk about back in the early 1960s when the U.S. Forest Service surveyed the land and decided it would make a terrific ski area: good terrain and good snow. But there was nothing but a little lodge, no lift, no services, no open roads.

Enter Bud Klein, a prominent Stockton businessman and avid skier. He decided to visit the site in the winter of 1969. In those days Highway 88 was impassable during winter months, but Bud was determined.

He recalls, "We drove from South Lake Tahoe in a Snow Cat and used a helicopter to scout a path ahead of us. None of the roads were plowed so we picked our way through Hope Valley to Carson Pass.

Craig Smith, a former competitor, judge and longtime passholder at Kirkwood, recalls one incident. "I'll never forget the time one contestant jumped off chair 6 ... the chair bounced back and almost derailed ... causing the chair to seize and stranding everyone on the lift ... they caught the guy but the race had to be rescheduled. Those were wild times.

"Before Chair 10 serving The Wall was built, skiers would take Chair 4 or Chair 6 (the Cornice) and hike along the rim finally dropping off the cornice to enter the face of The Wall."

Alan Plaucher, a long-time ski patroller, says, "Back then, you could ski The Wall for a week after a storm and never cross another track in the powder."

Once Chair 10 opened skiers no longer had to make the tough trek to get to The Wall. The chair did away with that. But this allowed skiers who weren't skilled in the steeps to make the ascent.

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"Once we got to the pass the helicopter dropped (explosive) charges to reduce the threat of avalanches as we made our way over the summit. When we arrived at the location where the Kirkwood Inn was supposed to be we saw nothing but snow.

The snow was so deep we had to use probes to find the building. Then we tunneled our way down to find an entrance.

"Once we got settled in we used the helicopter to get to the mountain. The first place we skied was in the back bowl next to what is now called The Wave. I stayed on the easier terrain while Chuck Lewis skied the steeper stuff."

For those unfamiliar with Kirkwood, The Wave is a long cornice on the right looking down from the top of Thimble Peak. It's also the site of the Mormon Emigrant Trail.

Bud continues: "Things were pretty primitive ... we did most of the planning from inside the Kirkwood Inn without electricity and a pot belly stove for warmth. We were comfortable but it was obvious that she was a tough old mountain."

That was the beginning.

Kirkwood was tough skiing back then for tough skiers. Jeff Walters, now director of mountain operations, says, "I remember a bumper sticker that was circulating the first couple of years we were in business which read, 'Send a Girl to Kirkwood.'"

Dick Reuter did much of the land clearing back then and he remembers, "The new chairs got us going. People started coming. Things got sorted out."

From 1975 until 1979 the J.C. Mogul Enduro Freestyle Contest was held at Kirkwood, attracting national attention.



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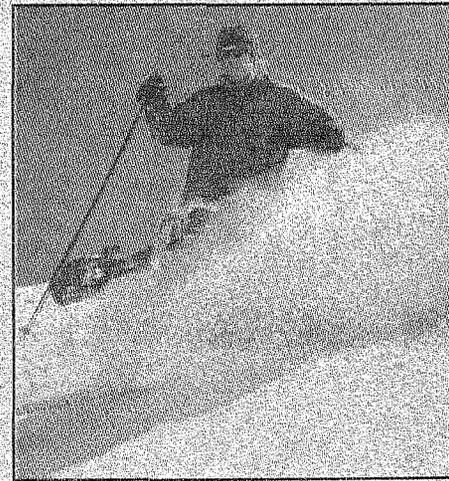
Everyone wanted to get to the top, but once they got there they realized there was no easy way down. The lift line at the top was as long as the one on the bottom. Now we have a sign (at the lift) to let people know what to expect."

Now there is a road cut into the face so skiers can more easily ski the face.

Kirkwood remains a favorite with local skiers and boarders. A freak of terrain assures it the most snow in the Sierra. And the 10-year building plan assures its growth and success in the future.

But some who attend the party this Saturday night (\$5 admission) may look back with nostalgia at the Kirkwood of old, when life was simple, the snow so deep and dry you could practically swim in it and Thimble Peak the end of a long hike.

But then again, the snow will continue to fall, the mountains will still be there and Kirkwood will remain the gem that it is.

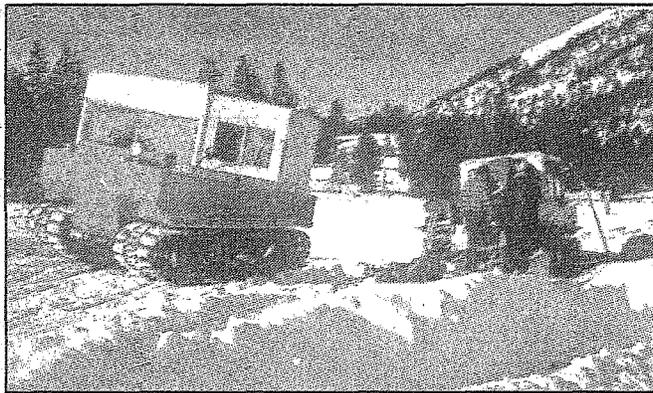


No matter the decade, the snow is great as Dan Brown cuts first tracks.

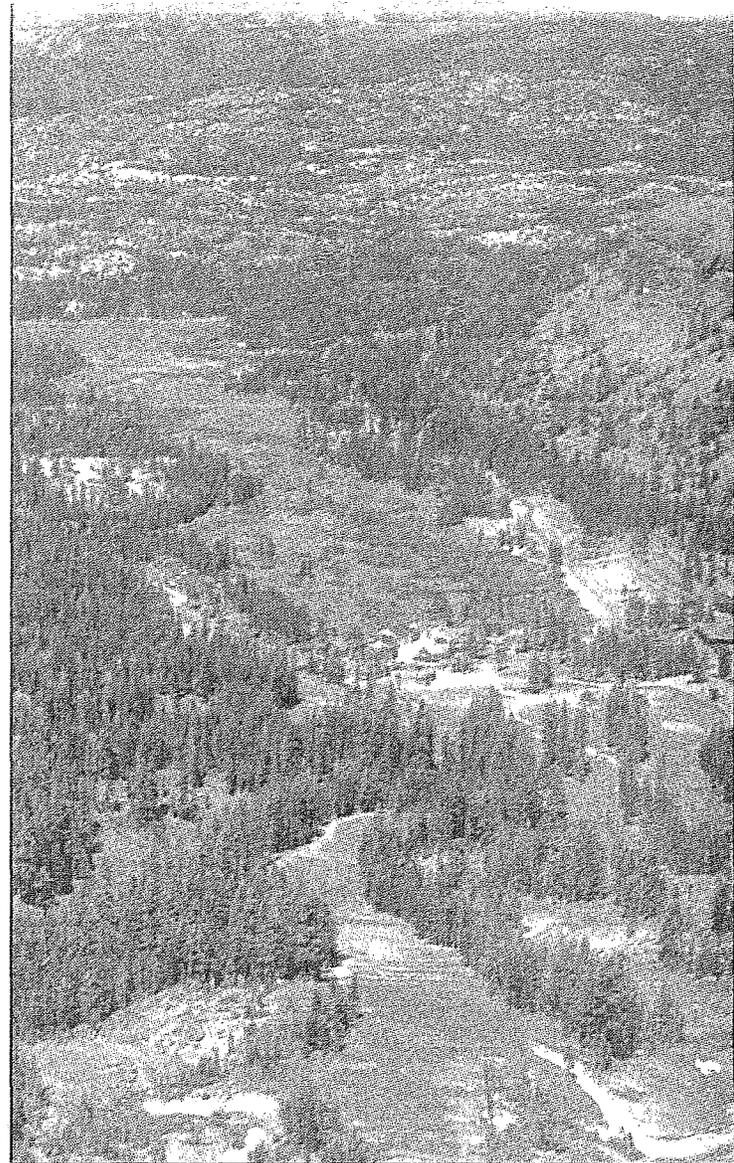
Sierra Scene 3/6-8/98



Skiers head over Carson Pass before the road was paved and cleared.



Survey parties check the lay of the land for development of future buildings, lifts and ski trails.



Kirkwood Meadow and resort as seen in 1995. Expansion continues with \$250 million in development plans.



In the early days of Kirkwood, you were lucky if you got a helicopter ride to the top, otherwise it was a long hike.

Kirkwood: Youth ski team members on a roll

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On the boys side, Kirkwood's Patrick Sargent placed 54th on Saturday and 41st on Sunday. Kirkwood athletes will next compete in a slalom event March 21 and 22 at Alpine Meadows.

Fast times at Mammoth

Kirkwood's J-4 and 5 age group (12 and under) racers traveled to Mammoth on March 7 and 8 for a Super G competition.

Chasen Cohee led the charge for Kirkwood in the J-5 boys division with a 10th-place showing Saturday.

"Chasen was well on his way to a top-five result on Sunday when he hit a bump wrong and it threw him into some soft snow," Kirkwood coach Jobe Pilgrim said.

Cohee still paced the Kirkwood team Sunday with an 18th-place performance.

Nick Cohee, Chasen's younger brother, put together speedy runs over the weekend and finished 12th and 23rd, respectively, in his age group. Teammates Holden Sapp (32nd and 41st), Bryce Wehan (36th and 27th), and Travis Johnson (37th on Sunday) all gained valuable experience.

In their first Super G race, J-5 girls Shelby Hawthorne (29th and 31st) and Brittany Cotter (34th both days) showed potential for Kirkwood.

George Boe (28th and 19th) and Brett Anderson (29th and 24th) paced Kirkwood in the J-4 (11 and 12 year olds) division. Robert Greathouse (40th and 48th), Parker Cushing (57th and 55th) and Aaron Sanders (60th and 56th)

also competed on the fast and steep Super G course.

Kirkwood's J-4 girls had some great efforts, but they experienced some falls in a training run and weren't quite able to ski up to their potential.

Kylese Zaiger led Kirkwood with an 18th-place finish Saturday. Teammates Katie Sawya (32nd

and 21st), Tally Locke (34th and 27th), Susana Reyes (36th) and Casey Rise (47th and 40th) all improved Sunday as their confidence came back.

"Katie took a hard fall in the training run and that not only made her hold back some but all the other girls, too," coach Jim Hein said.

"Our team colors are black and blue, but we forgot to tell the girls to keep those colors on their jackets," Hein added, jokingly.

The J-4 and 5 races are rescheduled to compete again this weekend in a rescheduled giant slalom event at Squaw Valley and Northstar.

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Kirkwood youth skiers perform well in slaloms

After two months of fighting winter storms, the Far West Division of youth skiing was finally able to get a race off in ideal weather.

Alpine Meadows hosted Open Series giant slalom races March 7 and 8 for ath-

letes ages 13 and older. Jonna Mendes, an 18-year-old Heavenly representative who competed in the 1998 Winter Olympics, was in the field.

Jennifer Champ lead the Kirkwood Ski Team on the girls side with a 26th-place

finish Saturday and a 15th-place finish Sunday.

"It is exciting for Jennifer to make it on the first page of the result sheet," Kirkwood program director and age-group coach Darryl Whitaker said.

Kelsey Newell, from Gardnerville, turned in 30th and 20th-place finishes, while Alexis Rudd came in 37th and 27th, and Jessica Drakulich came in 42nd and 28th.

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Culture clash in Hope Valley

The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest covers somewhere upwards of two million acres. Roughly eight square miles of that in Hope Valley has become the subject of intense conflict and contention between cross-country skiers and snowmobilers.

The Carson Ranger District of the U.S. Forest Service is in the process of re-evaluating whether snowmobiles will be allowed to use Forestdale Creek Road, which runs roughly between Red Lake and Blue Lakes Road, and the surrounding area. The Forest Service agreed to revisit the issue as the result of a lawsuit filed by the Friends of Hope Valley, The Sierra Club and eight, individual cross-country skiers.

The suit claimed that the Forest Service failed to adequately consider increasing conflicts between skiers and snowmobilers in that area and failed to consider the historic uses of the area, which they say did not include much snowmobiling, when making the decision to leave the area and the road open to snowmobilers in 1992.

Snowmobiling has "absolutely exploded in the valley," said Patti Brissenden, Hope Valley resident and founding member of Friends of Hope Valley. "It has boomed as a sport,"

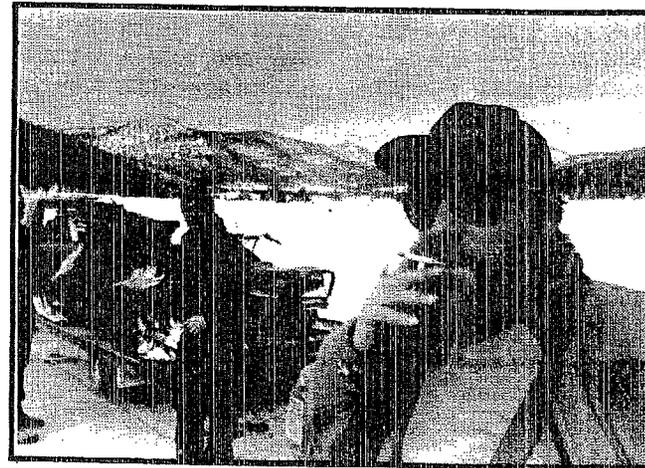


A cross-country skier makes his way past some aspens on Forestdale Creek Road.

Photos by Taylor Flynn

Brissenden said, leading to significant intrusion into what was once a prime cross-country ski area. "There is tremendous conflict out there. Just last week, these visitors came back and said 'two snowmobilers came blasting around a corner and nearly hit us,'" said Brissenden, who owns Sorensen's Resort in Hope Valley with her husband.

Snowmobilers tell a distinctly different story. "We don't have a problem with them," said a woman who identified herself only as Duffy at a recent meeting of the Lake Tahoe Snowmobile Association. "And most of



Snowmobiler Neil Wolf of Meyers enjoys a smoke.

them don't have a problem with us," chimed in John Loeffler.

Most snowmobilers, say

association members, slow down and ride cautiously near skiers and are on friendly terms with most skiers they

meet in the area. Those attempting to ban snowmobiling are "an extreme group who don't like us in the area," said association member Al Bartley.

Association members concede there are a few bad apples, whom they refer to as "hot doggers," who don't ride safely. They also say that on occasion, cross-country skiers have acted maliciously toward snowmobilers -- attempting to stick a pole in the snowmobile tread, for example. "There's always one individual on either side who has a problem," said Duffy.

To Brissenden, the problem is larger than just a handful of out-of-control snowmobilers. "There is an attitude and a mentality that encourages snowmobilers to go fast. I don't want to label a whole group, but it is consistent and it happens on a regular basis. As a group, they don't seem to be able to stay on the road. So when you get conflicts, the danger is that people get hurt."

Brissenden said, enforcement efforts to curb reckless and illegal behavior in the area have fallen short, largely due to the increased numbers of snowmobilers in the area.

In addition, said Brissenden, snowmobiling disturbs and disrupts winter wildlife, making it an environmental hazard as well.

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SPECIAL REPORT

Snowmobilers see their activity as one of the less disruptive forms of recreation in the forest. "Our tracks are gone in the springtime when the snow melts and you don't even know we've been there," said Loeffler. In any case, they say, snowmobiles are no more environmentally disruptive than the jeeps and other vehicles who use Forestdale Creek Road in the warmer seasons.

Brissenden says Friends of Hope Valley and its supporters are also concerned about the impacts caused by motorized use of the road in summer. A challenge to limit summer vehicles would be more difficult, though, since vehicle use of the road -- parts of which have been in existence since the 1800s -- has been historically established, she said.

While there is plenty of room for both snowmobilers and skiers in the National Forest, access to suitable sites is limited and some of the best access is near Red Lake and just off Blue Lakes Road where large turnouts are regularly plowed in winter months. "A lot of people tend to focus on this area because it has good accumulations of snow and is

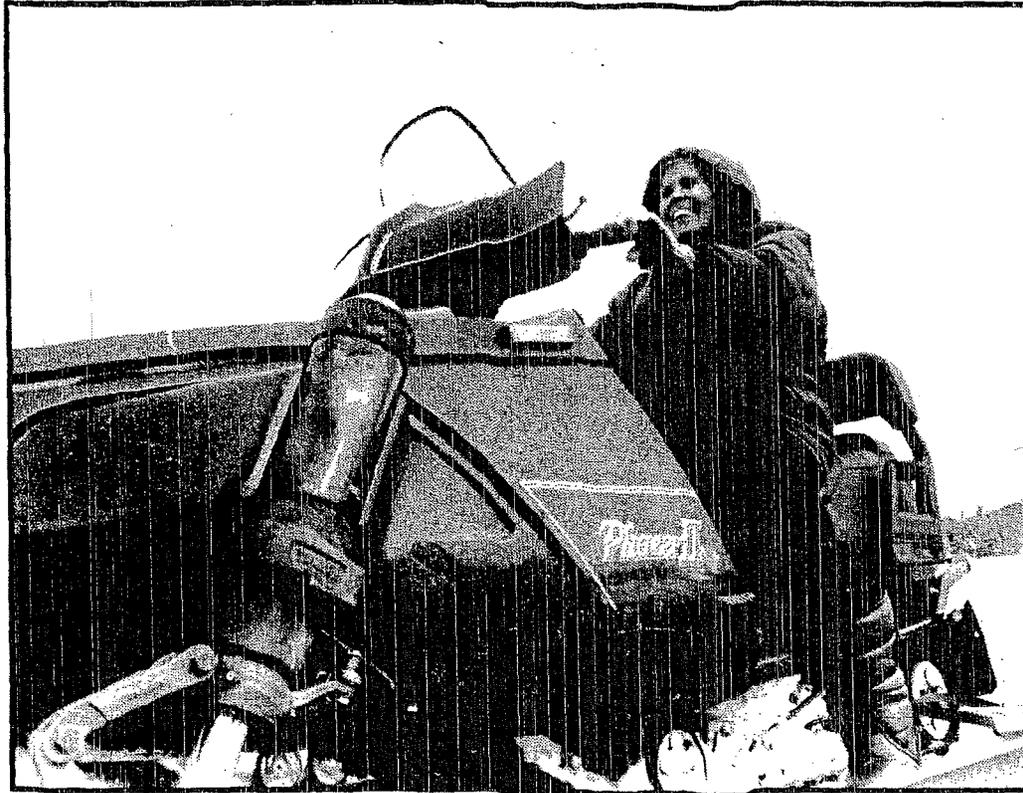


Photo by Taylor Flynn

Grandmother Shandra Aranaydo, 80, of South Lake Tahoe is an avid snowmobiler.

accessible to people," said Jocelyn Biro, the Forest Service recreation planner in charge of gathering information on the issue.

Complicating matters somewhat is whether Forestdale Creek Road even falls under Forest Service jurisdiction. Alpine County has claimed jurisdiction over

the road, in which case the county, not the Forest Service, would determine allowable uses of the road.

In the suit, the plaintiffs contend that Alpine County's claim to the road is based on an obsolete law. Alpine County Supervisor Don Jardine contends otherwise. "It is our understanding that this is a

county road under (an) old law that made public ways in the county under county jurisdiction, even if they're on federal lands."

Biro said the Forest Service will be attempting to definitively determine who, exactly, has jurisdiction over the road.

On March 21 from 1 p.m. to 4

p.m., the Forest Service will be holding a public meeting on the matter at Turtle Rock State Park near Markleeville. At the meeting, Forest Service personnel will outline the process and take comment on the issue. They will then try to fashion several alternative solutions to the problem.

The alternatives and the information gathered by Biro and her team will be presented to the District Ranger who will have until December 1 to make a decision about what types of uses will be allowed in the area.

"We would like as many people as possible to get involved," said Biro. "Now is the time to submit comments."

What makes the issue so controversial, said Biro, is that "it gets down to people's values and beliefs. It's an experiential type issue."

Said Brissenden, "You have skiers wanting a nature experience getting gas fumes in their face, getting nearly run over."

"Snowmobiling is becoming very family oriented," said Duffy. "You see whole families out there on the weekend having fun together."

Lawsuit settled

**Acorn fire: Federal
government will pay
\$1.7 million to plaintiffs**

by Sandra Chereb
Associated Press Writer

More than a decade after a raging fire destroyed 24 homes in Woodfords, the federal government has settled a lawsuit with property owners who argued that firefighter negligence made the blaze worse.

Plaintiffs will share in a portion of \$1.7 million the federal government has agreed to pay to settle the 1990 suit that claimed negligence by the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

"It was a very long battle," said Thomas Drendel, a Reno lawyer who worked on the case with attorneys Tim Pemberton in Woodfords and John Echeverria of San Francisco.

"It's a pretty significant victory to have succeeded at all."

The Acorn fire broke out on July 29, 1987, in a Sierra foothill canyon along U.S. Highway 88 in remote Alpine County. By the time it was over, more than 6,000 acres were blackened, 24 homes destroyed and others damaged.

Soon after the fire broke out, Forest Service officials insisted they had the fire under control and asked volunteer firefighters to stay away. The fire at that point was not considered a threat to homes.

But hot temperatures combined with sudden winds quickly whipped the fire into an inferno that engulfed all in its path and caused more than \$3 million damage.

Over the past eight years, government lawyers have challenged the suit on the grounds that the agencies were immune from liability. The judge who presided over

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Fire: Lawsuit settled 10 years after devastating blaze

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the case in U.S. District Court in Sacramento agreed — with one exception.

The judge ruled that there was no immunity for alleged negligence involving the training of firefighters, Drendel said.

“That was important because they had two pumper trucks parked on the Carson River ... and they did a hose lay ... and then they couldn’t get the pumps working properly to get water on the fire,” he said.

That claim focused on the Forest Service incident commander, a leading expert in the West on the use of pumps, Drendel said.

“He didn’t assist the young guys managing the pumps to get them primed,” Drendel said. “By the time he did do that, it was too late. When they lost the water and the inevitable wind came up in the afternoon, it blew up.”

The government agreed to settle after that liability issue was upheld by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of

Appeals.

A Forest Service spokesperson could not be located Friday for comment.

The suit’s biggest achievement, Drendel said, is affecting how the agencies now handle wildfires.

“They don’t mess around. They jump on them,” he said. “We feel we have made a difference in that respect.”

Jack Doyle, who lost a home in the blaze, agreed.

“It’s kind of a dark day in our

lives when 24 homes burn needlessly,” he said in a telephone interview from Arizona.

But he said some good came out of the disaster if it changed how firefighters attack blazes.

“If we’ve gained nothing more than just that, it was worth it,” he said.

Villa Gigli offers Sunday winetasting

The Villa Gigli Collection, Trattoria and Galleria in Markleeville will present its popular wine-tasting, "Wine Country in the High Country" every Sunday, 2-5 p.m., for the season.

According to Ruggero Gigli, who with his wife Gina operates the bistro at 145 Hot Springs Road, the wine-tastings drew crowds last year.

Day-trippers, he said, may enjoy an educational and tasty stop in the Markleeville and Grover Hot Springs area.

A different winery will be featured each Sunday. The winemaker's tasting notes describe the vineyards, vintages, winemaking, description of flavors and aromas and menu suggestions.

The price for three tastes and wine and focaccia is \$3 and upon purchase of wine, the \$3 is refunded. Decorating the tasting table are wine-themed etchings, posters and masks, and music is selected to complement the wine.

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Officials negotiate cleanup

Leviathan Mine: Former owners discuss problems with representatives of those with property damaged by drainage runoff

by **Sheila Gardner**
Staff Writer

Negotiations for the cleanup of the abandoned Leviathan Mine are under way between the former owners and trustees representing those with property interests in the path of acid drainage runoff from the giant open pit.

Vicki Rosen, of the federal Environmental Protection Agency, said Friday representatives of ARCO met in Reno last week with trustees for the Washoe Tribe, Nevada Department of Environmental Protection, United States departments of Interior, Justice, Fish and Wildlife, Forest Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Environmental Protec-

tion Agency and the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control.

The Alpine County mine formerly was owned by the Anaconda Co., now a subsidiary of ARCO. The site is now owned by the state of California and managed by the Lahontan region of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board.

"We've presented short-term requirements which would include something quick to mitigate the situation, to long-term requirements that would include

complete mitigation and natural resources damage assessment," said Rosen, EPA community involvement coordinator in San Francisco.

"How the negotiations work out still is to be determined, but we see some cooperation there," she said.

Topics include who will do the cleanup work and who will pay for it.

Rosen said she wasn't sure when the EPA would send representatives back to

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Leviathan: Cleanup negotiations under way; too early to assess cost of mitigation

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the 250-acre mine, approximately six miles east of the California-Nevada border.

The EPA's cleanup work was suspended last fall when cold temperatures forced an end to a project geared to treat acid mine drainage being collected in evaporation ponds at the mine site.

"We're not sure when we will return to the site. It depends on what happens next physically there and when we can get there. Until we have easier access, nothing can really be done," said Rosen.

Dan Suter, EPA on-site coordinator, said he hopes work will resume at the mine in May or June.

"ARCO will do it, or we'll have our people on site and we'll go to cost recovery."

Leviathan Creek, which flows through the site before emptying into the Carson River, contains levels of arsenic, mercury, copper, lead, zinc and other heavy metals

in excess of state and federal water quality standards.

The creek passes through Washoe tribal and U.S. Forest Service property before feeding into the East Fork of the Carson River.

"Since the late 1800s, we've had to endure the impacts of that mine," said Washoe Tribal Chairman Brian Wallace. "It is continuing to render certain parts of the reservation and tribal members' interests literally lifeless."

■ **Federal reports.** Two recent federal reports add more fuel to allegations that the long-abandoned mine continues to cause environmental problems for users of the Carson River.

One report details the levels of aluminum, arsenic, mercury and nickel in 1992 samples of crayfish downstream from the East Fork of the Carson River near Gardnerville.

A second report talks about the impact of the January 1997 flooding which ultimately deposited 600,000 tons of sediment and

10,000 pounds of total mercury which flowed down the Carson River through Carson Valley to Fort Churchill

Developed in 1863, the mine was originally a source of copper sulfate for processing silver ore at the Comstock Mines in Virginia City.

According to an EPA history, the mine was inactive from 1872 to 1935, but reopened for development of the sulfur body until it closed again in 1941. When the Anaconda Co. purchased the property in 1951, it was decided the sulfur should be extracted by open pit methods, resulting in millions of cubic yards of mine waste being generated.

"This is where our children play," said Wallace. "This is where the tribal members in these areas harvest pinenuts and game. It concerns the whole issue of our subsistence lifestyles that are still ongoing. This has an impact on our cultural resources. Our Washoe pharmacology has been

impacted. There are traditional healing processes which are dependent on the bounty and richness which the natural landscape provides us. There is still significant involvement by the Washoe people with regard to those methods and processes of traditional healing.

"It's not just tribal interests," said Wallace. "It involves the overall well-being of the East Fork of the Carson River. Our efforts as responsible trustees is to work with our federal counterparts looking for resources to throw into the assessment process. We're working at the president's request and with Secretary Babbit's office in the deliverance of resources to move fast on the assessment process. The justice and interior departments have consented to represent the Tribe on damage assessments and claims.

"We're still settling with the trustees about what this year's activities are going to be as we try to dilute and deal with the signifi-

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**Jacques Etchegoyhen
Douglas County
commissioner**

cant acid mine drainage," he said.

Douglas County commissioners echo the tribe's concerns.

Commissioners Jacques Etchegoyhen and Bernie Curtis have been meeting with tribal representatives and federal officials to discuss the cleanup.

"We've got a serious environmental problem. That's the water we may eventually drink. It should be a concern to everybody. If your water's tainted in Nevada, there

aren't many issues that supersede that," said Etchegoyhen.

■ **Tainted or not?** "We use it for irrigation. Is it tainted or not? I think it's spooky. Mercury and other heavy metals almost all are accumulators. It never flushes out of your system. Whether you are a human, crayfish or bald eagle, I wonder what the long-term effects are?" Etchegoyhen said.

"It's a very, very serious situation with sulfur leaching through Bryant Creek, you have a downstream effect in the river," said Commissioner Curtis.

"It's only a matter of time before it could have an effect on the groundwater. The tribal assessment has been very good of the situation. The Washoe Tribe is really working diligently on this. The Alpine County Board of Supervisors is up to speed and very, very concerned.

"It looks like a monumental financial commitment and neither county has those kind of resources," said Curtis.



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Showdown in the snow

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By Patrick McCartney
Tribune Senior Staff Writer

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Cross country skiers and snowmobile riders will square off Saturday over a proposal by the U.S. Forest Service to restrict the use of snowmobiles in a popular recreation area of Alpine County.

As part of a court-mediated resolution of a lawsuit filed by the Sierra Club, the Forest Service's Carson Ranger District is proposing to ban snowmobiles from about four square miles of the Toiyabe National Forest surrounding Forestdale Creek. The area of the proposed ban of motorized vehicles includes the Lost Lakes basin.

For each side in the dispute, the stakes are high.

"We are up in arms over this," said Beverly Morris, a snowmobile enthusiast who operates Performance Sleds in South Lake Tahoe.

"They've already shut down three-fourths of that area over the last few years. This would completely shut us down."

To the skiers of Nordic Voice, a Sierra Club interest group, finding backcountry areas without the noisy presence of snowmobiles has become increasingly difficult.

"Solitude and unspoiled settings are the principal pleasures of backcountry skiing," said Marcus Lipkind of the Sierra Club's Loma Prieta chapter. "The increasing number of snowmobilers are making these qualities hard to find. If you wanted to be around automobiles, you could stay in San Francisco."

Jocelyn Biro, recreation planner for the Carson Ranger District, said the Forest Service is reviewing its evaluation of roads in the area, as well as examining the closure of Forestdale

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Who: U.S. Forest Service's Carson Ranger District

Where: Turtle Rock Park, Markleeville

When: Saturday, 1-4 p.m.

Creek Road to mechanized travel in the winter.

"The Forest Service does not have a position at this time," Biro said. "Social conflicts between different groups of users are hard to manage. These two groups represent two very opposite ends of the spectrum. We hope to bring together a common understanding of each other's needs."

But Morris said snowmobilers have already lost large areas of terrain through federal wilderness designations, and said she opposes giving up any more.

"We've been laying down while they've taken away our areas," she said. "We're not going to lay down any more."

But skiers see federal forest regulations as favoring a decision that would preserve some areas for them, Lipkind said.

"With few exceptions, most wilderness areas are not accessible to even intermediate skiers," he said. "We would like to work with the snowmobilers to solve the problems. But what we have found in California is that snowmobilers don't believe backcountry skiers have any rights to areas of their own."



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Performance Sleds

Snowmobilers have their say at hearing

By Patrick McCartney
R-C News Service

Snowmobilers defended their sport Saturday at an often emotional hearing in Markleeville, calling a proposed closure of a popular Alpine County recreational area by the U.S. Forest Service unfair and elitist.

Representatives of Tahoe Basin snowmobile groups submitted petitions opposing any possible restriction in the 3-square-mile area surrounding Forestdale Creek Road, where cross country skiers are seeking the right to exclusive access during the winter.

The Forest Service's Carson Ranger District is considering the closure as part of a court-stipulated settlement of a lawsuit filed by the Sierra Club's Loma Prieta and San Francisco chapters. The Sierra Club had argued that closing the popular area is the only way to resolve conflicts between the two recreational groups.

Snowmobilers, who outnumbered skiers at the standing-room-only meeting at Turtle Rock Park, said they have already lost access to large swaths of Alpine County over the last 20 years with the creation of federally designated wilderness areas. Motorized travel is forbidden in wilderness areas.

Those in favor of restricting snowmobiles from Forestdale Creek cited the conflict between the two outdoor sports, largely from the noise and speed of the snowmobiles.

Marcus Libkind, a member of the Sierra Club's Nordic Voice group that lobbied for the closure, said the affected area represents just 10 percent of the 30 square miles of Alpine County that are most popular to both sports.

Other skiers complained that a minority of snowmobilers are reckless and pose a threat to skiers using the same road.

But snowmobilers said they had used Forestdale Creek Road for years before skiers began entering the area when California began plowing State Route 88 during the winter after 1972.

Snowmobiles offer the disabled a way to visit the wilderness, users told the Forest Service, as well as providing an essential service in search and rescue operations.

A few snowmobilers angrily criticized the role of the Sierra

Club in forcing the Forest Service to consider the ban.

By Dec. 1, Biro said, the Forest

Service will consider several options, including a closure, partial closure or no action.

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1898: Taxes to go on livestock

100 YEARS AGO
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TAX ON ANIMALS IMPLEMENTED. The Board of Supervisors of Alpine county at their last meeting imposed a license tax on the business of raising, grazing, herding or pasturing sheep, cattle and horses at the following rates per head: Sheep, 4 cents; cattle, 10 cents; horses, 15 cents. And the same will be collected and don't you forget it. So says our Markleeville correspondent.

ADDING TO WHARFS. Orders have been issued for the building of wharfs forty feet further out into

Remember when?

by **Kate Gardner**

the Lake at Glenbrook and Chubbeck's landing. This has been rendered necessary by the low water in Lake Tahoe.

THE LAND BUREAU. Saturday 12,000 acres of land were applied for at the State Land Office, and nearly every acre of it was taken by California capitalists.

One man, who took over 5,000 acres, said the California land boom was over, and that the next excitement he felt certain would be in Nevada. "You will be selling climate here in a few years, and I propose to get it in bedrock."

The Capitalists of this state will not heed the warning that the land boom is coming, and when they finally get excited they will have to buy from the land sharks of California.



Kirkwood youth skiers turn in top performances at championships

The best youth ski racers from Nevada and California converged on Mammoth recently to compete in the annual Far West J-4 and 5 Age Group Championships.

More than 350 excited and talented skiers took part in the four days of competition. The Kirkwood athletes turned in some of the best performances and showed a glimpse of what is to come in the future.

The giant slalom, the first of the three competitions, was held April 4.

In the J-5 (10 and under) girls age group, Shelby Hawthorne (36th) and Brittany Cotter (43rd) put two solid runs together in their first championship meet. In the J-4 (11- and 12-year-olds) girls division, Kylese Zaiger led the Kirkwood pack and earned a medal with a 14th-place finish. Tally Locke (42nd) and Casey Rise (53rd) were close behind.

Chasen Cohee warms up for a race recently at Kirkwood.

In the J-5 boys division, Nick Cohee got a medal with an 11th-place finish. Bryce Wehan (29th) and Holden Sapp (35th) also turned in outstanding efforts. In the J-4 boys, George Boe put together two good runs and finished 19th. He was followed by teammates Brett Andersen (27th), Travis Williams (54th), Robert Greathouse (63rd), Parker Cushing (78th) and Aaron Sanders (88th).

Hawthorne (38th) and Cotter (39th) finished less than a second apart in the J-5 girls slalom race. Zaiger led the Kirkwood J-4 girls with a 26th-place showing. Locke (32nd), Katie Sawaya (39th), and Rise (51st) also skied and finished well against tough competition.

Sapp (23rd), Wehan (31st) and Nick Cohee (33rd) placed well in the J-5 boys slalom competition. Boe led the Kirkwood J-4 team with a 26th-place performance. Andersen (39th), Williams (59th), Sanders (72nd) and Cushing (77th) also completed both runs.

Hawthorne (34th) and Cotter (45th) did well in just their second J-5 Super G race. Zaiger (10th) and Sawaya (12th) battled to top finishes in the J-4 grouping. They were followed by Locke, who placed 36th.

In the J-5 boys division, Chasen Cohee (24th), Wehan (28th), Nick Cohee (34th), Sapp (37th) and Travis Johnson (61st) participated well in their first championship competition. Andersen took 26th for the J-4 boys team. He was followed in the standings by Robert Greathouse (60th), Williams (67th), Cushing (73rd) and Sanders (80th).

Boe and Hawthorne boogied their way to a third-place performance in the fun-filled dance competition on the third night.

There were three athletes that attended the Olympic Games in Nagano who were on the results sheet from the J-4/5 Championships six years ago. Some of this year's top finishers may be seen in the Salt Lake City games in 2002.

NEWS of Record**Obituaries**

Nevada Appeal

April 22, 1948

Horace W. Barrett

A funeral for Horace W. Barrett, 88, of Markleeville, Calif., will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Carson Valley Methodist Church with Pastor Pete Nelson and Mason F. and A.M. Lodge 33 officiating.

Mr. Barrett died Monday at his residence. He was born Jan. 5, 1910, in Markleeville, to Charles and Clara Mayo Barrett.

He married Doris June Drake at the Carson Valley Methodist Church on Dec. 22, 1946. He resided in Markleeville all of his life. He was a retired foreman for the Alpine County road system.

He was a member of the Carson Valley Masonic Lodge 33, Kerak Shrine, Alpine Historical Society, American Legion, Vet-

erans of Foreign Wars and the disabled American Veterans.

He served in 709th Tank Battalion as a tank driver for the U.S. Army in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakian during WWII. The 709th was the recipient of the Presidential Unit Citation, Urlgen Forest 1944.

He is survived by his wife, June Barrett, of Markleeville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Burial will be at the Fredericksburg Cemetery, Calif.

Memorial contributions are suggested for the Shriners Hospital, Kerak Temple, 4935 Energy Way, Reno 89502.

Services are under the direction of Walton's Douglas County Mortuary, Minden.

1/22/98 (Mrs. Rightmire has researched Alpine County Archives on several occasions)

Rightmire is nominated for award

Historical society:

She has donated time for several projects

Billie Jean Rightmire was nominated by the Carson Valley Historical Society for the J.C. Penney-Golden Rule award for volunteers and will receive a certificate in recognition at a luncheon tomorrow in Reno.

The event will be attended by the winners, people who were nominated and those who nominated them for the J.C. Penney award, the Outstanding Volunteer Director award, sponsored by Amdahl, and the Community Involvement in Minority Affairs award, sponsored by Nevada Bell.

Rightmire has given many, many hours of her time to research for the historical society and is in the process of updating its photo index, according to President Marlena Hellwinkel.

She researched facts for several exhibits at the two museums maintained by the society — the Genoa Courthouse Museum and the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center — including "A Carson Valley Time Line," "The Wild Bunch" (a display on mustangs), "Country Doctors," "Snowshoe Thompson," a military exhibit and one on the Ferris Wheel.

She is also chairman of the society's publications committee. She made it possible to publish three booklets on sale at both museums, "Snowshoe Thompson," "The Genoa Guidebook" and "Ring Around the Moon."

She is now working on a publication about Carson Valley businesses, then and now, and



Billie Jean Rightmire does research for historical society. Photo courtesy Billie Jean Rightmire

guided the development of the newly published brochure which covers both museums.

Because of her painstaking work, copies of old photographs in the society's files may be reproduced and purchased.

"There are many historical photos still in private pioneer family collections," said Hellwinkel.

These can be copied and returned to the owners.

Rightmire obtains permission to keep a copy and a negative for the society's collection.

"This adds greatly to historic research," Hellwinkel said.

Copies of old photos are sold in the gift shops at both museums.

In addition, Rightmire organized the poster contest held in conjunction with Snowshoe Thompson Day and developed new forms for deeds of gifts, exhibit loans and artifacts.

She did unending research for grant applications as the society restored the old Douglas County High School into the new museum and cultural center, Hellwinkel said.

She also edited the society's newsletter and served as part-time curator for the Genoa museum.

All of her time was volunteered, and she only asked to be reimbursed for film and developing.

Sponsors of the lunch include Davia, United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra, and the Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities.

Others to sponsor the 15th annual "Salute to the Volunteers" luncheon are the Reno Gazette-Journal, KRNV-TV and the Reno Hilton.

The luncheon will begin at noon in the Hilton showroom.

Charge of arrangements.

Horace Barrett

A funeral service was held yesterday, April 24, for Horace W. Barrett, 88, at Carson Valley United Methodist Church in Gardnerville. Pastor Pete Nelson and Carson Valley Masonic Lodge No. 33 F&AM officiated.

A Markleeville resident all his life, Mr. Barrett died at his home on April 20.

He was born on Jan. 5, 1910, in Markleeville to Charles and Clara Mayo Barrett.

He served with the U.S. Army as a tank driver for the 709th Tank Battalion during World War II in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. The 709th was the recipient of the Presidential Unit Citation, Hurlgen Forest, 1944.

On December 22, 1946, he married Doris June Drake at the Carson Valley Methodist Church.

Mr. Barrett was a retired foreman for the Alpine County road system, and was a member of the Carson Valley Masonic Lodge No. 33 F&AM, Alpine Historical Society, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans.

Survivors include his wife June Barrett of Markleeville and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Shriners Hospital, Kerak Temple, 4935 Energy Way, Reno 89502.

Record Courier April 25, 1998

Indian Creek campground opens

The camping season opened at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Indian Creek Recreation Area, near Markleeville, yesterday at noon and is scheduled to remain open through Oct. 5.

The campground has 19 sites for recreation vehicles of up to 30 feet and 10 additional sites for tents. Facilities include tables, fire grills, drinking water, comfort stations, showers, an RV dump station, boat ramp and hiking trails.

The group area fee is \$20 per night, with advance reservations through the BLM office in Carson City. A group of up to 40 people may camp in the group area, which accommodates tents only. The group area will not be reserved on July 4, Labor Day, or Death Ride (July 10, 11 and 12) weekends. To reserve the group site, call (702) 885-6000.

Campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Fees are \$10 for the main campground and \$8 for the tent walk-in site. A \$5 fee is charged for additional vehicles using sites in the main campground overnight. There are no fees for day use. The dump station is \$5 per vehicle for non-Indian Creek campers.

Indian Creek Reservoir is stocked with several species of trout. The reservoir can accommodate small boats and is popular for float tubing and fishing from shore. The maximum speed for a boat is 10 mph.

The recreation site is managed by the Bureau of Land

Management's Carson City Office in cooperation with the South Tahoe Public Utility District and Alpine County, Calif. Indian Creek is located off California State Highway 89, midway between Woodfords and Markleeville, Calif.

For further information, contact BLM, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City 89701 or telephone (702) 885-6000.

Record Carrier 4/26/98

Washoe Tribe welcomes return to Meeks Bay ancestral lands

by Patrick McCartney
R-C News Service

Climaxing a year when the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California returned to its ancestral home in the Tahoe Basin, the U.S. Forest Service Tuesday granted the tribe a 20-year permit to operate Meeks Bay Resort.

With the approval, the Washoe will prepare to open the seasonal resort by Memorial Day, and begin to put the tribe's cultural stamp on the center which stands on grounds of a traditional Washoe summer camp.

Brian Wallace, the tribe's chairman, said managing the resort will mean the Washoe will be a visible part of the Tahoe Basin from now

on.

"We plan to be here as firmly as the mountains, and as long as the sun and moon endure," Wallace said.

The Forest Service also announced a new five-year permit for California Land Management to continue operating the Meeks Bay Campground, continuing an arrangement that is now eight years old. The company operates all Forest Service campgrounds in the Tahoe Basin.

But the highlight of Tuesday's outdoor ceremony at Meeks Bay was the announcement that the Washoe had bested four other bidders to win a 20-year lease of the property that was developed as a resort in 1919. Juan Palma, forest

supervisor of the Forest Service's Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, said the Washoe won the permit because its bid was consistent with the Forest Service's goal to maintain Meeks Bay as a family-oriented resort.

"The Washoe bid stands on its own merits," said Palma, who added that considerations of the Washoe's historic role at Meeks Bay were secondary. "This place, as was many places along the shoreline, was important to the Washoe people. That is a matter of historic record, not part of the decision process."

During the preparation of its bid, the Washoe approached a number of basin businesses and public officials, forming an advisory

panel to guide it through the permit process.

The Washoe pledged to renovate all of the resort's facilities to comply with the federal Americans with Disability Act. In addition to promising a number of improvements, the Washoe agreed to prepare a master plan within one year to identify other possible projects.

Wallace said the tribe on Monday negotiated to receive a \$1 million line of credit to pay for repairs to Meeks Bay Resort, which was managed by the DeWitt Clinton Growth Corp. since 1978. He said the Washoe are budgeting \$257,000 to run the resort this year.

Wallace said the Washoe have

four major goals in their management of the resort.

■ Re-introduce Washoe stewardship of Tahoe Basin land, and resume indigenous practices. Last year, the tribe signed a five-year permit to harvest traditional plants on 350 acres of Meeks Meadow, inland from the resort.

■ Re-establish a Washoe presence in the Tahoe Basin, where tribal families spent their summers for centuries before the arrival of Europeans.

■ Create a Washoe cultural renaissance at Lake Tahoe.

■ Look for opportunities to be part of Lake Tahoe's modern economy.

Wallace said the Washoe intend to restore stream meadows and

upgrade the shoreline area.

He said members of the tribe will prepare cultural and historic exhibits, and immediately put the Washoe stamp on every part of the resort.

"We will create a Washoe identity from the smallest detail of the renovation to the use of native materials in the outdoor signage and the best stewardship practices," Wallace said.

"In the lodge area, we will station exhibits that will tell the historical background of Meeks Bay, and tell the story of the pre-Fremont history."

The Washoe brought along a work crew Tuesday to begin preparing Meeks Bay Resort for a Memorial Day opening.

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Hallam of Anchorage, Alaska; and two grandchildren.

Reno Memorial Cremation and Burial Society is in charge of arrangements.

Davi Zellmer

Davi Louise Zellmer, 39, died on May 5 at her Woodfords home.

A memorial service was held yesterday, May 8, at Carson Valley Nazarene Church in Gardnerville. Inurnment will be at Fredricksberg Cemetery.

Mrs. Zellmer was born on Sept. 30, 1958, in Modesto, Calif., to David and Mary Ellen Zellmer, long-time residents of Woodfords.

She attended Douglas High School and nursing school at Washoe Medical Center in Reno. She received training by the State of Nevada Bureau of Drugs and

Alcohol, and for 15 years was a self-employed counselor for drug and alcohol abuse.

She is survived by her parents; sisters Linda Kennett of Gardnerville and Beth Orsua of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho; niece Dawn Michelson of Gardnerville, and nephews Christopher Michelson, Benjamin Orsua and Michael Orsua, all of Coeur D'Alene, and Raymond Orsua of Kansas City, Mo.

Memorial donations may be made to the Douglas County Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 218, Minden 89423, and the Nevada Humane Society.

Arrangements were handled by McFarlane Mortuary in South Lake Tahoe, with cremation by Masonic Memorial Gardens in Reno.

COMING UP THIS WEEKEND

is synonymous with Cabernet Sauvignon.

As owner/winegrower Justin Meyer explains, "We are celebrating our 25th year of production. In order to make cabernets distinguished by their elegance and finesse, I choose grapes from the Alexander and Napa valleys. Our aging program, along with a great deal of patience, hard work and winemaking expertise, is responsible for the style of Cabernet Sauvignon for which Silver Oak is known — Cabernets notable for their well developed bouquet, complexity and finesse. All of our wines are made from 100 percent Cabernet Sauvignon grapes. They are aged over 30 months in American oak barrels. Then they are cellared about 15 months, in order to develop the bouquet that comes with lengthy bottle age."

Musician George Hanepen has played at Villa Gigli with the Alexandra Quartet for the previous two summer Jazz Festas, and is a popular regular entertainer at Nelson's in Gardnerville. His musical virtuosity has attracted a loyal following.

Villa Gigli, featuring art exhibits inside and panoramic views of mountain peaks outside,

is located at 145 Hot Springs Road in Markleeville, Calif., on the road that leads to Grover Hot Springs. While reservations are suggested for dinner Friday, Saturday and Sunday, dropping in for the Sunday wine-tasting is encouraged.

For further information, call (530) 694-2253.

Villa Gigli jazz and wine

Enhancing the regularly scheduled Sunday wine-tasting at Villa Gigli in Markleeville May 17, from 2 to 5 p.m., will be classical wine from Silver Oak Cellars and classical jazz by guitarist George Hanepen.

The musical wine event will be open to the public from 2 to 5 p.m., with a cost of \$3 per person for three tastes of wine and focaccia.

The name of Silver Oak Cellars

Record Courier 5/13/98

Tinseth works wonders in CVLL

by Bruce Jacobsen

Special to the R-C

Dressed in a sleeveless T-shirt, kelly green shorts, work boots and with a pork-pie hat pulled down low and sunglasses covering his eyes, Scott Tinseth looks like a throw back to the 1950s.

He is the father of five (George, Thor, Ross, Abigail and Elias) and the manager of the Woodfords-Markleeville entry into the Carson Valley Little League.

Tinseth is the president of the Police Athletic League (P.A.L.) in Alpine County. This season, P.A.L. has entries in the T-Ball, Minor B and Majors leagues. Many of these kids wouldn't be involved if it were not for Scott and his wife Lenny Sue.

The Minnesota native is a man of many attributes. For example, he delivered his five kids. ("Cut the cord with a Buck knife," Tinseth said.)

With boyhood dreams of becoming a professional football player, Tinseth attended Humboldt State.

"I attended three different free agent camps, but found out there were bigger and faster athletes."

Tinseth has boxed professionally and was a highly regarded rugby player.

When asked for parental advice, Tinseth responded by saying, "Pay attention to the kids, be involved."

Looking at Tinseth, you can clearly see his Norwegian ancestry and his "Viking" exterior. But, inside beats a heart of gold.

Note: Bruce Jacobsen is the chief editor for Batter Up!!!, the official news release of the CVLL.

Record Courier 5/20/98

Ancient Future to perform at Turtle Rock

Share an evening with Ancient Future, a group which offers the hottest sound in the popular new genre of music called "world fusion."

The talented musicians in the Ancient Future group, under the leadership of Matthew Montford, combine world music traditions from master musicians of various disciplines from East Indian sarod master Ali Akbar Khan to Bolivian panpipe master Gonzalo Vargas to tabla master Zakir Hussain, just to name a few.

Ancient Future combines world music influences with the contemporary sounds of jazz and rock to create exciting rhythms and exotic sounds from around the globe.

The group has performed hundreds of concerts throughout the U.S., including New York City's Carnegie Hall and San Francisco's Great American Music Hall.



Ancient Future

The Alpine County Arts Commission brings Ancient Future back to the area on Friday, June 26, at 8 p.m. at Turtle Rock Park Community Center.

The park is located at 17300 State Route 89, just two miles north of Markleeville.

Tickets for the concert are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children.

Reservations are recommended. Call the Alpine County Arts Commission at (530) 694-2787.

This performance is sponsored 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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South Lake Tahoe, Calif.

Tahoe Daily Tribune

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Forest Service holds last Cave Rock 'collaboration'

By B.H. Bose
Tribune Staff Writer

The U.S. Forest Service sponsored its fifth and final Cave Rock public meeting, and judging by the attendance people are ready for the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit to propose action.

"The crowds at the collaborations have been up to 75, and have averaged around 60," said Don Lane, recreation specialist with the Forest Service. "Last night (Wednesday) we had 40, which tells us that the public has spoken and that we have heard most of the issues."

The series of public "collaboration" sessions, as Lane called them, started in January, after the Forest Service decided it wanted to hear from the public in an informal atmosphere. Cave Rock, located just north of Zephyr Cove, has been a point of interest for a long time, Lane said. With

rock climbing and other activities taking place on the ancient volcano neck, it has become even a hotter issue of late.

"It has been documented and explored before the turn of the century," Lane said. "We have found out in recent months just how important it is to the Washoe people, both culturally and spiritually." To the Washoe Tribe, Cave Rock is a sacred place. Members of the tribe see the area as a powerful, sacred place and are fighting to stop any activity that desecrates the rock.

Cave Rock has also become a popular place to rock climb over the years. A closure order prohibiting any activity, such as the installation of climbing bolts, that might damage or deface the surface, was issued Dec. 30, 1997. It currently is still in effect.

In search a more comprehensive, long-term plan, the Forest Service will soon produce a plan of action for the sensitive area. To help the organization work toward that

"We have found out in recent months just how important it is to the Washoe people, both culturally and spiritually."

— Don Lane
Recreation specialist

plan, it invited the public to come and air any issues it might have. While the general public was encouraged to attend the last of the meetings, held in the Tallac Historic Site, most were rock climbers and members

of the Washoe Tribe.

"The meeting succeeded in what it was initially supposed to do. It was getting redundant, the issues were being repeated over and over," said Steve Wyatt, a member of the Indian Peoples' Committee to Save Cave Rock. "I want to continue meeting with everyone, but the talks are no good as long as the climbers continue to climb Cave Rock."

The focus was new issues, and very few came up, leading Lane and others at the Forest Service to realize they had probably heard most of the feelings associated with activity at the rock. It also told them it was time to start drafting the plan, which they did as early as the next morning.

"We spent all day in meetings with other team members," Lane said, referring to the team of specialists — a geologist, a wildlife consultant, a drill expert, a recreation manager, a few others that will ultimately devise

the plan. "We have listened to the public, have tried to summarize what we heard, and are now ready to take the first formal step and analysis by developing a formal plan."

The plan is simply the first step of many. After its completion, the Forest Service will hold a public hearing to again get the general feeling for the future action.

"We will review it really closely and if there is even a hint of us getting the short end of the stick we will go back and say revise your plan," Wyatt said.

After the plan is finalized, an environmental impact statement — a more comprehensive study of the impacts, will be completed.

"There is a concern about the cultural values, but it is also public land so there are certain laws that have to be adhered to," Lane said. "Hopefully the framework for a future plan will be done in a few weeks and then we can work toward a full environmental impact statement."

veys Resort Hotel.

She loved the outdoors.

Survivors include sons Chris Smith of South Lake Tahoe, Tom Smith of Santa Rosa, Calif., Dennis Smith, Mark Smith and Richard Smith, all of Gardnerville, and Matthew Smith of Ukiah, Calif.; daughter Sharon Inman of Gardnerville; 16 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is being planned. Capitol City Cremation and Burial Society was in charge of the arrangements.

Marie Sorensen

Marie K. Sorensen, 85, a 28-year resident of Fallon and former co-owner of Sorensen's Resort in Hope Valley, Calif., died May 28 in Stockton, Calif.

She was born Aug. 9, 1912, in Hollister, Calif. to Charles

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William and Marie Begue Kincaid. She married Milton Sorensen in 1960 in Gardnerville. He died in 1990.

Mrs. Sorensen was a homemaker and with her husband, operated Sorensen's Resort for many years.

Survivors include sisters Eleanor Hughes and Evelyn Saunders of Carson City; brothers

George Kincaid and Donald Kincaid, both of Tres Pinos, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Burial will follow a private family graveside service at Garden Cemetery in Gardnerville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 6362, Reno, 855

Carson raft season off to slow start, thanks to cool weather



Jeff DeLong/Reno Gazette-Journal

WHITE WATER: Don Hittenmiller of Markleeville, Calif., and his dog Raymond tackle the Carson River.

But warmer days will improve action

By Jeff DeLong
RENO GAZETTE-JOURNAL

A cool spring delayed the popular rafting season on the Carson and Truckee rivers, but warming temperatures are raising water levels and bringing out more folks eager for the rush of white water.

While water levels remain relatively low on both rivers, white-water enthusiasts are looking for that to change as temperatures rise at last.

"It's still too low for most people," said Don Hittenmiller, who took his dog Raymond on a rafting journey down a stretch of the Carson River's east fork last Monday. "We'd like to have it a little higher, but it's doable."

Normally, the rafting season on the Carson River is well under way by June. This year, things are just getting started.

"It came up, then dropped again with the cold, now it's coming up again," said Mike Lannoy of South Lake Tahoe, who went kayaking on the Carson's east for with his wife, Susan, and a friend. "It's actually a decent flow, but it's even going to get better."

Things also are shaping up nicely along the Truckee River, where several different stretches of rapids are popular to kayakers between Truckee and Reno.

Jason Howe, who sells kayaks for Reno Mountain Sports, last kayaked the Truckee about a week ago and described conditions as good and getting better.

"The flows are decent, but we're always hoping for more," Howe

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MORE ON RAFTING



Jean Dixon/Reno Gazette-Journal

CRUISING: Silver Dwinell, with River Adventures & More, guides a raft along the Truckee River near the Second Street bridge in downtown Reno.

Maps available

For the first time, Sierra Pacific Power Co. has produced free, waterproof maps for the public on rafting or kayaking the Truckee River. From Truckee to Tracy, the pocket-sized maps show the location of access points to the river, where to portage around dams, graded rapids, things to see, restrooms and other details. The map was produced in conjunction with RAM River Adventures, the Sierra Nevada Whitewater Club and the Truckee River Yacht Club.

The Safe River map can be found

at outdoor shops such as Reno Mountain Sports. Or call Sierra Pacific at 834-4827 and one will be mailed to you. About 5,000 maps were printed.

FOR AREA RAFTING TRIPS, CALL:

- RAM River Adventures, 1-800-466-RAFT
- Tahoe Whitewater Tours, 1-530-581-2441

RAFTING THE RIVERS

- Know about your route and the area.
- Take adequate food.
- Bring clothing that will keep you warm, dry and comfortable.
- Know first-aid basics, navigation and minimum-impact camping.
- Know what to do in event of hypothermia.
- Never underestimate the force of moving water.
- Hazards include unpredictable whitewater, very cold water, fallen trees in the water and rattlesnakes.

RIVER FLOWS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- East Fork Carson River near Markleeville, 1,200 cubic feet per second.
- Truckee River at Farad, 2,050 cubic feet per second.

POPULAR RUNS ON THE CARSON RIVER'S EAST FORK

- 7.3 miles between Cave Rock and Hangman's Bridge.
- 19.3 miles between Hangman's Bridge and Old Power Dam.

POPULAR RUNS ON THE TRUCKEE

- Boca to Floriston
- Farad to Crystal Peak Park
- Verdi to 4th Street

—Staff research

Rafting

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said. "With all the snow up there, it looks like it's going to be a long season."

Flows of the Truckee are primarily determined by dam releases from Lake Tahoe and other reservoirs along the system, but increasing snowmelt will also affect water levels as more water enters the river from streams. The Carson River — which has no dams — will be more dramatically affected by runoff.

If rafters and kayakers are getting excited, they need also to be aware of the inherent dangers, said Steve Hale of the U.S. Forest Service's Carson Ranger District.

While the Carson River's east fork rates a Class Three degree of difficulty — or roughly middle on the scale — that's plenty to put someone in trouble, Hale said.

"A Class Three rapid can kill you," Hale said. "We don't consid-

er it a novice run."

Unless someone is experienced in whitewater rafting or kayaking, Hale recommends they stay off the river or use one of 11 professional rafting companies that offer trips for a fee.

The flood of 1997 dramatically altered the Carson River's channel, and rafters need to be ready for those changes, Hale said.

"It may be shallower or deeper in places than people remember," Hale said. "It will look and act and feel differently."

Perhaps most important, whether people are rafting the Carson or the Truckee, they must remember that the water is made up of snowmelt and is deathly cold.

"People may be hot sitting in the raft, but if they go in the water, they'll be very, very cold," Hale said. "Hypothermia is a real hazard."

Kayakers in particular should use wet suits or dry suits, Hale said.

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Sorensen's features master musician

For a joyous and exuberant musical experience, Valley residents are invited to dinner at Sorensen's Resort to enjoy the delicate, pure, brilliant and forceful sounds of the hammered dulcimer as played by master musician Glenn Morgan. Morgan will sit down to play during a mid-week, evening concert at Sorensen's Cafe on Wednesday, June 10. Performances will be held at 5:30 and 8:30 p.m.

Morgan has captivated audiences for over 15 years with his enchanting music on this ancient instrument. He has appeared at San Francisco's Davies Hall and Ghiradelli Square and at assorted Renaissance, Irish and Scottish festivals. He has also recorded four Celtic music albums on his Fishbite Recordings label.

Both dinner seatings will be a fund-raiser for the Sierra Nevada Alliance, a regional environmental organization based in Lake Tahoe. A \$5 per person donation is recommended and will be matched by Sorensen's to provide a donation that will enhance the Sierra-wide conservation efforts of the alliance. Dinner is priced separately.

To make dinner reservations and to take advantage of a special "locals" 25 percent discount on lodging, call Sorensen's at 1-800-423-9949.

June 3

Hardy souls

EDITOR:

Thank you for adding the notice of our Hope Valley workday to your Community Calendar. Thirty hardy souls planted 1-1/2 miles of the West Fork Carson River with habitat improving willow stock. We did a trash clean-up, fence building project and gate closing. Concerned citizens of all ages learned the importance of improving and enhancing our upper watershed. Special thanks to Dan Kaffer's crew, Shauna and her crew, Kelli and Kyle and the High Sierra Flycasters.

The Friends of Hope Valley

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May 29

Alpine Native Sons plans July 4th party

The Alpine #200 chapter of the Native Sons of the Golden West will celebrate the Fourth of July and invites the public to join them for a fun-filled day.

The event begins at 10 a.m. with the dedication of the 70-year-old Alpine County Court House in

Markleeville by grand officers and dignitaries.

Afterward, at Turtle Rock Park, there will be Bingo with prizes, a horseshoe tournament with prizes and trophies, a raffle and an initiation of new members by grand officers.

Then at 4 p.m., a chicken and tri tip barbecue will be offered for \$10. Hot dogs and hamburgers for children under 10 will be sold for \$2.50. There will be no-host beverages available.

For more information, call (530) 694-2473.

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OBITUARIES

FOURTH OF JULY

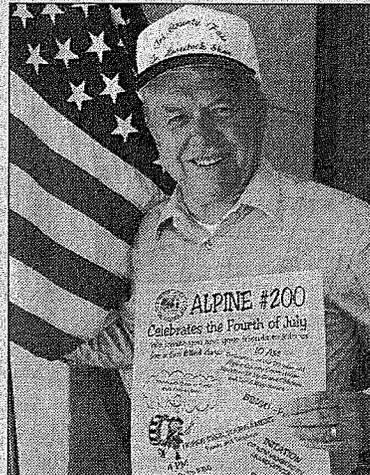
Alpine Native Sons #200 plan party

On July 4, the historic Markleeville Courthouse will celebrate its 70th year at a dedication ceremony sponsored by the Native Sons of the Golden West, Alpine #200.

The celebration event will continue as an annual event, as it did in the past, said Jim Clark, event coordinator. There had been an intermission of about five years.

A team of Native Sons grand officers will be joined at the 10 a.m. dedication by Judge Harold Bradford, county supervisors Don Jardine and Kathy Rakow and long-time Markleeville resident Bob Jackson.

The ceremony will be followed by a traditional gala 4th of July celebration at Turtle Rock Park.



Jim Clark

The celebration will feature horseshoe tournaments, Bingo, raffles and a tri-tip barbecue. New members also will be initiated.

The barbecue costs \$10 per person. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available for children under 10 for \$2.50.

For information, contact Clark at (530) 694-2473.

Letters to the editor

Hope to see more

EDITOR:

This letter is to thank Douglas Disposal Inc., Full Circle Composting, Bently Agridynamics, East Fork Fire Protection District, Teens with a Future and the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension for their coordination of the "Carson Valley Fuel Reduction Project" held this past June 20-21. This was recycling at its best.

We were one of the three locations that had a trash dumpster located at our property (in the Foothills). In our development, burning is against the CCRs. We can either shred our natural vegetation or take it to the dump where it has traditionally gone into the landfills. When we heard about this project, which provided the dumpsters free of charge, with the vegetation being composted, we knew we wanted to be part of the project.

We want to thank all of the organizations involved, especially Douglas Disposal Inc., who provided the dumpsters at no cost to the participants. Incredulous as it sounds, our dumpster was emptied and returned several times during the course of the 2-1/2 days it was here. Yes, even on Father's Day, Bob, one of the drivers, showed up when we called to advise him the dumpster was full yet again.

And a big thanks to Jeanne Lear of Douglas Disposal Inc. for all her hard work and her vision when it comes to recycling programs. Thanks, also, to all of our neighbors who used the dumpsters and helped make our area a safer place to live. No one abused the privilege by dumping anything other than natural vegetation in the dumpsters.

By any measure, this was a very successful first attempt and we hope to see many more such events in the future.

Bruce and Carol Brundige
Gardnerville
June 22

Death Ride ready to roll

Nearly 3,000 cyclists expected to be out riding on Alpine County roads for 17th annual endurance ride on Saturday

by Erick Studenicka
R-C News Service

The Indianapolis 500 can't do it. Neither can the Kentucky Derby. Not even the Super Bowl.

Few sporting events can claim to be so popular that they double, at least for one day, the host region's population.

But with nearly 3,000 cyclists descending on Markleeville on Saturday for Death Ride '98, the event's participants promise to roughly double the inhabitants of California's least-populated county — at least for the 12 hours it takes most riders to complete the tour.

"It's the biggest event of any kind in Alpine County," said Death Ride coordinator Timothy Rowe. "It's a good fundraiser for the volunteer groups in the county. Everyone gets involved."

The Death Ride, sponsored by Alpine County Chamber of Commerce and the Alta Alpina Cycling Club, is a 129-mile long cycling tour which includes 16,000 vertical feet of climbing over five mountain passes. Saturday's tour will be the 17th Death Ride and marks the third time (and the first since 1996) that the route will transverse a Monitor-Monitor-Ebbetts-Ebbetts-Carson (the order of the passes ridden) course.

The Death Ride, the brainchild of Alpine County cyclist Wayne Martin, began in 1976 as a "cult" race for hardcore cyclists. It continued as a race through 1986, growing to 800 riders, until

DEATH RIDE

Where: Markleeville, Calif.

When: Saturday, July 11, 5:30 a.m.

What: 129-mile bicycle tour

the California Highway Patrol recommended eliminating the race's shotgun start for safety reasons.

These days, the Death Ride is one of the largest endurance bike

tours in the nation, with 2,750 cyclists anticipated to start from Turtle Rock Park between 5:30-8:30 a.m. on Saturday. About 80 percent of the cyclists will attempt to complete all five passes, with the remainder of the participants opting for one (42 miles), two (58 miles), three (76 miles) and four pass (88 miles) tours.

Although 75 spots in the tour remained as of Monday, Rowe said that the Death Ride tour is not the sort of event one wants to undertake unless they've been seriously training. (For entry information, call 694-2475.)

"It's not something you decide to do the day before," said Rowe, who advised participants to begin hydrating during the days preceding the tour and not to pass up any rest stop during the event.

Rowe said his goal is to see that the Death Ride continues to be a misnomer.

"Although it's named the Death Ride, there's never been a death," said Rowe, who said the most serious injury in the tour occurred when a rider struck a cow on a descent. "It's not a race — people just need to be careful on the downhill."

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Cave Rock decision put off for a month

By B.H. Bose
Tribune Staff Writer

Anyone interested in what management plan the U.S. Forest Service decides to implement at Cave Rock already has had approximately six months and five meetings to voice an opinion to the federal agency.

While a proposed action was due in July, those anticipating the decision will have to wait at least another month.

"We will not be announcing until August," said Lisa O'Daly, a community planner with the forest service. "There is just too much going on. The forest service is working on it and will announce the proposed action in mid-August."

Cave Rock, which is located just north of Zephyr Cove, has become a hot topic. Rock climbers, for one, want to continue to climb on the old volcano neck and feel they do not deface or desecrate the surface when they do so. Members of the Washoe Tribe, which once roamed the shores of Lake Tahoe long before the first European settlers found their way into the area, see the area as a powerful, spiritual place. They want to stop any activity, rock climbing or other, on the rock because they believe it desecrates the sacred location.

Steve Wyatt, a member of the Washoe Tribe and the Indian Peoples' Committee to Save Cave Rock, said earlier that when the plan is published, "We will review it closely and if there is even a hint of us getting the short end of the stick we will go back and say 'revise your plan.'"

The tribe, and any other party or public member for that matter, will get the chance to give any thoughts it might



Dan Thrift/Tahoe Tribune

A policy on rock climbing at Cave Rock will be set by mid-August.

have after the action comes out.

"This action is a target for people to shoot at," O'Daly said. "It is only a proposed action that says, 'With the information we have today, this is the way we will probably be going. Tell us what you think.' The forest service is basi-

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cally turning over its hand, and the public has the opportunity to tell us where we went wrong and where we went right."

O'Daly said a public comment period, as is mandated in the National Environmental Policy Act, will follow the announcement of the proposed action. The forest service will come back with an environmental impact statement draft which will again be followed by a public comment period. The final environmental impact statement and management decision about Cave Rock probably will not come until the beginning of next year, said O'Daly.

Due to outcry stemming from rock climbing and other activities, a closure order was issued Dec. 30, 1997 prohibiting any activity, such as the installation of rock climbing bolts, that could deface or damage the rock. In January, a

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— Linda Massey

U.S. Forest Service Public Information officer

series of public sessions started after officials at the forest service decided they wanted to hear from the public in an informal atmosphere before ultimately making a final decision.

During these sessions, the forest service has been "position-less," O'Daly said.

"We were just there to hear from the public,"

O'Daly said, pointing out that the forest service is just in the beginning of an extensive Cave Rock planning process. "Cave Rock is a very important topic to a lot of people."

Also pushing back the announcement is the fact that the forest service is busy preparing for a July 18 workshop, "Working Together to Preserve a National Treasure," which is a progress report on the preservation and improvement efforts under way at Lake Tahoe.

"We have a number of things going on with the July 18 workshop," said Linda Massey, the public information officer for the forest service.

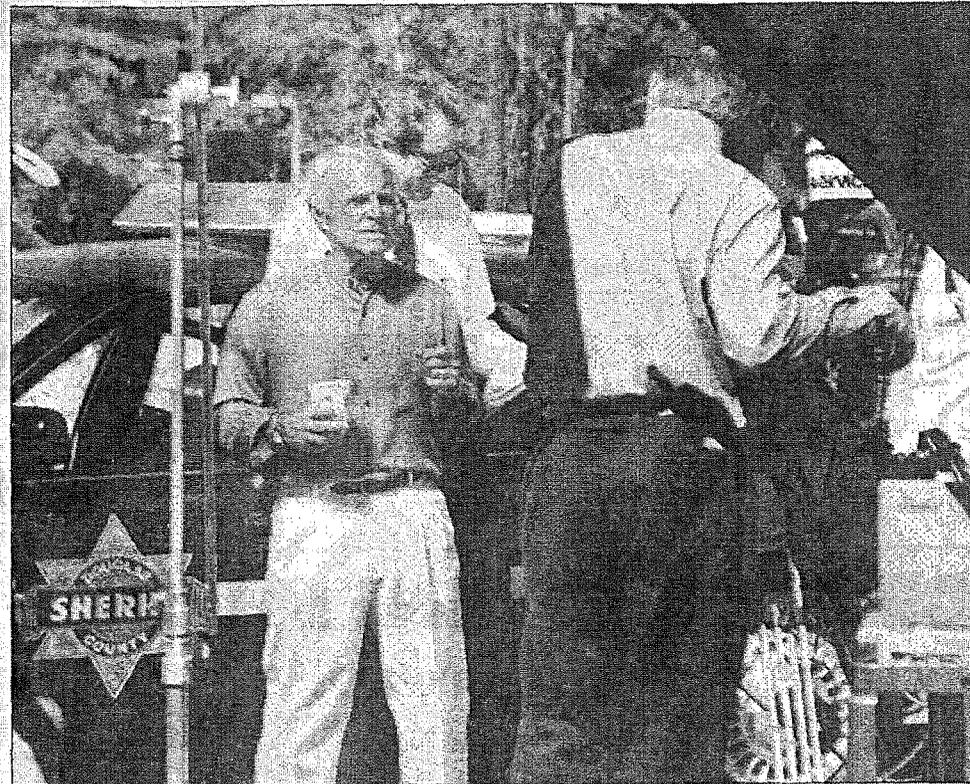
"There is just an awful lot going on. We will take the July 18 event first and then go from there."

While the final decision will be announced by Forest Supervisor Juan Palma, it will stem from the collaboration sessions and will be based solely on the public's input, O'Daly added.

Star of 'The Wild, Wild West' makes training film in Minden

Veteran actor Robert Conrad was in Minden Thursday to shoot a training film which helps medical and law enforcement officials deal with abuse of the elderly.

BELINDA GRANT
The R-C



by Linda Hiller
Staff Writer

If you were going to make a film titled "Help Is On Its Way!" to educate police officers on how to deal with elder abuse, who would be your star?

Angela Lansbury? Will Smith? Kevin Kline? Charo?

How about someone who has acted in countless law enforcement-related movies and television shows, who has been a reserve deputy in Alpine County, Calif. and is an ex-Marine?

How about Robert Conrad, star of "The Wild, Wild West," "Black Sheep Squadron" and "Search and Rescue."

"We wanted someone who had some credibility with law enforcement," said director Michael Billings of Billings

Productions in Las Vegas. "Mr. Conrad is respected in the police community and has a forceful presence, which is what we thought was appropriate for this film."

Convincing Conrad, 63, to leave his Bear Valley, Calif., home of three decades, his wife of 20 years and his three school-age daughters who just happened to be competing in swim meets the same day of filming was surprisingly easy. He just needed to leave town by 1 p.m. to get back to his daughters' swim meets.

"One of the reasons I'm willing to do this as a public service for Nevada is because I was a sheriff in Alpine County and I understand law enforcement," he said. "Also, I really appreciate the treatment I got in Nevada when we were here

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Conrad: 'Wild, Wild West' star lends talent to training film about prevention of elder abuse

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filming "Sworn to Vengeance" (Governor) Miller was great, we had a good experience. I do have to leave at 1 p.m. though, because my daughters are in a swim meet at 4:30."

■ **Making the film.** Thursday, Conrad drove his wife Faye's sleek black Jaguar coupe to the Douglas County Judicial and Law Enforcement Center to spend several hours on camera, reading "cold copy" (new to the actor) about how first-responder police officers should handle suspected cases of elder abuse.

"This isn't exactly Miehener," he joked to the writers as he began the fourth take on a particularly dry passage.

"Older persons rarely report crimes," he read, citing reasons such as "fear of retaliation, fear of being sent to a home, dependence on the offender," etc.

"This has taken forever to write," said Betsy Kolkoski, an elder rights attorney working for the Nevada Division for Aging Services. She, along with Pam

Roberts, deputy attorney general for Nevada and Dennis Kollar of Police Officers Standards and Training, have worked together to make these educational films a reality.

"(Attorney General) Frankie Sue Del Papa has brought a lot of light to the issue of elder abuse," she said. "She has a great interest in public service."

■ **Trilogy on elder abuse.** The film — "Help Is On Its Way!" — is part two of a trilogy on elder abuse, to be distributed to people who work with elderly individuals in Nevada, primarily law enforcement personnel and the medical professionals.

The first film, "RX For Abuse," filmed with Shirley Jones and Marty Engels, was directed toward medical providers and distributed statewide, Kolkoski said.

This second movie is being filmed in the attorney general's Carson City office, in Clark County, Sparks and Minden, which is the only rural site for filming, chosen for several reasons.

"Of course we loved the setting, and the sheriff's department here in Douglas County was very cooperative," Kolkoski said. "That was an important factor. Carson City is all torn up, so they weren't good candidates. This has turned out very well, filming in Minden."

Lt. Al Baumruck, with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, acted as liaison between the production company and the sheriff's department.

Conrad jokingly referred to him as "the man in the khakis," as Baumruck directed traffic around the outdoor film set.

The third film, "It Takes a Little Time, Sometimes," is being shot simultaneously with "Help Is On Its Way" and is also aimed at law enforcement, concentrating more on exploitation and criminal neglect, rather than the aspect of front line response.

Bonnie Brand, deputy attorney general, human resources division, and on site for Thursday's filming, said legislation has helped push the educational film process forward to fruition.

■ **Family man.** At 63, Conrad is technically a senior citizen, though he looks many years younger than his actual age. Throughout the day, he joked that in one year and eight months he'll be eligible for social security and Medicare benefits.

The lean 5-foot, 8-inch Conrad is no stranger to the Carson Valley and says he drives through frequently on his way to Mammoth Mountain to ski with his family.

Conrad is irrepressible when it comes to talking about his children. The three youngest — girls aged 11, 12 and 15 — are all athletes, competing in swimming, skiing and soccer (coached by their dad).

He is also a competitive downhill skier, winning this year's Senior Bud Lee racing event for his age group, 60 - 69.

He recites the current doings of several of his other six children, never stumbling over their respective ages or job titles.

■ **Lawyer jokes.** During Thursday's filming, Conrad's levity is a welcome respite between takes of the technical material.

Aware of the presence of several attorneys on the set, Conrad, who may be remembered for his Energizer battery commercials where he dares the viewer to knock the chip (in this case, an Energizer battery) off his shoulder, is replete with lawyer jokes.

"Now I'm going to quote John Adams," he said with a smile. "One useless man is a tragedy, two useless men is a law firm and three useless men is a Congress, and by God, I've had this Congress."

Now semi-retired, Conrad seems happy to pick and choose his projects as long as they don't interfere with his family schedule. He just completed filming "New Jersey Turnpikes," a comedy about a basketball team, which will come out in January, 1999.

A big screen version of TV's "The Wild, Wild West" began production in April.

The popular television show aired from 1965 to 1970, and launched Conrad into the spotlight after acting in Hollywood since 1957. Will Smith will play Conrad's character, James T. West

and Kevin Kline will be playing his partner, Artemus Gordon, played by the late Ross Martin in the television show.

Conrad will have a part in the movie, but, as always, he doesn't take himself too seriously.

"Can you jiggy with the seniors?" he joked between takes, referring to Will Smith's hit song, "Gettin' Jiggy With it."

■ **What a kiddo.** Conrad told of acting as a motorcycle policeman on the recent film, "Jingle All the Way," with actors Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sinbad.

Off the set, but still in costume, he was approached by a woman who asked if she could go on the set and see the stars.

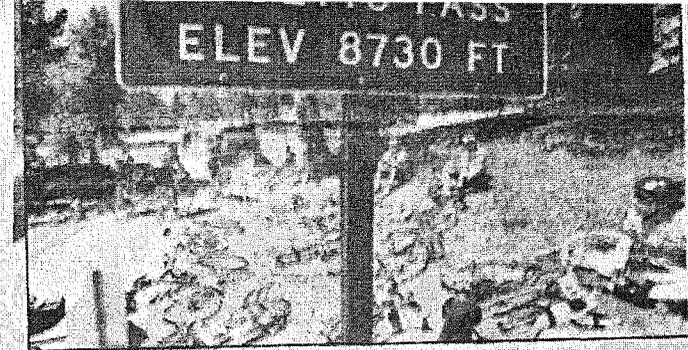
"Sure, go on in. Say, there are three guys over there, Schwarzenegger, Sinbad and Bob Conrad. Be sure to see Conrad, because he's the nicest guy there," he told her as he took his motorcycle helmet off. When she turned back to thank him, she recognized him and squealed.

"It's all make believe, darling," he told her with a laugh.

A brush with DEATH RIDE

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Counterclockwise from top, riders reach the summit of Monitor Pass from the west, preparing to descend, only to climb it again from the east. One of over 1,000 cyclists reach the summit of Carson Pass after 11 hours of riding. Cyclists rest at the top of Ebbetts Pass after riding from the east, then dropping into Hermit Valley. Hal Crossley of Bakersfield assumes the position after completing the 129-mile ride which included 16,000 feet of climbing.

Taking on the summer's big ride

Save for the occasional sound of a bicycle chain changing gears and the deep heaves of the riders breathing in and out, the ascent portion of Ebbetts Pass during the Death Ride remained eerily quiet last Saturday. The nearly 3000-foot climb up the mountain pass left the riders with little spare oxygen for small talk and idle chatter.

The silence served only to make the cyclist's words all the more startling.

"I'm going to puke!" warned the woman directly ahead of me, her words punctuating the mountain air.

As would be expected, the riders in the immediate vicinity gave her a wide berth as we passed.

All, that is, except one. The distressed rider happened to be the back rider on a tandem bicycle, leaving the front rider of the tandem, apparently her husband, no place to hide from

projected material.

"But you just puked an hour ago," he said, his voice sounding more disgusted than sympathetic.

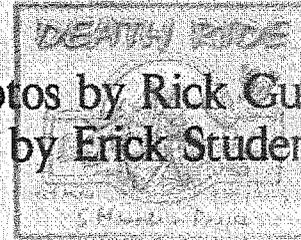
"I know, but I'll feel better once I puke and eat something at the top," she apologized.

Slightly amused by the lead tandem rider's predicament (and also slightly sickened by the woman's gagging sounds) but still 1,000 vertical feet short of the 8,730-foot summit and in a bit of distress myself, I put my head down and pedaled past the tandem, wondering if the man had been too harsh to his partner.

Nah, probably not. I second-guessed myself. You don't sign up for an event named the Death Ride without anticipating at least some discomfort.

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DEATH RIDE
Photos by Rick Gunn
Story by Erick Studenicka



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I had a friend in college who theorized that, with modern society's relatively cushy living standards as opposed to past generations, endurance events were popular because they allowed people a rare chance to test one's true toughness and perhaps even play with one's own mortality.

In the sport of cycling, one of the most popular places to tempt your own fate is the Death Ride. Alpine County's largest annual event of any kind, nearly 3,000 cyclists (logistics limit the numbers of riders to be any greater) show up in Markleeville each July to participate in the 129-mile tour (as the aid stations workers yelled to the cyclists speeding through the rest stops — "It's not a race!") which includes 16,000 vertical feet of climbing while traversing Monitor, Ebbetts and Carson passes. With an average completion time of 12 hours, signing up for the Death Ride on Saturday essentially means you'll spend Sunday on the couch.

The Death Ride is so popular, though, because it is the ultimate in the "Pain-Pleasure Principle."

Along with the inevitable fatigue comes the rewards from participation, including the panoramic views, the food stops, and, last but not least, the sticker awaiting you at the top of the next summit.

At the elevations reached during the Death Ride, it goes without saying that there were spectacular views. But the beauty of the Death Ride not being a race is that you can actually stop and enjoy the scenery. In fact, each time I found I couldn't pedal uphill any longer, instead of admitting I was tired, I'd just stop and use the excuse I was examining the view.

The food is also a big "carrot-on-a-stick" to reach the next summit, primarily due to the fact that "Death Ride Day," along with Thanksgiving, is the rare time this healthy crowd allows itself the chance to pig out at every time. Death Ride officials say "eat as much as you can" during the day, and it seems everyone obliges, whether they're scarfing old-fashioned fuel like a peanut-butter bagel or a turkey sandwich or more recent energy-replacement foods like power Bars, GU or Cytomax.

Perhaps the biggest motivation to make it to the top is "the stick-

ers." Each time a cyclist reaches a summit, he's given a colored sticker to put on his entry number. The goal is to finish with all five stickers.

One person I talked to couldn't believe the powerful lure of the stickers. He said that, after "bonking" (the cycling equivalent to running's hitting the wall) near the top of Carson Pass, he couldn't believe the agony he put himself through for the final two miles to the top.

"All for that damn sticker," he said.

With mild temperatures at both the high and low elevations and little wind, last Saturday became a record "five-sticker" day at the Death Ride, as Death Ride co-

ordinator Tim Rowe said a record number of people finished the entire course. He's also glad the ride's name has remained a misnomer, as there have been only three minor accidents during the entire tour.

As for me, I called it quits sufficiently tired and sun-burned seven hours, nine bottles of water and two passes after I started at 7 a.m.

Despite not finishing all five passes, I was able to impress at least one fellow rider with my "toughness" when I told him why I had to stop.

"I was dumb enough to say I could work tonight," I said.

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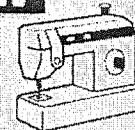
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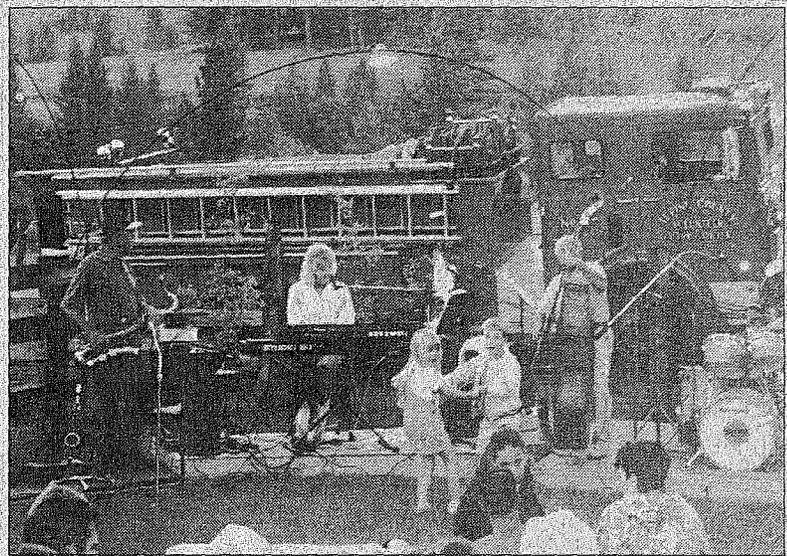
Llazz Festa coming this weekend

Under the full moon on Friday, Aug. 7, llamas will once again sway, from 5 to 10 p.m., to the sound of blues from the Alexandra Jazz Quintet in Markleeville's Villa Gigli meadow.

Tickets to this third-year Llazz Festa are on sale now, with a limit of 200 tickets available. For adults, the tickets are \$20, and for children ages 12 and under, \$10. This price includes llama petting, the amazing jazz of the Alexandra Quintet, Ruggero Gigli's "Llazzagne" and an art display.

Guests are encouraged to take low lawn chairs or pillows to comfortably enjoy the moonlight and music on the sloping "grassy meadow." Alexandra Kingzett has selected a jazz duo to play from 6-7 p.m., followed by the full-out quintet playing old favorites, plus many new Kingzett arrangements.

While still daylight, guests may visit with Alpine artists and view their crafts set up around the fringes of the meadow. New this



Llazz Festa '97: Megan and Mathew McLaughlin of Carson Valley dance to the music of the Alexandra Quartet. A portion of the proceeds of the Llazz is always donated to the Markleeville Fire Department, so the engine creates a backdrop for Alexandra Kingzett, center of photo, playing keyboard

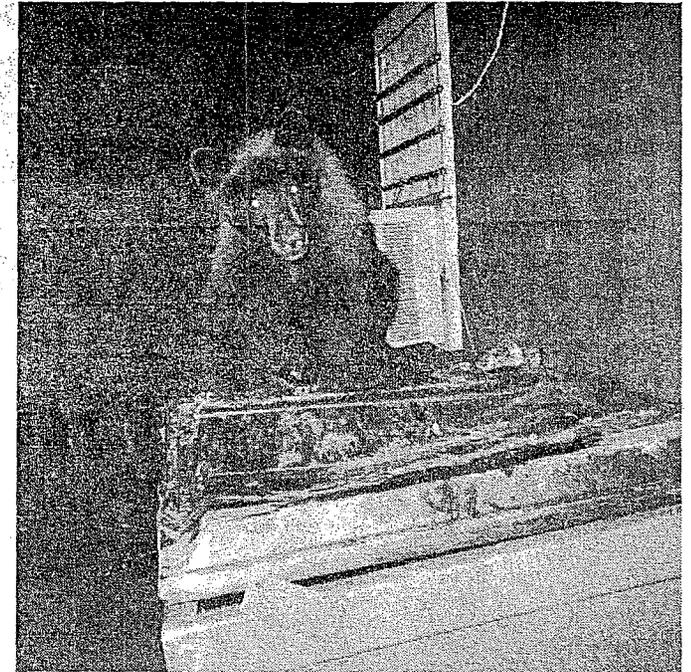
year, and certain to be popular, will be M's Cappuccino Cart.

For further information, call Villa Gigli, (530) 694-2253.

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The Alpine Hotel is a local icon in Markleeville. Be sure to stop by the Cutthroat Saloon located inside the hotel.



The starting point for the infamous cycling Death Ride, Markleeville offers a plethora of other activities as well. A rafting company sets up at the East Fork Resort every spring for a two month calendar of trips. Fishing is the historical draw for this area and the region remains one of the finest spots for rainbow trout fishing in the Sierra Nevada.

**Beware of the bears at night.
A Black Bear similar to this
one chased resort owner,
Brad Davis, recently.**

Steve Ratto of Alameda, California has been coming to Markleeville for the past fifteen years. According to Steve, he never worries about the small size limitations there because, "(he) has never caught a small trout." It may be a fish tale but Steve's history, and his wall at home, may be enough evidence for anyone. "The largest trout I've ever caught out here was a 22 inch cutthroat trout that came down when the reservoir overflowed. I've caught a bunch of 18 inch rainbows and I've probably caught thirty fish on my best day."

Mountain Biking and hiking trails are prevalent in the area and present a number of offerings for the East Fork Resort guest. "Our plan to open for the winter will really expand our sports offerings for the winter sports enthusiast," mentions Brad. "We will accommodate snowmobile groups and our arrangements with Hope Valley will give cross country skiers and snowshoers a place to go just ten minutes from the resort."

For the more speed addicted of athletes, downhill skiing at

Kirkwood is only 16 miles away. Brad continues, "What's nice is you can stay here at the East Fork Resort and pay for your cabin and two lift tickets for the same price as staying for a night in the resort at Kirkwood. For folks on a budget, it sure makes some sense."

A short five miles from the East Fork Resort, the Grover Hot Springs beckon. Located within a California state park, admission to the hot springs is a reasonable four dollars per person, and it's a great way to finish off your day. "A bathing suit is mandatory though," warned Brad.

Hiking, fishing, mountain biking, winter sports, hot springs and a relaxing place to stay . . . Markleeville has it all just a short 90 minute ride from the Truckee Meadows. ■

How To Get There

The East Fork Resort is located two and a half miles south of Markleeville on routes 89 and 4. From Northern Nevada, take route 395 to Minden and turn south on route 88 to Alpine County and Markleeville. Proceed six miles south on route 89 to Markleeville and two and a half miles to the East Fork Resort.

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Anglers are reeling 'em in at Blue lakes

by **Chuck Smock**
Staff Writer

The fishing was red hot on Upper Blue Lake and Lower Blue Lake over the weekend.

Peter J. Bauer at the Angler's Edge in Gardnerville says reports from several anglers made the Blue lakes an easy pick

Fishing

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PETER J. BAUER



for this week's hotspot.

"The Blue lakes recently received a substantial stocking," Bauer said. "Fishing has been terrific for boat fishermen, shore fishermen and float-tubers."

There are more

than half a dozen lakes and several small rivers and creeks in the area that offer anglers plenty of room to fish for trout.

To get to the lakes, drive Highway 88 out of Minden. Take a left on Blue Lakes Road, about two miles past the Highway 89 turnoff at Pickett's Junction.

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The road turns into gravel several miles down and is a little bumpy, but it provides easy two-wheel drive access to both Blue lakes.

Lower Blue Lake has been producing more fish lately than Upper Blue Lake, Bauer said.

Shore anglers on Lower Blue Lake have been having their best luck on the north side of the lake, using worms and Power Bait.

Trollers using flashers with worms or flies, including olive Woolly Buggers, **purple bead-head Woolly Buggers** and Prince Nymphs have been putting fish in the boat.

Float-tubers find the waters off the face of the dam on the east side of the lake most productive.

In the evening, dry-fly action heats up with Royal Wulffs, Irresistibles and mosquito patterns.

Bauer added that anglers might want to try fishing Middle Creek, which flows between the two Blue lakes.

"The fish are smaller, but it's a good river for kids and there is easy access all along the road between Upper and Lower Blue lakes," he said.

Another fun option in the area, according to Bauer, is Lower Sunset Lake. Access this lake by turning left on the road to Tamarack Lake, about one mile before you get to the Blue lakes.

Lower Sunset Lake offers fishermen the chance to catch large brook trout — up to 16 inches — but fish in the lake aren't as numerous as they are in other lakes nearby. Fish the northeast corner of the lake, near the outlet, or on the face of the dam, using worms 4 to 5 feet below a bobber.

■ Take a hike

Approximately three miles past Pickett's Junction on Highway 88 — and one mile past Blue Lakes Road — is the turnoff to Crater Lake. Look for a short stretch of blacktop heading north off Highway 88. You'll drive a gravel road for about two miles to a parking area. The lake is a half-mile hike father up the road.

Bauer said Crater Lake is overpopulated with brook trout, so this is a great destination if you're looking to put some fish in the freezer. Because it is classified as a "Bonus Lake," Crater Lake regulations allow anglers to keep five brook trout longer than 8 inches and 10 brook trout under 8 inches per day.

The fishing on Crater Lake is generally better before 8 a.m., Bauer said. The fish are most active in the east end of the lake in the morning. Bauer suggests sight-fishing to cruising fish with a Royal Wulff and added that the fish seem to prefer dry flies to any other offerings.

In the evening, fish the northwest corner of the lake where the willows grow down to the water's edge. Use dry flies or nymphs with a floating line to keep them near the surface.

■ For more information about these fishing spots or others in the area, call Peter Bauer at Angler's Edge, 782-4734. If you would like to share your favorite fishing trip or other outdoors adventure with the readers of The Record-Courier, contact Chuck Smock, 782-5121.

Folk duet set for Sorensen's

Alisa Fineman and Kimball Hurd, a folk duet from the Monterey Bay area in California, will play an afternoon house concert on Sunday, Aug. 23, at the Mountain and the Garden Bed and Breakfast Inn at 250 Old Pony Express Road in Woodfords, Calif.

Starting at 4 p.m. and going until 7, the concert features inspiring folk music. Fineman, who has won many awards at folk music festivals, has also produced a highly acclaimed CD, "Better with Time." Hurd, her partner, plays throughout the United States, and

especially likes to play with her.

Desserts, hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be offered, along with the music, in the outdoor gardens. Wine coolers and cappuccino will be sold.

Cost is \$5. All proceeds go to benefit the Friends of Hope Valley, an environmental group that has succeeded in setting aside over 25,000 acres of pristine Sierra land for permanent protection, said a group spokesperson.

For more information, call Sherry Conable, (530) 694-2575, or Patty Brissenden, (800) 423-9949.

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'Cave Rock: The Issue' to be shown in Alpine

On Wednesday, Aug. 26, at 6 p.m. at the Markleeville branch of the public library, the Alpine County Arts Commission will host a free public viewing of resident Mike Makely's short documentary film, "Cave Rock: The Issue." Light refreshments will be served.

In January of 1998, Makely attended public meetings on the issue of Cave Rock's use. The Washoe Tribe believes Cave Rock on the Nevada shore of Lake Tahoe to be a sacred site and rock climbing there desecrates it. Rock climbers

feel the rock is one of the best climbs in the U.S. and that they should have unrestricted use of it.

This dispute has caused the U.S. Forest Service to hold meetings to evaluate the controversy before a final judgment on its use is made in the next few months.

Makely purchased a Casablanca film editor and a digital camera for the project and researched various sources. He then edited them on the machine's "story board" feature, splicing footage from one source to another and interspersing music,

live interviews, historical photographs from the University of Nevada, Reno's Special Collections and the two "Sagas of Lake Tahoe," and pertinent information from the Woodfords Indian Education Library.

Makely wanted to document the controversy to educate people about the issue.

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Eight arrested in gang murder

By Geoff Dornan
Tribune News Service

Eight people were in jail Monday and at least one more was being sought on murder charges after a long-standing feud between two Carson City gangs boiled over.

Samuel B. "Sammy" Resendez, 25, who investigators described as one of the founders of the Eastside Tokers, died Sunday afternoon at Washoe Medical Center. He suffered severe head injuries after being beaten with metal pipes, construction stakes and a large ratchet tool.

Sheriff's investigators say those arrested are all members of a Native American gang who call themselves the Res Boys or Washoe Bloods. And they said it isn't the first time the bad blood between the two groups has erupted in violence.

Carson and Douglas County deputies said they were alert for any signs the Tokers, a much larger and more established gang, might be planning revenge.

The incident started 13 minutes after midnight Sunday morning at the Roundhouse Motel on North Carson Street. Investigators said Resendez and a number of his friends had rented Room 103 at the motel for a party when a 20-year-old Native American girl and a couple of her friends showed up.

Sheriff Rod Banister said she had had a dispute with one of the Tokers before and got into an argument in which she was reportedly slapped and shoved to the floor. Deputies were called and broke up the party. Most of the Tokers as well as the three Native American girls left.

"But she apparently went directly from there to the Indian Colony and brought back her friends," said Banister.

Detectives say she along with eight or nine friends from the Res Boys returned to

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find only Resendez and Alberto Lainez, 21, still at the motel. A third Toker apparently was asleep in another room and escaped injury.

In the attack that followed, Resendez was severely beaten, suffering broken bones in both arms and other upper body injuries as well as severe head injuries. He died Sunday afternoon.

Lainez was treated and released for facial and upper body injuries at Carson-Tahoe Hospital.

Carson Intelligence Officer T.M. Casey said Resendez wasn't the Toker the girl had the argument with. "He was just unlucky enough to be there," he said.

Resendez had been in trouble much less recently than in his earlier years, said Casey, and seemed to be settling into a more normal family life.

With cooperation from the Washoe Tribal Police and Douglas County Sheriff's deputies, six people were in jail on murder charges within 12 hours after the crime. All face charges of murder with the use of a deadly weapon and battery resulting in substantial bodily harm.

Julian Cyrus Contreras and Clinton Gerert Malone, both 15, were ordered held in lieu of \$100,000 bail apiece. If they make bail, they will be held in house arrest.

Rocky Neil Boice, Jr., and Frederick Gene Fred, both 19, and Jaron Wade Malone, 17, were all ordered held without bail.

Jessica Renee Evans, 20, who Banister said is believed to be the girl who got into the fight and then brought the others back to settle the score, was also ordered held without bail on an open murder charge.

They will appear before Justice of the Peace Robey Willis Aug. 29.

In addition, David Moyle, 18, and Lew Robert Dutchy, 24, were arrested Monday af-

ternoon — also on open murder charges.

Sheriff's officers say they are still looking for at least one more person who participated in the attack.

Banister said his department is trying to get those other suspects off the street before the Tokers find them and retaliate, bringing more rounds of violence.

"If they were really smart, they'd be turning themselves in and saying they want to be locked up until this cools down," he said.

"The Tokers already know who they're looking for and it's the same people we're looking for."

Douglas County sheriff's reports show that Boice was stabbed in the hand at a party last month and told police his attacker was a member of the Tokers.

Casey said it was the Tokers and Res Boys who were responsible for a fight on Como Street two months ago. Several shots were reported fired in that incident. He said the two gangs have had other run-ins in the past.

"There's been an ongoing problem between these two groups," Casey said.

He described the Tokers as predominantly Hispanic with a few whites. They are one of Carson City's older established gangs, having had a presence in the capital nearly 10 years and have about 78 members.

The Res Boys, he said, are a much smaller Native American group composed mostly of Indian teens living at Carson Colony or Stewart.

"We know just about all of them," said Casey.

Washoe Tribal Chairman Brian Wallace said "Res Boys" is almost a generic name for any tribal gang.

"Every time there's a Native American gang they call them the Res Boys," he said.

But Wallace said he doesn't think the gang is long established or deeply entrenched in the Washoe Tribe's communities. He said the tribe is working on programs to divert gang members.

South Lake Tahoe, Calif.

Gang killing called 'isolated incident'

By Joanna Welch
Tribune News Service

An insult hurled at one gang left the other gang with no choice but to retaliate.

The result was a ferocious battle early Sunday morning in room 103 of the Round House Motel which left 25-year-old Samule B. "Sammy" Resendez dead.

"Their mentality is that no insult goes unanswered," said Steve Johnson, a detective with Carson City Sheriff's Office.

The battle, which is reported to have included metal stakes, metal piping and ratchet tools, brought to a close several years of relative quiet between the five active gang members in the area, Johnson said.

Johnson described the murder as an "isolated incident."

The relative peace is attributable to a two-pronged approach to combating gang violence, which incorporates suppression and prevention.

Carson High School's approach to gang violence is zero tolerance, school principal Glen Adair said Monday.

"There are no second chances," he said. "If there is a problem, we deal with it on the first occasion."

The cornerstone of this policy is vigilance, Orlando Sanchez, the school district's safety enforcement officer, said.

The school is a microcosm of society and gang activity is a problem, but the ability to recognize specific dress codes, posturing, tattoos and remain on the look out for specific groups of students pays off Sanchez said.

In a recent workshop on youth violence, Carson City School Superintendent Jim Parry said there is a gang-related disturbance once a month.

The disturbances don't escalate into something more serious because of vigilance of school staff Sanchez said.

"If you're watchful, most of the time you can prevent the problem before it happens," he said.

However if violence is quelled on school property, it can spill outside of school, Adair said.

Experience and knowing what to look for has worked well for Carson City Sheriff's Office campaign

against gangs, T.M. Casey, an intelligence officer with Carson City Sheriff's Office said.

If a group of kids are pulled over, Casey will look for tattoos, clothing and familiar faces, which are tied to a specific gang — rarely do the gang members switch affiliation.

"We are out there all the time making contact. We work really hard at it," he said. "Most of the time they (the gang members) are somewhat co-operative."

If the gang members are aware that a law enforcement officer knows who they are personally, recognizes their car and their friends, they are less inclined to break the law, Casey said.

However prevention starts years prior to pupils becoming full-fledged members of a gang.

Ten year olds will begin wearing clothes, which are affiliated with a specific gang.

"They start by wearing the clothes, acting the part, which develops into an affiliation, which in turn develops into gang membership," Casey said.

A few weeks ago, Casey visited an elementary school where students had duplicated copies of gang symbols onto school property.

While not official members of the gang, they were "tagging" the gangs — a form of copy cut behavior Casey said.

The goal of programs like GREAT, gang resistance, education and training, is geared to educating pupils to the point that they make a conscience decision not to become involved in gangs.

The program operates in four of the school district's elementary schools and is to be reintroduced to Eagle Valley Middle School this coming school year.

As a counselor at Eagle Valley, Nancy Haywood has not encountered any gang activity at the school, but there are groups of kids who will challenge each other. The school has also reported several cases of harassment.

The value of reintroducing the program, which will be taught to seventh graders, is the emphasis on communication and tolerance.

"It allows people to look at school as a safe place to learn and not a place of fear," Haywood said.

Cave Rock action delayed

Proposal will come in January, Feds say

By **Andy Bourelle**
Tribune Staff Writer

The U.S. Forest Service's proposed action concerning the future of Cave Rock has been postponed.

While the forest service's Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit had indicated its proposed action would be ready in August, officials said Monday that it may be January 1999 before the action.

Linda Massey of the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit said postponement of the action is because of several reasons, mainly because of current "internal difficulties" the Washoe Tribe currently faces. U.S. Forest Service Supervisor Juan Palma also stated it was not a good time for the tribe to deal with the issue.

Also, Massey said more information still needs to be gathered by the forest service regarding how the wide variety of government agencies involved in the area

will be affected by the action.

Cave Rock — an ancient volcanic rock formation on the East Shore — has become an issue of controversy involving rock climbers and the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California. While the Washoe Tribe sees the area as a powerful spiritual place, rock climbers enjoy the variety of difficult climbing routes it offers.

In 1997, the U.S. Forest Service ordered all rock climbing at the site halted because of Cave Rock's cultural significance to the Washoe. However, because of the outcry from rock climbers who threatened to file a lawsuit, the forest service lifted the ban. Climbing is permitted, but no new anchors can be set.

A series of workshops were held this year to gain input from both sides.

The proposed action will not be a final decision. It will open more public comment. "It's a way of focusing the discussion in a more targeted way," Massey said.

After the public comment period, the forest service will issue an environmental impact statement draft, which also will be followed by a public comment period.

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Big sale set for Woodfords this weekend

Event will raise funds to support the annual Community Faire and Country Chili Challenge coming Sept. 19 and 20

Everyone's invited to the Community Block Sale at the yellow flashing light in Woodfords, Calif., this weekend.

All sellers are welcome.

Vendors may purchase a booth space for \$7.50, and there is no limit on space within reason. No

At left is Edie Veatch who is with Alpine Kids. She is part of the planning for the sale.

preregistration is necessary.

The sale will be Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (530) 694-2966.

For browsers, the Alpine Kids program will sell hot dogs, chips and a soda for \$2.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Woodfords' Community Faire and Country Chili Challenge to be held at the same location Sept. 19 and 20.

The chili challenge will offer antiques, collectibles, food, entertainment, public interest booths and dunk tank.

Cooks are judged by visitors, who buy chili-tasting kits to sample the entrants' chili.

The chili challenge, now in its third year, benefits Alpine Kids, a program in Alpine County which helps families and children in the Alpine County area.

For information about the chili challenge, call Woodfords Station, (530) 694-2930 or Alpine Kids, 694-2934.

25 YEARS AGO

The Record-Courier
September 6, 1973

EPA reviews Tahoe-Douglas sewer plans.

Plans for a sewer collection and treatment system for the Tahoe-Douglas district are being reviewed by the Environmental Protection Agency, which will release its decision within a few weeks.

All the homes in the Tahoe-Douglas district are on cesspools or septic tanks, which have since been outlawed by governmental agencies. A bond issue for the sewer system was defeated at the polls last November by Douglas County voters. The district went ahead with its plan for a special assessment district.

■ **Mina Mae Wood selected Outstanding Young Woman 1973.** Mina Mae Wood has been selected as Outstanding Young Woman of America for 1973. She is now being considered for further state and national awards.

Married to deputy sheriff Archie Wood Jr., she has three children, Russell, 13, Debbie, five, and Jeffrey, three.

Mrs. Wood was selected for the honor on the basis of the work she has done in the community, especially with children.

10 YEARS AGO

The Record-Courier
September 1, 1988

Bing campaign signs defaced by vandals.

With the Sept. 6 primary days away, incumbent Jerry Bing has nothing nice to say to the vandals who defaced her political signs with mustaches, "Ghostbusters slashes" and "DUI" graffiti. At least half of Bing's 35 signs displayed around Carson Valley were vandalized.

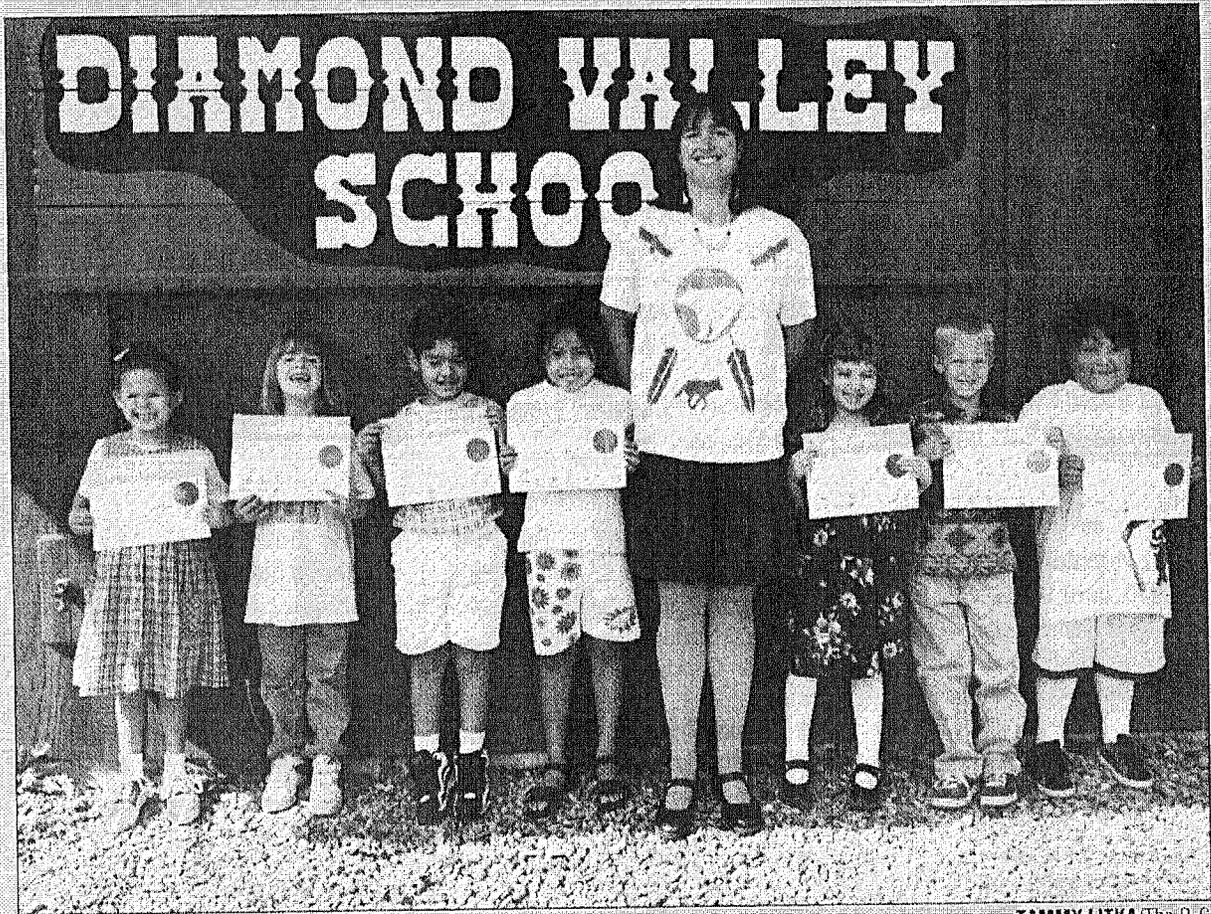
Opponent Doc Meyer, who is challenging Bing for her Douglas County Commission District 1 seat, was amazed at the scarred signs.

■ **Classic car rally draws fans to Carson Valley.** Poodle skirts were swinging high Saturday night when tourists and locals filled CVIC Hall "twisting and shouting" to 50s and 60s tunes after cruising Carson Valley in their classic cars.

Hula hoops around their waists in a gravity-defying feat, two locals took top honors in the hoop-off contest. Scooting across the floor was hula veteran Robyn Webb, who learned the skill in the 3rd grade and won the ladies' contest Saturday night. Michael Chrystl, 11, snagged first place in the men's division.

■ A look at the past issues of the R-C
by Heidi Alder

Sept 2, 1998 Record Courier



TAMMY LITKA/The R-C

Student writers: From left are Macy Matlock, Katy Branscombe, Monkers Pabon, Yvette Bryan, teacher Kelley Welykholowa, Shoshana Williams, Justin Peets and John Erwin.

DVS students are semifinalists in writing

Last spring, first grade students and one kindergartner in the class taught by Kelley Welykholowa (known as Ms. Welly) entered the children's Creative Writing Campaign in New York.

Four students received semifinalist honors.

They were Katy Branscombe, a kindergartner last year, and Yvette Bryan, Monkers Pabon and Shoshana Williams, first grade students last year.

"I was very excited when I found out four of my students were chosen as semi-finalists," said Welly. "However, I am proud of all my students. Writing a story is a major undertaking at any age, and after everyone had finished, they really appreciated what authors and illustrators do and felt

good about their work and themselves. And having students believe in themselves is very important to me."

The four honorees may or may not be published, according to Welly, but because they are semifinalists, they have been placed in the publishing pool that organizations and companies will be drawing from in the next few years.

"We didn't enter this competition to try and get published, but to gain writing experience and feel good about completing a major project," she said.

Students wrote rough drafts, edited, typed in the computer lab and illustrated their stories.

They competed with some 10,000 children in 38 states, aged preschool to the 8th grade, in pub-

lic and parochial schools as well as students who are home schooled.

There were 932 semifinalists and 91 finalists who were chosen by a panel of 281 writers and other creative professionals. Students whose stories were not selected were reviewed twice, semifinalists' stories were reviewed four times and finalists' stories were reviewed five times.

All participants received certificates of participation in the children's Creative Writing Campaign, and semifinalists and finalists received a special certificate of creative writing excellence and were invited to be in the special development category, which provides them the opportunity for future publication.

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Continuous entertainment at fair, chili event

Entertainment and fun as well as great chili are slated for this weekend's Woodfords Community Faire and Country Chili Challenge in Alpine County.

The third annual faire and challenge kicks off Saturday at 10 a.m. and Sunday at 7 a.m., when a pancake and sausage breakfast is held.

Regular events will commence at 10 a.m. both days.

The fair features arts and crafts, antiques, Valley Cruisers Car Show, a sailplane from Minden Soaring, arts display from Bear Valley, Alpine Women's Artists art show and demonstrations.

Continuous entertainment will be held, featuring the Erika Gocka Trio, contemporary jazz, Nancy Rayen, children's folk singer, Carson Valley Twirlers Square Dancers, Mississippi Mitch, traditional country, Bravetoes Highland Dancers and Johnson Lane Misfits, barber-shop quartet music.

The dunk tank is always popular with children, and among those to be dunked are District 1 Supervisor Don Jardine, Diamond Valley School Principal Sandy Cowen, Kathy Kerr of social services and Paul Riggs of probation, county treasurer candidates Jeanne Lear and Carol McElroy, Leonard Turnbaugh, public works, Sheriff Skip Veatch, District attorney Alan Turner, District 5 Supervisor Chris Gansberg and Judy Molnar, board assistant.

Food booths include Indian tacos, hot dogs and ice cream as well as chili — fair-goers will be able to purchase chili tasting kits at 1 p.m. Saturday, tasters will vote on their favorite professional cook and favorite home cook. Winners will be announced at 4 p.m.



Nancy Rayen

DETAILS

What: Chili Challenge and Community Faire

Where: Woodfords

When: Saturday and Sunday

Location: Junction of highways 88 and 89

On Sunday, the two winning cooks from Saturday will face off to see who takes home the revolving trophy. Tasters again will choose, beginning at 1 p.m.

Kids' games include "Super Jump," the children's inflatable party bouncer, and a wishing well. Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl will be on hand.

Professional master of ceremonies David Schwөгler will announce.

The Erika Gocka jazz trio has released several recordings and has become more and more popular in Nevada. Erika Gocka worked in the San Francisco Bay Area for a while after graduating from college, then moved to Reno where she teaches piano and gives voice lessons.

The trio also consists of bassist Paul Bunning and drummer Pete Sporer.

Nancy Rayen is a well-known children's folk singer and recording artist. She offers multicultural programs for schools, libraries and fund-raisers. She also does workshops for educators, librarians and child care providers on using music with young children.

She lives in Monterey and has performed at numerous locations throughout the West. She plays a wide variety of folk instruments and sings songs from all cultures, and children in the audience are invited to participate.

The fair and chili challenge are held at Woodfords Station, located at the flashing yellow light at the junction of highways 88 and 89. Proceeds benefit Alpine Kids. The event is co-sponsored by the Alpine County Arts Commission and is made possible in part by the California Arts Council, a state-local partnership program.

For information, call Woodfords Station, (530) 694-2930, or Alpine Kids at 694-2934.

Alpine County community cleanup coming

The event is sponsored by Douglas Disposal, and will be held at two areas, Public Works Yard and Turtle Rock Park

The annual Alpine County Autumn Cleanup will be held Oct. 10 and 11, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Alpine County Public Works Yard, Woodfords #1, and Turtle Rock Park #2.

The cleanup is for Alpine County residents only, and the service is provided as a courtesy.

Dumpsters are provided by Douglas Disposal to Alpine County as a part of its franchise, the cost of which is a part of their customers' monthly rate. (No taxpayer dollars are used.)

At Public Works Yard #1, acceptable materials will be household garbage, metals, plastic, paper, treated wood waste,

special wastes will be refrigerators and freezers (Freon removal provided by DDI), washers, dryers, water heaters, stoves and vehicle batteries; recycling materials will be glass — sorted brown, green and clear, uncontaminated motor oil, aluminum cans in bags, #1 plastic in bags, bundled newspapers and flattened cardboard.

Unacceptable materials include household hazardous waste, tires, rocks, dirt, cement, stumps or similar debris, construction debris and construction site clearing debris.

At Turtle Rock Park #2, the burn pile, acceptable materials

include natural vegetation, shrubs, pine needles, grass, leaves, branches and limbs (no stumps). Material can be left from Oct. 1 through Nov. 30 and must be dumped in the area of previous burn pile only.

Unacceptable materials at #2 are stumps, tires, trash, garbage, household hazardous waste, treated wood, commercial items such as wood with nails, rocks, dirt and cement, commercial construction debris and construction site clearing debris.

Household hazardous waste that will not be accepted is paint, solvents, oil, paint thinners, cleaning fluids, aerosol cans, pesticides and insecticides.

For other information, call Public Works at 694-2140.

Woodford's fair, chili chal- lenge is this

Entertainment and great chili are slated for this weekend's Woodfords' Community Faire and Country Chili Challenge in Alpine County.

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High school

Juveniles held in Lee Vining school arson

By Merrie Leininger
Staff Writer

With an outpouring of community support, Lee Vining High School students and staff are recovering from the shock of finding their school destroyed by fire over the weekend.

The high school, which is in Mono County, Calif., about 80 miles south of Gardnerville on Highway 395, suffered major damage last weekend after two juvenile males apparently set the school on fire.

The Mono County Sheriff's Department has arrested a 14-year-old and a 15-year-old. One boy is home-schooled and one is a student at Lee Vining.

Sheriff Daniel Paranick said community members came forward with information that enabled the department to identify the two boys who were involved.

According to a press release, the juveniles both confessed to the break-in, vandalism and arson of the Lee Vining High School. They were also charged with several incidences of petty theft and auto vandalism that occurred in the community the same day.

■ **Six points.** An arson investigator called in from Fresno and

Officials: People got off tour bus to assist; offers of aid pouring in to help little community keep up classes

area investigators found six points of origin in the school, Paranick said. The investigation is ongoing and both juveniles are in custody at an Inyo County juvenile detention facility. A hearing is set for Oct. 1.

Superintendent of the East Sierra School District, Bill Schmidt, said the 25 students in 9th through 12th grade are now being taught in the Presbyterian church. The district's 23 students in 7th and 8th grade are continuing classes in a portable classroom loaned to them by the Mono County Office of Education.

■ **More than building.** "What I said to the students yesterday is Lee Vining is more than a building. It is traditions and memories and those can happen in any building. We are going to go on," he said.

The students are "hurt and disappointed," but are adjusting to

See **Lee Vining** on page 9

Fire aftermath:

A blaze which officials described as "six-point" arson destroyed Lee Vining High School on Saturday. Two teens are in custody in connection with the blaze. Townspeople — even travelers on a tour bus — rallied around the little district to help.

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Lee Vining: Juveniles held for arson investigation after fire destroys

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the loss of their school.

The district is also adjusting. Four portable classrooms will be delivered within three weeks after a phone call to the Office of School Construction in Sacramento, Schmidt said.

Today, an architect will be helping the district prepare facilities for the portable.

"I think we have been real fortunate. The response we have gotten from people all over has been outstanding. People have called and offered furniture and school supplies," he said.

The fire destroyed two of seven total classrooms and the gymnasium, Schmidt said.

The rest of the building received major water and smoke damage.

Many items were saved by the swift action of the many fire departments and passers-by that responded to the 6 a.m. fire Saturday.

Mammoth Lakes Fire Department, June Lake Fire Department, Mono City and Bridgeport Volunteer firefighters responded to a mutual aid call.

"The local fire department and the other departments did a fantastic job," Schmidt said. "The investigator from the department of forestry said in his 21 years on the job, he has seldom seen a better response from a fire department."

■ **Tour group helped.** Schmidt

said community members and even a tour group got off their bus to help pull office equipment and documents from some of the areas of the school.

Schmidt said he also wanted to thank the staff of the school for pulling everything together in time to start classes on Monday. No classes were canceled.

"The staff did an outstanding job," he said. The school has four full-time teachers.

Lee Vining High School was constructed in 1960 and classes were first held in the facility in the fall of 1961.

Paranick said to rebuild the same size school at today's standards could cost up to \$3 million.



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Folk singer, acoustic guitarist are on tap in Alpine County

Music will ring out in Alpine County this weekend.

■ Country folk singer **Margaret Craig** will be making her third guest appearance at Villa Gigli's "Mountain Music" wine tasting Sunday, Sept. 27, from 3 to 5 p.m.

The cost for the event is \$3 per person for three tastes of wine and focaccia.

Margaret Craig, born in Ireland, well-known in Southern California and fairly new to this area, has already attracted many loyal fans who are appreciative of her eloquent original lyrics and deft guitar accompaniment,



Margaret Craig will give her third performance at Villa Gigli on Sunday.

said Gina Gigli, owner.

Villa Gigli is located on the road that leads to Grover Hot Springs at 145 Hot Springs Road, in Markleeville, Calif.

Reservations for this musical program are not required, as they are for dinner. For further information, call (530) 694-2253.

■ **Alex de Grassi**, famed acoustic guitarist, will play a benefit concert tonight, Sept. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Turtle Rock Park Community Center (indoors) for the Friends of Hope Valley, a non-profit organization that has worked to protect and preserve the lands in Hope Valley, Calif.

Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling (800) 423-9949 or at the door for \$15 per person.

Opening acts for de Grassi will be the locally renowned Thomas Goodlunas ensemble, Range of Light, featuring Thomas on the violin and accompanied by piano.

Dinner, desserts, beer, wine and beverages will be available starting at 6:30 p.m. by the Hope Valley Outdoor Cafe and Woodfords' newest bed and breakfast inn, the Mountain and Garden.

Turtle Rock Park Community Center is located on Highway 89, approximately 2 miles north of the town of Markleeville.

For more information or tickets, call (800) 423-9949.

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